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American Libraries Online

[American Libraries June issue](#)

The ALA Annual Conference Preview issue of *American Libraries* is now available [online](#). It [highlights](#) all of the conference's must-see events, speakers, and forums, and dishes on the [best places](#) to eat in Chicago while visiting. Other June issue features include: tips on building audiobook collections for youth, a look at charter school libraries, and a guide to apps for kids with special needs....

AL: Inside Scoop, May 31



[Newsmaker: A conversation with Alice Walker](#)

Alice Walker is a remarkably prolific and versatile writer of conscience. She will always be remembered for her indelible and life-changing masterpiece, *The Color Purple*. Walker will be appearing at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago as an [Auditorium Speaker](#) on July 1. On behalf of *American Libraries*, *Booklist* Senior Editor Donna Seaman reached Walker at her home in Mexico....

American Libraries column, June



[2013 Annual Conference preview](#)

ALA welcomes colleagues, vendors, and other attendees to Chicago for the Association's 137th Annual Conference, June 27–July 2. From the first year Chicago played host—in 1893, during the World's Columbian Exposition—to now, 120 years later, we remain as committed as ever to the profession. Here's just a sample of the programs, special events, author appearances, award presentations, and other activities happening in Chicago. For a



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[ALA Annual Conference](#),
Chicago, June 27–July 2.



The *American Libraries* [ALA Annual Conference preview](#), as well as its popular [dining guide](#), is now available. Get the Chicago insiders' view, and find out what we're recommending to feed your mind and soul as well as your stomach.

complete listing, visit the conference website....

American Libraries feature

[Tastes of Chicago](#)

While there's no dearth of restaurant guides to help you maneuver your way around the city's best eats, staff members at *American Libraries* magazine have compiled a sampling of some of our favorite spots. We hope you have a chance to try a few of them (as well as other equally fine establishments that we weren't able to list here). At the end of the section is a public transportation guide to help you find—and sate—all your food cravings....

American Libraries feature



[Make the most of Annual Conference](#)

[American Libraries Live](#), a free, streaming video broadcast that you can view from your home, library, or on the go, returns 2–3 p.m. Eastern time on June 6. An expert-led panel will offer suggestions for how they're going to make the most of attending the ALA Annual Conference, highlighting a wealth of events and booths to add to your [Conference Scheduler](#)....

American Libraries, May 29

[ALA at BookExpo America: Another good dialogue](#)

Alan S. Inouye writes: "As previously [reported](#), ALA President Maureen Sullivan participated on the panel 'E-books from Libraries: Good for Authors?' at BookExpo America in New York. The May 30 session, organized by the Association of Authors' Representatives, was a win for libraries (thanks Maureen!), with a few notable things said. Turnout was strong, with perhaps 300 or more in attendance."...

AL: E-Content, May 15, June 5



[Will's World: No more Mr. Nice Guy](#)

Will Manley writes: "You've finally arrived: After 40 years of working your library gig, it's your dreaded retirement party. You rise and mumble a few feeble words about having had the 'good fortune to work with such a wonderful bunch of library folk.' Only that's not what you're thinking. You're thinking that you will not miss them at all. None of them. Not the chatterers, whistlers, or whiners. Not the staff-lounge lawyers. Not the grapevine gossipmongers. And most emphatically, not the 'we are the *real* librarians' catalogers."...

American Libraries column, May



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ALA News



Air & Space/Smithsonian Magazine

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[Join VMM13 on June 6](#)

[Registration](#) for ALA's Virtual Membership Meeting is open until the start of the meeting at 3 p.m. Central time on June 6. The VMM is an online forum where ALA leaders present information about topics of interest to the general membership. All ALA personal members may register for and participate in the meeting. The meeting will begin with a "State of the Association" update, a progress report on implementing ALA's 2015 Strategic Plan, and a recap of initiatives over the past year....

ALA Connect

[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



[STEM at Annual Conference](#)

Susan Brandehoff writes: "June is all about STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) here at Programming Librarian, and we're kicking things off with a comprehensive list of STEM-related programming at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Just click on each link to find out more and add the event to your [scheduler](#)." ...

Programming Librarian, June 4

[Serving immigrant communities](#)

At ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, US Citizenship and Immigration Services will convene a [panel discussion](#) to explore the important role public libraries play in serving immigrant communities throughout the United States. The panel will be held on June 30 and will be moderated by IMLS Director Susan Hildreth. Panelists include Laura Patching, Brian Bannon, and John Szabo....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, June 4

[Jamie Schleser selected for 2013 Google Policy Fellowship](#)

Jamie Aurelia Schleser (right), a doctoral student from American University, will serve as the ALA 2013 Google Policy Fellow. She will spend 10 weeks this summer in Washington, D.C. working with the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy on technology and internet policy issues....

District Dispatch, May 30



[The information society](#)

Set against a broad historical backdrop, the new sixth edition of [The Information Society: A Study of Continuity and Change](#), published by Facet Publishing,



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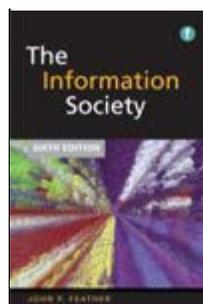


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explores the information revolution that continues to gather pace as the management of information becomes even more important in a world where data can be transmitted in a split second. John Feather updates his standard work to take account of the changing landscape and technological developments since 2008, making it a fully relevant teaching text for LIS programs....

ALA Neal-Schuman, May 29



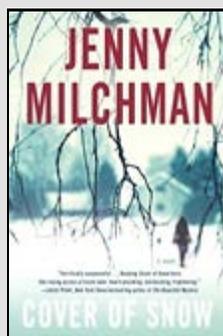
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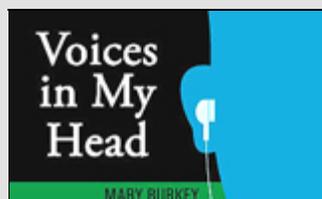
Featured review: Adult media

Milchman, Jenny. *Cover of Snow*. Read by Cassandra Campbell. Jan. 2013. 12.5hr. Books on Tape. CD (978-0-385-36622-9). Nora Hamilton wakes one wintry morning to find that her husband, Brendan, a cop in a small upstate New York town, has hung himself. Nora, who thought her marriage was happy and her husband loved both his wife and his job, is devastated. Everyone, including Brendan's friends and family, urges her to move on with her life, but Nora, who has always avoided conflicts and let her outspoken sister handle her battles, needs to know why her husband committed suicide. Campbell's reading of Nora's first-person viewpoint brings out the young widow's heartbreak and pain as she struggles against her grief, despair, and frustrations and bumps up against roadblocks and resistance from Brendan's fellow police officers and others....



Summertime and the listening is easy

Mary Burkey writes: "It's no mystery that listening to audiobooks in the car drives audiobook circulation and sales. A 2012 survey by the Audio Publishers Association (APA) found that adults listen while commuting in the car and on vacation driving trips and that youngsters under the age of 18 also listen to audios with their parents while traveling around town or out on the open road. So what genre is the preferred choice? Mystery is the overwhelming favorite of 47% of all listeners. Nearly half the



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survey respondents listed 'entertainment for a long drive or trip' as the reason for their first audiobook experience. Why should librarians care about these details? The APA survey found that 42% of audiobook listeners borrow titles from the library."...

[Award-winning crime fiction authors](#)

Wolf Haas, Bayo Ojikutu, Zane Lovitt, and Mark Billingham make up the not-to-be-missed "[International Crime from Independent Publishers](#)" panel at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. These lauded crime fiction authors will talk with Booklist Online editor and panel moderator Keir Graff about their worldly perspectives on the genre as part of Mystery Day at the [PopTop stage](#) in the Exhibit Hall on June 29. The last 20 minutes of the panel will include book signings....

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

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Chicago Update

[The Chicago Picasso](#)

The Chicago Picasso is an untitled [monumental sculpture](#) by Pablo Picasso. It was [dedicated](#) on August 15, 1967, in Daley Plaza (50 West Washington Street) in the Chicago Loop and stands 50 feet tall. The Cubist sculpture was the first such major public artwork in downtown Chicago and has become a well-known landmark.

Although Picasso never explained what the sculpture was intended to represent, it may have been inspired by the French woman Sylvette David, now known as Lydia Corbett, who posed for Picasso in 1954....

Wikipedia; City of Chicago; *Chicago Tribune*, Aug. 15, 1967



[Skyscrapers](#)

Chicago has long been in the forefront of skyscraper design and development. The Chicago School guided architectural evolution from standard construction techniques with brick and concrete to the steel-frame structures that allowed the development of ever taller buildings. Architects such as Louis Sullivan and Mies van der Rohe are some of the famous architects based in Chicago who paved the way to the functional skyscrapers. Here are some famous ones....

A View on Cities



An advertisement for Mango Premiere. It features the text "MANGO PREMIERE" at the top, followed by "THE FIRST. THE ONLY. LANGUAGE LEARNING THROUGH FILM." Below that is a green logo with a stylized 'm' and a leaf. At the bottom, an orange button says "CLICK HERE FOR A SNEAK PEEK."

An advertisement for the MackinVIA reader app. It features the MackinVIA logo at the top, followed by the text "The One App to Access Your Digital Resources". Below that is an icon of the app, a hand holding a tablet, and the text "Now Available for all platforms". At the bottom, it says "MACKIN Mackin.com 800.245.9540".

An advertisement for American Libraries Live. It features the "american libraries LIVE" logo at the top. Below that, the text reads "Get the inside scoop on pressing library topics." The background is a dark blue gradient with light blue wavy lines at the bottom.

[Lincoln Park Zoo](#)

Lincoln Park Zoo is dedicated to connecting people with nature by providing a free, family-oriented wildlife experience in the heart of Chicago and by advancing the highest quality of animal care, education, science, and conservation. It was founded in 1868, making it one of the oldest zoos in the US. New zoo babies include two tiny takins, two gorillas, and a Moholi bushbaby (right) at Regenstein Small Mammal–Reptile House. Download the visitor's guide ([PDF file](#))....

Lincoln Park Zoo



[Chicago's unwritten rules](#)

Leah Pickett writes: "Now that I live in Chicago I have noticed a particular set of rules to city life that most people follow without thinking, such as sitting in the window seat of a train or bus during peak travel times, or calling out 'On your left!' before passing other cyclists on the lakefront path. Here is my list of Chicago's unwritten rules," with more in the comments....

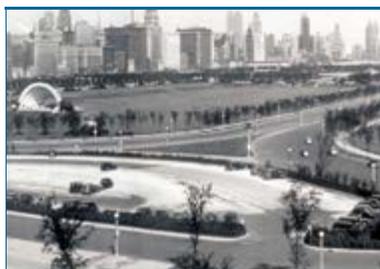
WBEZ-FM, June 3



[Panoramic photos of Old Chicago](#)

One of the great treasure troves of the Library of Congress is its collection of panoramic photos. Some of the best come from Chicagoan [George R. Lawrence](#) and his company. The photos begin with the Great Fire of 1871, then follow the city's rebuilding through the 1893 Columbian Exposition, the growth of the lakefront, and the 1933 Century of Progress. It's a city that might well have been a more entertaining place to live. At least, that's the impression you get when you see these amazing images....

Chicago magazine: The 312, June 4



[Budgeting for a conference](#)

Jill Hurst-Wahl writes: "I, and others, preach the fact that we need to invest in our own professional development. In order to do that, we need to plan in advance and, often months in advance. Last week, I did my travel budget for the next 12 months, which led me to write this blog post and lay out some cost-cutting measures—and other things to consider—when planning for conferences."...

Digitization 101, May 23

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Division News



With library staffing levels and services cut to the bone, creating a team that communicates well and functions smoothly is more important than ever. Building on the model of her bestselling book *Be A Great Boss*, Catherine Hakala-Ausperk presents a handy self-guided tool to the dynamic role of team-building in [Build a Great Team: One Year to Success](#).

Organized in 52 modules, designed to cover a year of weekly sessions but easily adaptable for any pace, this workbook will show you how to manage staff across different age groups and skill sets. **NEW!** From ALA Editions.

Libraries on Film

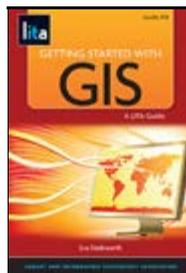


[The Wicker Man](#) (1973, UK). Though credited as the "librarian," Ingrid Pitt plays the nymphomaniac registrar of records in remote Summerisle,

[LITA offers "Getting Started with GIS"](#)

The newly redesigned course "Getting Started with GIS," to be offered July 8–28, is presented by Eva Dodsworth, geospatial data services librarian at the University of Waterloo Map Library in Ontario, and is based on her LITA Guide of the same name. She will introduce students to GIS technology and GIS in libraries, and teach how to use GIS software programs, social mapping tools, map making, and digitizing and researching for geospatial data. The course will consist of weekly asynchronous lectures and modules in Moodle. [Registration](#) is open....

LITA, June 4



[Self-publishing for public libraries](#)

The advent of online self-publishing platforms presents libraries with a new resource to connect authors and readers in their communities. Learn more about the potential of this during PLA's free webinar, "[Publishing at the Public Library: Become a Community Publishing Portal.](#)" on June 18. The webinar will feature Henry Bankhead, interim town librarian at Los Gatos (Calif.) Library, and Smashwords founder Mark Coker. [Register](#) online....

PLA, June 3

[Wasylyshyn headlines ACRL/LLAMA Presidents' Program](#)

Join LLAMA and ACRL for their [joint Presidents' Program](#) on June 29 during the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, featuring noted author, executive coach, and leadership consultant Karol M. Wasylyshyn (right). Her presentation is titled "Standing on Marbles: Ensuring Steady Leadership in Unsteady Times." ...

ACRL, LLAMA, June 4



[ALSC President's Program](#)

ALSC invites you to the 2013 Charlemae Rollins President's Program, "[Think with Your Eyes!](#)" which will take place on July 1 at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. This free program, which will conclude the year-long [Caldecott 75th Anniversary celebration](#), offers the latest research and replicable models supporting the value of training children's eyes and minds to observe, think, create, and innovate....

ALSC, May 31

[Erin McKean to speak at ALCTS President's Program](#)

Erin McKean (right), founder of [Wordnik.com](#) and the former editor-in-chief of American Dictionaries for Oxford University Press, is the featured speaker at the ALCTS President's Program on July 1 during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Her talk is titled "Confessions of a Digital Packrat." She has authored *Weird and Wonderful Words* and *More Weird and Wonderful Words*....

ALCTS, May 31



[RUSA programs at Annual Conference](#)

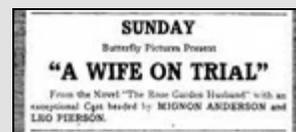
This year's RUSA programs at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago offer groundbreaking ideas and thought-provoking discussions in the areas of librarianship represented by the division: frontline

Scotland, who lets Sergeant Neil Howie (Edward Woodward) of the West Highland Police consult the Index of Deaths. Howie later visits a public library to research May Day rituals.



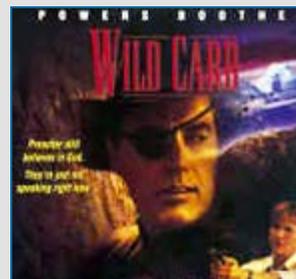
[Widower with 5 Daughters \[Witwer mit 5 Töchtern\]](#)

(1957, West Germany). Heinz Erhardt plays widowed librarian Friedrich Scherzer raising five daughters who want him to remarry.



[A Wife on Trial](#)

(1917). Mignon Anderson plays underpaid public children's librarian Phyllis Narcissa, whom the kids call the "lib'ry teacher," in this lost film. She accepts a proposal to quit the library and marry and take care of a paralyzed man in return for security and a rose garden.



reference, readers advisory, collection development, business reference and other specialized areas of reference, genealogical research, management of local history collections, interlibrary loan and resource sharing, reference and outreach to special populations, and emerging technologies in reference....

RUSA, June 3

[Come to RUSA 101 at Annual](#)

RUSA will host a networking and orientation event for interested and new and current RUSA members on June 28 during the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The event agenda for [RUSA 101](#) includes a brief presentation about RUSA, a raffle for fun prizes and significant time for networking....

RUSA, June 4

[Rethinking the ACRL Information Literacy Standards](#)

Steven J. Bell writes: "ACRL's [Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education](#) were first adopted in 2000. Since then the standards have become one of the most essential documents related to the emergence of information literacy as a recognized learning outcome at many institutions of higher education. It is time for our association to engage in a process to rethink and reimagine them for the next generation of academic librarians, college students, and faculty."...

ACRL Insider, June 4

[Network at the AASL National Conference](#)

The AASL 16th National Conference and Exhibition in Hartford, Connecticut, on November 14–17 will host events encouraging school librarians working in independent schools to network and build community. The conference, "[Rising to the Challenge](#)," will feature an Independent School Section networking reception and two tours to local independent schools....

AASL, June 3



[Moeller-Peiffer elected ASCLA president](#)

Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer (right), associate state librarian at the New Jersey State Library in Trenton, has been elected ASCLA president for 2014–2015. She won the ASCLA Cathleen Bourdon Service Award in 2012. Learn a little bit more about Moeller-Peiffer with this fun [Q&A](#) put together by the ASCLA staff....

ASCLA Blog, June 3



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Awards & Grants

[2013 AIA/ALA Library Building Awards](#)

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the awards, ALA and the American Institute of Architects have selected six recipients to receive the 2013 AIA/ALA Library Building Awards. Biennially, representatives from the two organizations gather to celebrate the finest examples of library design



[Wild Card](#) (1992, made for TV). Jane Abbott is 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](#).

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by architects licensed in the United States....

LLAMA, June 3

[Carnegie Medal winners to be announced June 30](#)

The announcement and presentation of the second Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction (ALA's awards for adult trade fiction and nonfiction) will take place during the ALA Annual Conference on June 30. The [event](#)—standing-room only in 2012—will be followed by a chance to celebrate over dessert and drinks with book-loving colleagues. All attendees will be entered for a drawing, and five lucky winners (who must be present) will receive signed copies of all six 2013 finalist titles. Tickets are available [online](#)....

RUSA, June 4

[Inaugural CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award](#) (PDF file)

The Chinese American Librarians Association has selected Tze-chung Li (right)—CALA's founder, an outstanding leader in library education, and a visionary library administrator—as the recipient of the 2013 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award. Li is one of the first Chinese-American pioneers in library science education in the United States....

Chinese American Librarians Association, May 30



[Leicester B. Holland Prizes](#)

The Library of Congress, in cooperation with the National Park Service and *Architectural Record* magazine, has announced the winners for the first two years of a new prize for the best single-sheet, measured drawing of an historic building, site, or structure prepared to the standards of the Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, or the Historic American Landscapes Survey. Architectural historian Laura Beth Ingle won the 2012 prize for her HABS measured drawing of the White Rock Lookout Tower (above) in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee....

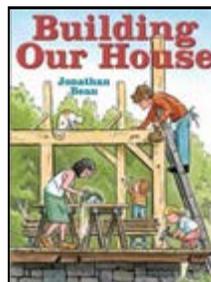
Library of Congress, May 29



[2013 Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards](#)

The *Horn Book* Editor in Chief Roger Sutton and 2010 *Boston Globe–Horn Book Award*–winning author Rebecca Stead announced the 2013 winners of the prize at BookExpo America on May 31. Celebrating its 46th year, the awards are among the most prestigious honors in the field of children's and young adult literature. Winners and two honor books are selected in each of three categories: Picture Book, Fiction and Poetry, and Nonfiction....

The Horn Book, May 31



[The Audies 2013](#)

The Audio Publishers Association announced the winners of the 2013 Audie Awards at its 18th Annual Audies Gala on May 30 at the New-York Historical Society. Here is a list of the [2013 winners](#) with links to *Booklist* reviews when applicable. You might recognize some famous names among these narrators. The Award for



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**Digital Library
of the Week**

Audiobook of the Year went to *The End of the Affair* by Graham Greene, published by Audible and read by Academy Award winner Colin Firth....

Audio Publishers Association, May 30; Booklist Online: Likely Stories, June 4

[2013 Skipping Stones Honor Awards](#)

(PDF file)

In its 25th year, *Skipping Stones* magazine has recognized 25 outstanding books and teaching resources with its Honor Awards. The books promote an understanding of cultures, cultivate cooperation, and encourage a deeper understanding of the world's diversity. They also encourage ecological richness, respect for multiple viewpoints, and close relationships within human societies. The winners are in three categories: Multicultural and International, Nature and Ecology, and Teaching Resources....

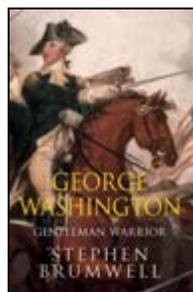
Skipping Stones magazine, May, pp. 15-17



[George Washington Book Prize](#)

Stephen Brumwell has won the \$50,000 George Washington Book Prize for his biography of the first president, *George Washington: Gentleman Warrior* (Quercus). A historian who was born in Portsmouth, England, and now lives in Amsterdam, Brumwell received the award at a May 21 ceremony at Mount Vernon. The Washington Book Prize, one of the largest cash prizes for a work of literature, honors the year's best book for a general audience about America's founding era....

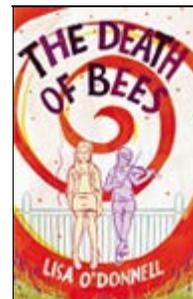
Washington Post: The Style Blog, May 22



[2013 Commonwealth Book Prize overall winner](#)

The Death of Bees by UK author Lisa O'Donnell (Random House) was announced as the 2013 Commonwealth Book Prize overall winner at the Hay Festival at Hay-on-Wye, Wales, on May 31. This coming-of-age novel opens shockingly and ambitiously with two juvenile sisters, Marnie and Nelly, who bury their parents in their back garden. The jury called the novel "effortlessly fresh and original; it is fiction that provokes and shocks."...

Commonwealth Writers, May 31



[2013 Lambda Literary Awards](#)

The winners of the 25th Annual Lambda Literary Awards were announced June 3 at Cooper Union in New York City. The Lambda Literary Foundation sponsors the awards, which honor published works that celebrate or explore LGBT themes. John Irving won the bisexual fiction award for *In One Person*, and Cheryl Burke took



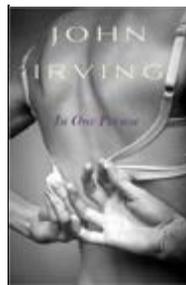
The [Northwest Historical Postcards Collection](#)

displays unique and engaging images of people and places in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Alberta. Created by the University of Idaho Library's Digital Initiatives Department, the collection consists of more than 800 digitized postcards featuring images of the late 19th and early to mid-20th century. The postcards, which were given to the library by a wide variety of donors, come from the historical photograph collections housed in the library's Special Collections Department.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#) Browse previous Digital Libraries of the Week at the [Love Libraries](#) site, Check out our [Featured Digital Libraries Pinterest board.](#)

Noted and Quoted

"If you work in a library, what you do



the bisexual nonfiction award for *My Awesome Place: The Autobiography of Cheryl B...*

GalleyCat, June 4

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Libraries in the News

[5 year-old reads 875 books](#)

"A lot of the days I read but it's just a couple of days I don't read," said Sophia Moss, 5. Make that *loves* to read. In her kindergarten school year, she read 875 books, finishing most of the books in the kindergarten and 1st-grade section of the T. S. Cooley Elementary Magnet School Library in Lake Charles, Louisiana. "I told Sophia we would have to order more books, because she's just read so many of them," said librarian Mary Lanier. Sophia has gone from borrowing five books a week to 20....
KPLC-TV, Lake Charles, La., May 24



[Some Maryland libraries, schools gain funding](#)

The Prince George's County (Md.) Council unanimously passed a \$2.7 billion budget May 30 for fiscal year 2014, which begins on July 1. The largest slice of the budget went to the county board of education and the public school system, which will be receiving \$1.68 billion, an increase of 1.4% over the current fiscal year. The budget also gave Prince George's County Memorial Library System an increase of \$2.5 million, which includes \$500,000 to restore Sunday hours at three county libraries and purchase new computers. Anne Arundel County (Md.) Libraries also face a [rosier future](#)....
College Park (Md.) Patch, May 30; *Baltimore Sun*, June 3

[Falcon hatchlings born outside Evanston Public Library](#)

For the eighth year the same pair of peregrine falcons, named Nona and Squawker, has nested and bred outside the Evanston (Ill.) Public Library. Their latest brood of four hatchlings was banded and named (Shae, Gies, Platon Karataev, and Humphrey) on May 30 by staff from the Field Museum of Chicago. Field Museum Curator Mary Hennen noted the births are especially important, as only some 12 pairs of breeding falcons exist in Illinois. See their latest adventures on the [falcon-cam](#) and [Facebook](#)....
NBC Chicago, May 30



on a day-to-day basis is going to define the future of librarianship for the human race. You're making legacies for your profession in a time of crisis, when people keep telling you you're not needed anymore. The gauntlet has been thrown. What will you choose to do?"

—British writer and educator Matt Finch, in "[A Spatulate Depression. Part 2: The Mission of the Librarian.](#)" Books and Adventures blog, May 31.

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Calendar

June 19–20:
[Handheld Librarian Online Conference.](#)
"Encouraging Innovation."

July 13–16:
[American Association of Law Libraries.](#)
Annual Meeting and Conference, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle. "Rethink Your Value."

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

[The East Hampton library's mystery sculpture](#)

East Hampton (N.Y.) Library Director Dennis Fabiszak has a mystery on his hands. It's the bust of a woman mounted on a large piece of slate. The piece, which is cracking from age, was left behind the library building on a fountain at the construction site where a new children's wing is being built. Fabiszak believes two people likely moved it between the time the library closed on May 4 and when it was first noticed by library employees the next afternoon. An inscription on it reads: "My Wife Forever Della Penna."...

Long Island (N.Y.) *Newsday*, June 3



[Philadelphia eliminates fines for kids' books](#)

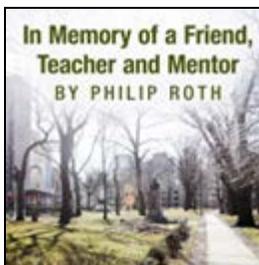
The Free Library of Philadelphia's plan to eliminate late fees for children—a move recommended by librarians to prevent cutting off poor kids from library services—is set to begin July 1 after a City Council committee defeated a bill that would have thwarted it on May 29. Councilman David Oh, the defeated bill's primary sponsor, called the imposition of fines a necessary life lesson for children and said he did not understand how the system could forgo that money, given recent budget cuts....

Philadelphia Inquirer, May 30

[Audiobook raises funds for Newark Public Library](#)

Novelist Philip Roth recorded himself reading [In Memory of a Friend, Teacher, and Mentor](#), an 11-minute eulogy for his high school teacher Bob Lowenstein, to raise funds for the Newark (N.J.) Public Library. Every time a reader [downloads](#) the free audiobook version, Audible will donate \$1 to the library, up to \$25,000. In an [interview](#), Roth describes growing up in Newark and his experiences with the library....

GalleyCat, June 4; *New York Times Sunday Review*, Apr. 20; *The Paris Review*, June 3



[Maine libraries' BTOP expansion aids job-seekers](#)

Expansion of broadband technology to more than 100 libraries in Maine was hailed May 31 for its potential to spark economic recovery by providing job-seekers the tools they need to land a job. The Maine State Library's recently completed \$1.9 million Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) aims to provide high-speed internet access to residents who lack the service and as a result are disadvantaged in their search for a job....

Portland (Maine) Press Herald, May 31

[Former Washburn librarian files suit against dean](#)

A former distance-education librarian at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, has filed a gender discrimination and sexual harassment lawsuit contending that Washburn Dean of Libraries Alan Bearman was abusive to her and other employees, even punching one in the face and head. Michelle Canipe's lawsuit alleges that Bearman created a hostile and unhealthy work environment that caused her extreme depression, stress, and anxiety, for which she had to be prescribed medication. Canipe's attorneys filed the suit May 13 in US District Court in Topeka....

Topeka (Kans.) Capital-Journal, June 3

Starkville, Mississippi.

Aug. 9:

[Indiana University Libraries Information Literacy Colloquium](#), Indiana University Southeast, Conference Center, New Albany. "Shaping Student Success: The Role of Academic Libraries in High Impact Educational Practices."

Aug. 11–17:

[Council of State Archivists / Society of American Archivists](#), Joint Meeting, Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

Aug. 15–17:

[Association for Information Systems](#), 19th Americas Conference on Information Systems, Hilton Chicago. "Hyperconnected World: Anything, Anywhere, Anytime."

Sept. 4–6:

[4th International Symposium on Information Management in a Changing World](#), Strand Hotel, Limerick, Ireland. "Beyond the Cloud: Information, Innovation, Collaboration."

Sept. 19–21:

[Global STEMx Education Conference](#), a MOOC for educators focusing on science, technology, engineering, and math.

Oct. 9–11:

[Association of Bookmobile and](#)

[A look inside Houston Public Library in 1937](#)

In early 1937, the *Houston Chronicle* sent a photographer to the Central Library. These photos appeared in the paper's art gravure section on March 21 that year. The accompanying text explained: "Each day brings to the Central Library, at 500 McKinney, according to a recent count, from 1,500 to 2,000 persons. Its collection of 180,000 volumes, plus a large information file, many pictures, and extensive periodical and newspaper files, answers many questions for the community, while the patron who seeks entertainment has a large collection of fiction, travel, biography, and literature from which to choose."...

Houston Chronicle: Bayou City History, May 29



[Folger Shakespeare Library to get renovated](#)

The Great Hall of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., where exhibits are usually staged, has just closed for the summer for a \$1.5 million renovation. New windows will let natural light into the hall for the first time in decades, according to Garland Scott, head of external relations for the library. The renovation will also provide new exhibition cases and improved climate control to help preserve its priceless collection of books, manuscripts, and artifacts....

Washington Post: The Style Blog, May 31

[Huntington Library receives gift for new visitor center](#)

The Huntington Library has received a \$32 million gift from investor and philanthropist Charles T. Munger to help build a new education and visitor center at the San Marino, California, institution. Library officials said May 30 that the contribution is the lead gift toward the \$60 million project, which will have more than six acres of new gardens and about 43,000 square feet of space for educational facilities and visitor services. Construction is expected to be completed in 2015....

Los Angeles Times, May 30



[Jefferson Davis Library reopens](#)

Beauvoir, once the home of the president of the Confederate States of America in Biloxi, Mississippi, opened the doors of its new, \$11.5-million Jefferson Davis Presidential library on June 3. The 24,000-square-foot library is the second presidential library built at Beauvoir. The first library, completed in 1996, was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Craig Fehrman offers some [perspective](#)....

Biloxi (Miss.) Sun Herald, May 30; *Los Angeles Times*, June 2



[CILIP members demand halt to rebranding](#)

Members of the UK's Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) have demanded a general meeting to debate a halt to the body's [proposed rebrand](#). A [survey](#) on the proposed changes asked members for their opinions on a range of new names for CILIP, including "The Knowledge People." None of the options available included the word "library" or "librarian," causing some members to [express concern](#). CILIP's Phil Bradley [explains](#) the rebranding exercise....

[Outreach Services](#),

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

Oct. 21–22: [Southeastern Library Assessment Conference](#)

The Georgian Terrace Hotel, Atlanta.

Oct. 23–26: [Association of Internet Researchers](#),

Annual Conference, Westin Hotel, Denver, Colorado. "Resistance + Appropriation."

Nov. 1: [Brick and Click Libraries Symposium](#),

Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville.

Nov. 6–8: [Access Services Conference](#), Georgia Tech Global Learning Center / Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center, Atlanta. "Unlocking the 21st Century Library."

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The Bookseller, May 29, June 3; Tom Roper's Weblog, June 3; CILIP: President Phil's Blog, May 29

[Innerpeffray Library given rare collection](#)

Janet Burns Saint Germain, a wealthy American collector, has given Scotland's first free public lending library an "astonishing" collection of more than 200 first editions of Scottish books valued at more than £650,000 (\$993,500 US). Saint Germain first visited the historic [Library of Innerpeffray](#) more than 20 years ago and decided her collection, which includes works by Robert Burns, David Hume, and John Knox, belonged there. The library was founded in 1680 "for the benefit of all" by David Drummond, the third Lord Maderty....

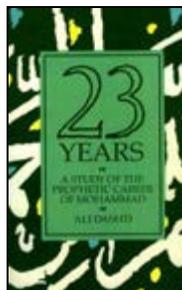
The Scotsman (UK), June 3; STV News, June 3



[The forbidden libraries of Qom Seminary](#)

Ali Mamouri writes: "In the past 20 years, extensive funding by religious institutions to seminary libraries has turned the city of Qom, Iran, into a rich source for books on religion, humanities, and literature. But controversial books are kept hidden from most religious students and scholars in Qom. Students complain about the lack of proper access to some of these sources in the libraries of Darolhadith and the University of Religions; the books are listed in the catalog but are not findable on the shelves. This has resulted in a thriving online presence for many of the titles."...

Al-Monitor, June 2



[Occupy-style library rises in Istanbul](#)

Protests erupted in Turkey on May 28 that were initially led by about 50 environmentalists who were against replacing Taksim Gezi Park with a reconstruction of the historic Taksim Military Barracks (demolished in 1940) that would house a shopping mall. The rallies soon widened into wider antigovernment demonstrations, but Taksim Gezi Park quickly became the nerve center for the protesters. In true Occupy fashion, a library has come together in less than a week, helped by [donations](#) from Sel Publishing House and other publishers....

Book Patrol, June 4; *Hürriyet Daily News* (Istanbul), June 4



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Issues

[ESEA reauthorization bill introduced in Senate](#)

The Strengthening America's Schools Act, a bill that would reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), was introduced June 4 in the US Senate. The legislation would be a huge victory for libraries, as it creates a specific provision for school libraries and implements the Improving Literacy and College and Career Readiness



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Through Effective School Library Program. This program defines a school library as staffed by a state-certified or licensed school librarian. The bill is the [first to recognize](#) the role school library programs play in student learning since ESEA was first enacted in 1965....

District Dispatch, June 4; ALA Washington Office, June 5

[It's time to step up for school libraries](#)

Rebecca T. Miller writes: "As I travel to the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago later this month, I will inevitably carry the baggage of an unresolved disconnect. Those of us inside Libraryland know what our K-12 peers deliver, yet that value is clearly not understood by administrators, who are cutting school librarian positions nationwide. I can't help but think that a key resource is being squandered out of sheer ignorance."...



School Library Journal, June 4

[Time enough to read](#)

Carrie Russell writes: "There's one *Twilight Zone* episode that I am sure many librarians and people who love to read can relate to. It was called '[Time Enough at Last](#)' and aired November 20, 1959, starring Burgess Meredith, whose character Henry Bemis (right) bemoans the fact that he doesn't have enough time to read.



Compare Henry's predicament to the visually impaired. ALA is trying to advance an [international treaty](#) that would make it easier to make accessible copies for the visually impaired." [Strong interests](#) are opposed to this treaty....

District Dispatch, May 30, June 5; *Twilight Zone*, Nov. 20, 1959

[Publishers' proposal to support open access](#)

A group of scholarly publishers is proposing a publisher-run partnership to make it easier for agencies and researchers to comply with the federal government's new open-access policy ([PDF file](#)) by an August deadline. The Clearinghouse for the Open Research of the United States would use publishers' existing infrastructure to provide free access to peer-reviewed articles that are based on publicly supported research. But Heather Joseph of SPARC is skeptical because publishers would still control "the sole point of access to publicly funded articles."....

Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus, June 4

[LCA supports HathiTrust Digital Library](#)

On June 3, the Library Copyright Alliance (consisting of ALA, ACRL, and the Association of Research Libraries) filed an amicus brief ([PDF file](#)) in support of HathiTrust and its partners as they defend their [district court victory](#) on appeal in the Second Circuit. The brief argues that the HathiTrust Digital Library practices are fair use....



ACRL Insider, June 5

[Seeking les mots injustes](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "I have never taken to calling people who use libraries 'customers.' Though it is increasingly common usage, it has always seemed the seditious work of a linguistic fifth column that is

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trying to privatize public institutions one word at a time, or at least imply that nonprofit services are chronically inferior to retail operations. 'Customer' has so firmly been attached to the word 'service' you would think the only model for high quality service is great *customer* service."...

Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, May 30

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Tech Talk

[Windows 8.1 unveiled](#)

Sebastian Anthony writes: "At long last, and probably in response to the growing number of leaks, Microsoft has published an official first look at Windows 8.1. As expected, the Start button is making a return (but the Start menu isn't), you can boot straight to the desktop, and you can now view multiple Metro apps side-by-side. However, if you are a Desktop user, don't get too excited: The primary focus of Windows 8.1 is improving the Metro experience." Watch the Microsoft [demo video](#) (4:31)....

ExtremeTech, May 31; YouTube, June 5



[3D printing goes from sci-fi to reality](#)

Mackenzies Chocolates, a confectioner in Santa Cruz, California, uses a 3D printer to pump out chocolate molds. Cornell University researchers used a 3D printer and injections of a special collagen gel to create a human-shaped ear. "We're on the verge of the next industrial revolution, no doubt about it," said Dartmouth College business professor Richard D'Aveni....

Phys.org, June 2; CNN, Apr. 12



[A look inside a hackerspace](#)

You no longer needs loads of cash or exclusive access to certain technologies to see your vision become a reality. Sean Auriti, founder of the nonprofit Alpha One Labs, said, "You just need a few people, you all chip in, you pay rent. And then you buy cool tools, and you can all share the machines." Projects range from an iPhone-controlled quadcopter to a 3D printer that replicates itself. Watch Auriti [describe](#) Alpha One Labs (3:19)....

PC Magazine, May 31



[How to sign documents electronically](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "You are emailed a document and you have to sign it and send it back. You could print out the document, sign it, and then scan it back in and email it. But there's a better, faster way. We'll show you how to quickly add your signature to any PDF document, saving it as a standard PDF file that can be read anywhere. Electronic signatures are just like traditional



ink signatures, but applied electronically to documents without any printing or scanning required.”...

How-To Geek, June 3

[Cloud backup can save big bucks](#)

David LaMartina writes: “Still squeamish about putting your files on the internet? You’re not alone. Even as educators turn to the cloud for productivity apps, graphics programs, and content-management systems, the majority of schools continue to keep their data onsite. But it may be time to reconsider that approach: The cloud can be just as useful and cost-effective for storage, backup, and disaster recovery. Equally important, quality cloud providers actually offer enhanced security compared with onsite solutions.”...

Campus Technology, June 5

[How to buy a GPS](#)

Wendy Sheehan Donnell writes: “It’s a great time to buy a GPS device. The category has fully matured, and competition from nav-equipped smartphones has helped drive prices way down. As a result, you can get a capable stand-alone GPS that can do much more than just help you find your way for a lot less than you would have paid last year. Should you even bother with a GPS, or can you just use your phone for directions? There are several factors to consider when choosing the right GPS.” Here are the [top GPS devices](#)....

PC Magazine, May 17



[Why Google Reader died](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: “Google Reader will be dead on July 1, but it has been dying for a long time. A declining user base, lack of innovation, and lack of mass appeal doomed it. People are using other types of services to stay up-to-date with their favorite websites. Google Reader itself hasn’t been innovative in a long time.”...

How-To Geek, June 3



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E-Content

[I’m crazy for ebooks](#)

Alan S. Inouye writes: “We have made progress. I know this because I now experience the condition of ebook derangement syndrome. In early 2012, the urgent questions revolved around why the Big Six wouldn’t do business with libraries or, for those publishers who did, why the terms were so unfavorable. We really focused on these issues last year and into 2013, and while we’ve made some headway, much more remains for us to do.”...

American Libraries feature

[Use the Big Six Matrix to compare ebook licenses](#)

Rob Maier writes: “Even for those of us actively trying to follow developments in ebook licensing, there is plenty to be confused about. A few weeks ago I started

trying to sort this out and the result is this table ([PDF file](#)), which shows what is available to libraries from each of the Big Six, under what terms, at what price, and from which library vendor(s). A new focus is on whether the publisher and vendor offers their ebooks to library consortia as well as to individual libraries.”...

AL: E-Content, May 30

[ALA, ebooks, and digital content: What's next?](#)

Come learn about ALA ebook activities and plans from the leadership of ALA's Digital Content and Libraries Working Group at "[ALA, Ebooks, and Digital Content](#)" on June 29 (1–2:30 p.m. at McCormick Place S502) during the ALA Annual Conference. A distinguished panel will then provide views on libraries as publishers and stewards of America's digital cultural heritage, and how ALA can best advocate for these important library interests....

AL: E-Content, May 30

[New digital comics from DC](#)

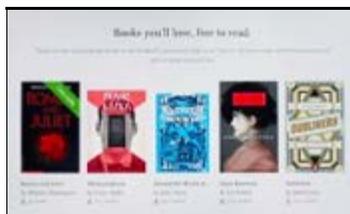
Seth Rosenblatt writes: "The high camp era of the 1960's *Batman* TV show and video game–influenced choose-your-own-adventure stories will come to DC Entertainment's digital comics this summer with new storytelling techniques to draw in readers. 'DC2' is what the company is calling the new digital comics. They are different from both its standard same-day digital and print publishing and its digital-first publishing in that the DC2 line has added some technological tricks to enhance the story."...



CNET: Crave, June 4

[Readmill adds book discovery](#)

iOS reading app [Readmill](#) added a book discovery feature June 5 and announced three new partnerships with the *Guardian*, the Atavist, and ebook gifting site Livrada. The new "Explore" section of Readmill's app lets users download free ebooks from directly within the app. For now, many of those books are in the public domain, but Readmill is also working with publishers and independent bookstores to run limited-time promotions....



paidContent, June 5

[Apple price-fixing ebook trial](#)

Department of Justice lawyers are set to face off against Apple in June in a Manhattan courtroom, trying to prove that the company conspired with publishers to raise prices in the ebook market. But the evidence in the case will not just determine whether Apple has violated antitrust laws. It will also tell a broader story of how the introduction of ebooks created upheaval in the publishing industry—with guest appearances by major players like Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Mathew Ingram thinks prosecutors have a [slam-dunk case](#) against Apple....

New York Times, June 2; paidContent, June 2

[Ebook formatting and marketing guides for authors](#)

Jason Boog writes: "As self-published authors enter the ebook market, formatting has become more important than ever. Indie authors don't have the same support as a major publisher, so we've assembled a list with links to formatting guides for all the major ebookstores."...

GalleyCat, June 4

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Books & Reading

[Does great literature make us better?](#)

Gregory Currie writes: "You agree with me, I expect, that exposure to challenging works of literary fiction is good for us. That's one reason we deplore the dumbing-down of the school curriculum and the rise of the internet and its hyperlink culture. Wouldn't reading about Anna Karenina, the good folk of Middlemarch, and Marcel and his friends expand our imaginations and refine our moral and social sensibilities? Not nearly enough research has been conducted; nor, I think, is the relevant psychological evidence just around the corner."...

New York Times: Opinionator, June 1

[Mother Goose's French birth and British afterlife](#)

Christine Jones writes: "Unlike the Brothers Grimm, Charles Perrault's name remains generally unrecognizable. Yet, his stories, first published in 1697 as the *Histoires ou Contes du temps passé* (Stories or Tales of the Past) are anything but. Most readers no doubt know these titles in English, not French, and are familiar not with Perrault's stories in the healthy tradition of English translation, inaugurated in 1729 by Robert Samber's publication of *Tales of Passed Times by Mother Goose*."...

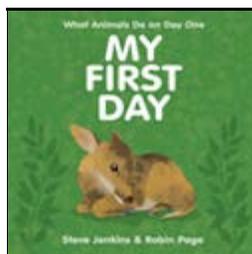
Public Domain Review, May 29



[10 books that will send kids exploring](#)

Mara Alpert says: "When I recommend books to kids or grownups, I can almost always get them interested if I add, 'Oh, and after you read this book, you could go on a field trip to the museum, zoo, baseball stadium, library, or just take a little road trip!' Spring 2013 has been a very good year for children's books that spark the imagination and make kids (and grownups) want to do a little more exploring."...

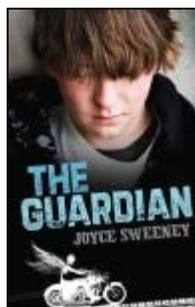
NPR: Morning Edition, May 31



[Foster kids in YA literature](#)

Carla Land writes: "I took a stab at finding some literature that a teenager in foster care might be able to relate to on some level. Imagine my surprise when I did a quick search and found a bunch of YA literature that lists 'foster care' as a main subject. The first thing I found was that books about teens in foster care are, fortunately, not necessarily *about* teens in foster care. The important thing is that the story shows that a teen in foster care can have a life."...

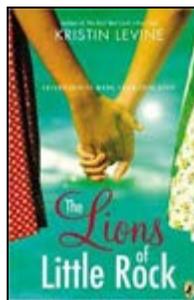
YALSA The Hub, May 30



[When the personal becomes political](#)

Ellen Snoeyenbos writes: "I find that many books for teen readers set in a Jim Crow South of the 1940s, 50s, and 60s have all the subtlety of a two-by-four. The rightness of the Civil Rights cause is clear from the outset, and the segregationists are all framed as mean-spirited bigots who all have white robes in the closet. But wait a minute! Don't roll your eyes again! I've read a couple of books lately that defy our worn-out moral expectations."...

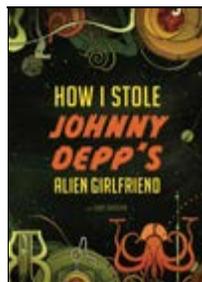
YALSA The Hub, May 31



[10 best \(and worst\) titles in teen lit](#)

Jill Guccini writes: "I've seen many an article about book titles that are so ridiculous they're hilarious. I enjoy these articles, as I am always a fan of both the ridiculous and the hilarious. But what about book titles that aren't necessarily *so good* because they're *so bad*, but are just good because they are, well, legit good? Here are some of what I believe are the best of the best in the children's and young adult realm. While a few of the titles actually move me, mostly they're just funny or weird or both."...

Book Riot, June 3



[What to read after a breakup](#)

Ashley Hamilton writes: "We've all been there: You're curled up on the couch with a spoon of ice cream in one hand and a box of tissues in the other. In other words, you're going through a breakup. Instead of pouring your heart out to Ben and Jerry, how about bonding with a few authors who can relate? Check out eight great books to read when you're going through a breakup." Among them is *What Was I Thinking? 58 Bad Boyfriend Stories* about "romances that took a nose-diving turn for the worse."...

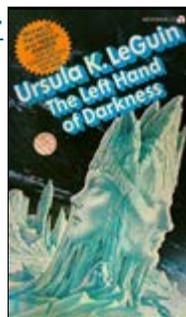
The Huffington Post, May 29



[30 of the most beautiful sci-fi covers ever made](#)

Emily Temple writes: "Science fiction cover art has a bad reputation, and not without reason. Much of it is pulpy, overly brash, or just plain scary. Yet there are also many science fiction novels and collections that buck the trend and manage to be not only palatable to those who (for instance) love the insides but hate that naked green woman on the cover, but downright gorgeous. Here is a selection of some of the best."...

Flavorwire, June 4



[Jimmy Fallon's "Do Not Read" lists](#)

Since 2010, comedian Jimmy Fallon, host of *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon* on NBC, has had a recurring feature called the "Do Not Read List" in which he warns against reading real titles that sound less than appealing. This blog brings them all together, except for the [most recent one](#), which aired June 3....

Late Night with Jimmy Fallon blog; YouTube, June 3



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Tips & Ideas

[Genealogy apps for Android](#)

Dick Eastman writes: "Some genealogy apps display data originally stored in a desktop or laptop genealogy program. In those apps, you must enter all new data on your desktop, then export it to your smartphone. Some apps allow you to access genealogy data that has been stored on a web server. Here are some of the more robust apps that allow you to store and retrieve your family tree information."...

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, June 1



[Library-related acronyms](#)

This alphabetical listing of library acronyms includes ALA unit, division, round table, and committee acronyms; ALA unit publications known by acronyms; acronyms for other library and related organizations; and abbreviations commonly used in library literature. Pop quiz: What does UNO stand for? (Hint: It might appear in the Annual Conference scheduler.)...

ALA Library

[Librarian job ad drinking bingo](#)

Joe Hardenbrook writes: "A little end-of-the-day humor for my job-hunting librarian friends: Librarian Job Ad Drinking Bingo. It's easy to play: Just scroll through the postings on the [ALA JobList](#) site. Every time you see one of these items—a buzzword, a litany of preferred advanced qualifications, or one of those bullet points that sets off your warning system—take a drink. If you get five in a row, shout out 'Bingo!'" (Contains some cuss words.)...

Mr. Library Dude, May 22



[How to spend your last summer before library school](#)

Brianna Marshall writes: "Two years ago, I had just graduated from my undergrad program and was eagerly awaiting a move to Indiana to start library school. I read Hack Library School and anything else I could get my hands on that might provide some glimpse of wisdom. What should I do? How should I feel? I wasn't exactly sure, and that made me nervous. If you are starting library school in the fall, here are some ideas for how to spend your summer."...

Hack Library School, May 31

[Cataloging questions and answers](#)

In an effort to disseminate information about cataloging issues, the ACRL Subject and Bibliographic Access Committee initiated a series of monthly postings to ANSS-L. Each month the committee answers a different question on cataloging issues and policies. Here are the questions that have been answered to date, among them: What subject headings are used for [ethnomusicology](#)? What is [FRAD](#)? How does one search for [exhibition catalogs](#)?...

ACRL Anthropology and Sociology Section

[Twitter lists newly improved](#)

Phil Bradley writes: "You may have missed the news on May 30, but Twitter quietly announced that they have upgraded the list functionality. Many people don't know much about Twitter lists, which is a shame, because they are an excellent way of racing through content. If you are still going 'huh?' I will take you briefly through list creation."...

Phil Bradley's Weblog, June 1



[Yahoo gives its search a redesign](#)

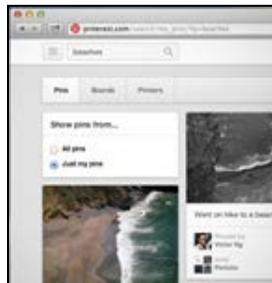
Terrence O'Brien writes: "Yahoo has been a busy little bee recently, updating its various properties and snatching up new ones. Now it is giving its Bing-powered search page a facelift. The redesign is actually quite subtle. The company has introduced a new Google-like navigation bar that sits glued to the top, providing shortcuts to the homepage, your mailbox, Flickr, and other Yahoo-owned properties. Now Yahoo just needs to figure out how to serve up useful results."...

Engadget, June 5

[Pinterest is expanding its search capability](#)

Eliza Kern writes: "Pinterest users will now be able to search within their own pins, adding a new layer to the company's existing search product and providing a nice benefit to heavy users of the service. Now if I'm looking for a salad recipe, for instance, I can search for 'salad' and then select the 'just my pins' option to search within my saved items."...

GigaOM, June 4



[The secret to online safety](#)

Jon Brodtkin writes: "It's time to ask yourself an uncomfortable question: How many of your passwords are so absurdly weak that they might as well provide no security at all? Don't worry, we're here to help. We're going to focus on how to use a password manager, software that can help you go from passwords like 111111 to 6WKBTskQq8Zn4PtAjmz7 without making you want to pull out all your hair."...

Ars Technica, June 3

[Teens, digital media, and the Chicago Public Library](#)

Today's teens spend inordinate amounts of time on all kinds of media. The challenge is how to take advantage of networked and digital media to provide engaging learning opportunities for youth. YOUmedia Chicago, an innovative learning center at the Harold Washington Library Center in downtown Chicago, attempts to do this. *Teens, Digital Media, and the Chicago Public Library* ([PDF file](#)), a report by the University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research, answers key questions about YOUmedia that can help others plan similar initiatives....

University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research, May



[Encouraging teens to linger](#)

Amanda Erickson writes: "Some public spaces try to keep teenagers out, but the New York

Public Library is trying something different. What if they designed a space specifically for teens? What would that look like? Their answer can be found on the third floor of Harlem's Hamilton Grange branch. The 4,400-square-foot space is the NYPL's first full-floor space dedicated to teens and just won an [AIA/ALA Library Building Award](#). "...

The Atlantic Cities, June 4



[Digging into Summer Reading](#)

Sarah Lightsey-McDermott, a youth services paraprofessional at the Smyrna (Ga.) Public Library, encourages kids to "Dig Into Reading" with a huge excavator (digger) on loan from Smyrna Public Works. The digger was on display the last week of May to attract registrations for the library's Summer Reading program....

Smyrna (Ga.) Public Library



[Welcoming LGBTQ families to your library](#)

Africa Hands writes: "In June, some libraries are celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Month. To get some perspective on how libraries are serving LGBTQ children and families, I interviewed Jamie Campbell Naidoo. Jamie, author of *Rainbow Family Collections*, shares his current research, programming tips, his favorite books for storytime, and insights on how librarians can provide a welcoming space for LGBTQ families."...

ALSC Blog, June 1

[Dane County's Beyond the Page campaign](#)

The Beyond the Page campaign is a joint effort of the Dane County (Wis.) Library Service and the Madison Community Foundation to create a permanent endowment that will support humanities programming in all 28 public libraries in Dane County forever. It began in 2011 with the receipt of a \$350,000 precedent-setting challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Wisconsin librarians will be on hand at ALA Annual Conference on June 29 to discuss the [community partnerships](#) involved in this effort....

Beyond the Page Campaign



[Library murals: A pet peeve](#)

Doug Johnson writes: "I was visiting one of our elementary libraries last week where I saw a sketch of a mural that was to be painted on one of the walls this summer. The main character was Mouse from Numeroff's *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, illustrated by Felicia Bond. I asked the librarian if she had permission to use this character in the mural. She didn't know. But what is the message about intellectual property use we are sending to students?"...

Blue Skunk Blog, June 4



[How to organize your own Wikipedia edit-a-thon](#)

Adeline Koh writes: "This spring saw a deluge of Wikipedia edit-a-thon events. Since these spring events, I have been approached by a number of people who are interested in organizing their own edit-a-thons both for students and faculty, and want to find out some tips and best practices. Here are my thoughts on what you need for an in-person edit-a-thon." Join RUSA in the Uncommons area for an [edit-a-thon](#) June 30 at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago...

Chronicle of Higher Education: ProfHacker, May 30; ALA Connect, May 31

[What students need from reference librarians](#)

Trina J. Magi and Patricia E. Mardeusz write: "What does it take to be a good reference librarian today? Very little has been published about the skills and knowledge that librarians employ in providing individual research consultations, a reference service in which the librarian meets with a student in a scheduled session away from the reference desk. Some have suggested a renewed interest in consultations as an important complement to information literacy programs."...

College and Research Libraries News 74, no. 6 (June): 288-291

[Stereotank: The little free library in New York City](#)

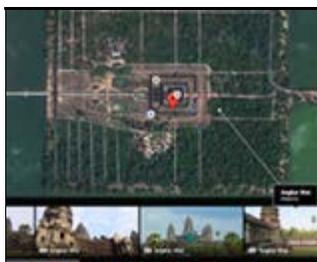
The Architectural League of New York has partnered with PEN World Voices Festival to bring a little free library to St. Patrick's Old Cathedral School in Manhattan's Nolita neighborhood. The Stereotank is built out of an inverted plastic tank and a wooden frame. Perforations allow visitors to peek inside and preview the interior configuration, which can be accessed by ducking under the yellow structure....



Designboom, May 29

[Five cool things in the new Google Maps](#)

Jill Duffy writes: "The updated version of Google Maps has been rolling out to users since it was announced in May. If you see a prompt to try the new Google Maps, take it! This article highlights some of the new features you must try out for yourself once you get access to the new Maps. The full version only works in Firefox or Chrome but not on mobile devices. You will also need Windows Vista or higher."...



PC Magazine, June 3

[Incredible reading rooms around the world](#)

Alison Nastasi writes: "The Flavorwire editors are always in search of cozy, beautiful places to curl up with a good book, so when we saw that New York's modern furniture company Vitsoe was opening a pop-up [reading room](#) in its downtown store, we went searching for other unique reading rooms around the world. Comfort, intimacy, atmosphere, and a great view play a big part in the design of these bookish spaces, many of which are in libraries."...



Flavorwire, May 19

[When you can't get enough cats](#)

Cats: You either love them or you don't. Painters in

the 17th century must have loved them. Have you ever looked at a painting and paid attention to the little kitten hiding in the corner, or to a cat eating its fish with a satisfied air? Try to find them in these stunning, public-domain paintings from the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, or do a [full search on "cats"](#) in Europeana....

Europeana Blog, June 5



[The six major anxieties of social media](#) (satire)

Maureen O'Connor writes: "Because each social media network rewards different elements of human behavior, each gives rise to a different inferiority complex. Let us explore the unique forms of oppression we willingly subject ourselves to when we join and engage in Pinterest, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Spotify. Some of the fears are wholly new. Others have real-life precedents from decades—even centuries—past."...

New York Magazine, May 14



[Seattle PL goes for book domino chain world record](#)

The Seattle Public Library launched its 2013 Summer Reading Program on May 31 by trying to set a new world record for the [longest book domino chain](#) (3:01). Two college students teamed up with library staff for the event, which involved 2,131 books, 27 volunteers, [five attempts](#) at success, and 112 slices of pizza. All the books were discards and some will be sold in the Friends bookstore, especially if the world record is granted (confirmation is pending from [RecordSetter](#).)...

YouTube, June 3; Seattle Public Library, June 3



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American Libraries Online

Last week's issue of AL Direct

Due to the migration last week of the *American Libraries* website from one server to another, some of our features and columns were temporarily unavailable. The images in last week's issue of *AL Direct* also did not display properly starting on June 6. Most of the links and all of the images have now been restored, and the [June 5 issue](#) of *AL Direct* is now viewable in the [online archive](#).

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ALA News

[40 chosen for ALA Leadership Institute](#)

Forty mid-career librarians have been selected from a highly competitive pool to participate in "[Leading to the Future](#)," ALA's inaugural four-day immersive leadership development program, to be held August 12–15, for future library leaders. Originally, 35 applicants were slated to be picked, but the selection committee [increased the number](#) based on the strength of the applications....

Office of ALA Governance, June 11

[Mobile app for ALA Annual Conference](#)

Attendees can keep track of everything while on the go at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago with this [mobile app](#). Just log in with the same username and password you use on the [Scheduler](#) to access all of your existing conference information....

Conference Services, June 7

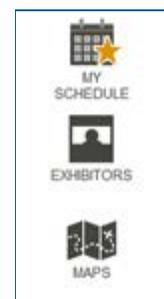


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[ALA Annual Conference](#),

Chicago, June 27–July 2. The [mobile app](#) for the 2013 ALA Annual [Conference Scheduler](#) has been released.



Attendees can keep track of everything, including their existing schedules, the list of exhibitors, and notes from the full Scheduler site. The [Scheduler](#) makes it easy to browse sessions and events; add, prioritize, and update items; create

[Are you ready for DigitalLearn?](#)

On June 30, [DigitalLearn](#)—a new online hub for digital literacy support and training—will launch at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Nearly 200 people have [preregistered](#) for DigitalLearn, and when it launches, the community will be a central point of sharing best practices in digital literacy, asking questions of colleagues from across the country, and discovering new ideas....

District Dispatch, June 12



[Cutting-edge library services](#)

Does your library offer cutting-edge library services? Learn about how four ALA-recognized libraries are using cutting-edge technologies in their libraries during the June 30 session "[Cutting-edge Technology in Library Services](#)." Featured speakers include Brigitte Doellgast, Chris ("E-Content") Harris, Mary Anne Hodel, and Leslie Sult....

District Dispatch, June 11



[Revisiting the USA PATRIOT Act](#)

Library advocates are encouraged to participate in "[We Told You So: Use of the Library Provision](#)," an interactive session on surveillance issues that will be held June 30 during ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Michael German (right), senior policy counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, will teach participants about the latest wholesale use of Section 215 by the Obama administration to get cellphone records from cell carriers and how those carriers turned over all subscriber phone records....

District Dispatch, June 12



[Think Fit in Chicago](#)

Diane Colson writes: "ALA has a nice tradition of offering a yoga class at the Midwinter Conference and a 5K Fun Run and Walk at Annual. These events really are fun. It's a great way to experience scenic parts of the city, and it adds a spirit of adventure to your conference experience. The upcoming [Think Fit 5K Fun Run and Walk](#) will be held on June 30. Here are some YA titles that will give you the inspiration to knock out 3.1 miles."...

YALSA The Hub, June 11



[Award-winning products at the ALA Store](#)

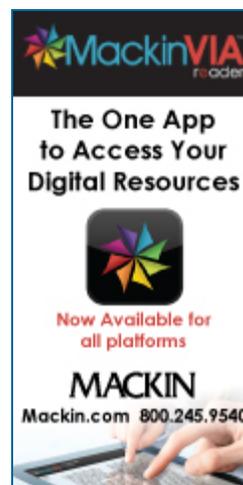
Find the ALA Store in the Exhibit Hall again at Booth #1224, an ideal location for easy access and convenient browsing. With plenty of time in your schedule to stop by. The ALA Store offers products that meet a wide range of your promotional, continuing education, and professional development needs—as well as fun gift items....

ALA Publishing, June 10

[Programming Librarian's guide to Annual Conference](#)

The ALA Annual Conference in Chicago is just around the corner, and Programming Librarian's recommended programs and events are now available. Check out the [Programming Librarian's Guide to the ALA Annual Conference](#) as you plan your activities. This guide is the one-stop shop for author programs, special events, and other

a personal schedule; add booth visits and meetings with specific exhibitors; and get word on any session or program cancellations.



opportunities to build your skill set and find programming ideas and resources....

Programming Librarian, June 11

[11 rules for a great Annual Conference experience](#)

Brian Kenney writes: "To the uninitiated, the ALA Annual Conference can appear vast and bloated, confusing and redundant. And it is. Fortunately, there are plenty of [resources for first-timers](#), [packing tips](#), [survival guides](#), and even programs at the conference to help you [get your sea legs](#). And to that list, I'll add one more. Here are 11 rules to follow in order to have a successful, lifelong relationship with ALA."...

Publishers Weekly, June 7; *Librarian by Day*, May 4; *Free Range Librarian*; *New Members Round Table*

[Sunday hours](#)

How many public libraries have Sunday hours? You might think that's an easy question to answer, but it's really a bit complicated and the results are ultimately inconclusive. Although both the [Public Libraries in the United States Survey](#) from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Public Library Data Service statistics included in [PLAmetrics](#) report the number of service hours, neither indicates which days of the week those represent....

Ask the ALA Library, June 11



[ALA calls for national dialogue on surveillance laws](#)

ALA is gravely concerned with the revelations in early June that the US government [obtained the phone records](#) of all Verizon customers for the last seven years and internet records from nine US companies. Leaders of ALA call upon Congress to provide more [transparency](#), as well as a national dialogue, about how the government is obtaining and using vast amounts of information about innocent people. The public needs a way to become engaged to determine what degree of accountability is needed and how to improve the balance between individual rights and the need of the government to investigate terrorism....

Office of Government Relations, June 6-7

[White House calls for increased e-rate funding](#)

ALA President Maureen Sullivan released a statement June 5 regarding President Obama's announcement of the [ConnectED initiative](#) to connect America's students to high-capacity broadband and high-speed wireless. Sullivan said that "libraries and schools will need substantially more powerful network capabilities. Inadequate bandwidth must not be the weak link in student success." For the Obama administration, this initiative is an imperative of the digital age....

Office for Information Technology Policy, June 6; White House, June 6



[Matters of state](#)

Shawn Brommer writes: "Are you a member of your [state library association](#)? Active members create strong state associations and opportunities for professional and personal development abound within these critical organizations. Participation in state associations



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benefit everyone, from those who are just starting their library careers through retirees. Here are some ways that state library associations can help professionals develop leadership skills." ...

Library Lost & Found, June 11

[International Games Day](#)

Registration is now open for International Games Day, November 16. There will be lots of fun activities again, including a national video game tournament in which your players can compete against other libraries around the world. [Registration](#) is free, and the event is as simple or as massive as each library chooses to make it. And it's something patrons of all kinds, including some not-very-frequent-patron kinds of patron, can potentially enjoy....

International Games Day, June 10



[Straight talk about round tables](#)

So you've been elected a round table leader: What's next? [Register](#) for a free, one-hour webinar on June 13 to gain answers and insights on your role as an elected round table leader. You can also find out about round tables, their roles in ALA, and how to work with ALA round table staff liaisons....

Member Programs and Services, June 7

[More writers added to BCALA Conference](#) (PDF file)

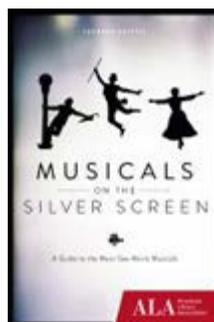
Authors Kwame Alexander, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, Milton Davis, Maya Hall, Janis F. Kearney, and Nooma Monika Rhue will appear at the Author Stage and Signing Area during the 8th National Conference of African American Librarians, hosted by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association. The conference is slated for August 7-11 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, Kentucky....

Black Caucus of the American Library Association, June 3

[Must-see movie musicals](#)

The movie musical is as vital as ever. Former *American Libraries* Editor and Publisher Leonard Kniffel explores the best of the genre in [Musicals on the Silver Screen: A Guide to the Must-See Movie Musicals](#), a new guide especially tailored to library users looking for help in selecting the right flick to watch. This authoritative reference is organized by decade, allowing readers to learn about the nuances of each era of musical movie production. A description and explanation of why it is worth viewing accompany each film....

ALA Huron Street Press, June 10



[Storytimes for toddlers](#)

For toddlers, every storytime can be a new adventure, while art activities are important for developing impulse control, hand-eye coordination, and fine motor dexterity in the hands. Carol Garnett Hopkins's new book [Artsy Toddler Storytimes: A Year's Worth of Ready-To-Go Programming](#).



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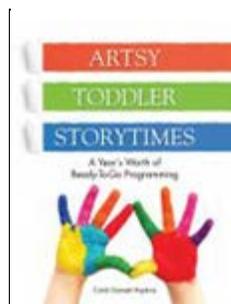
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published by ALA Neal-Schuman, fuses them together. Designed for children ages 1–3 years old, the book's 52 storytimes promote pre-reading techniques to acquire print motivation, vocabulary, and narrative skills....

ALA Neal-Schuman, June 6



[Use branding to survive](#)

Branding provides a unique way for a library to distinguish itself: its identity, personality, and image. Drawing on five vividly unique case studies from libraries across the country, *Breakthrough Branding: Positioning Your Library to Survive and Thrive*, by Suzanne Walters and Kent Jackson and published by ALA Neal-Schuman, shows how to mesh your library's brand deeply and seamlessly within your internal culture....

ALA Neal-Schuman, June 7



[The future of scholarly communication](#)

The context, mechanisms, and channels of scholarly communication are in flux. *The Future of Scholarly Communication*, published by Facet Publishing, presents an analysis of these new trends and drivers, their implications, and a future framework. Editors Deborah Shorley and Michael Jubb draw together the informed commentary of internationally renowned experts from a wide variety of backgrounds to define the future of research communication....

ALA Neal-Schuman, June 6



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Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Adult nonfiction](#)

Eisler, Benita. *The Red Man's Bones: George Catlin, Artist and Showman*. July 2013. 432p. illus. Norton, hardcover (978-0-393-06616-6).

Born in 1796, young Catlin became indelibly sensitized to the cruel realities of Native American life when the first Indian he met,

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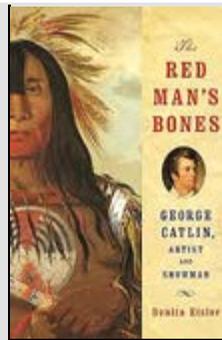
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an Oneida in New York State, was murdered. Giving up law school after being “seduced by art,” Catlin became certain that he was “chosen to preserve the history and customs of the Indian for posterity.” Embarking on a brashly peripatetic life, he sojourned among diverse Western Indian tribes, creating hundreds of unprecedented drawings and paintings, collecting artifacts, and writing about all that he observed, presaging the work of photographer Edward Curtis as recounted in Timothy Egan’s *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* (2012). Arts biographer Eisler details with solid facts and narrative grace just how determinedly Catlin held fast to his quest in spite of endless obstacles, financial crises, and family sorrows....

Top 10 biographies: 2013



Donna Seaman writes: “The art of biography involves sleuthing, historical fluency, captivating storytelling, critical acumen, and empathy—qualities on full display in the best 10 biographies reviewed in *Booklist* from July 2012 through June 2013, whether the authors are resurrecting the forgotten or bringing a unique perspective to the oft-celebrated.” Among the works listed is Vladimir Alexandrov’s *The Black Russian*, which “traces the remarkable journey of Frederick Bruce Thomas from his birth in Mississippi in 1872 to his triumph in Russia as a brilliantly innovative nightclub owner and impresario.”...

Can’t-miss events at ALA Annual



Keir Graff writes: “With the overwhelming array of events scheduled for the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, June 27–July 2, we wouldn’t blame you if you just couldn’t decide where to begin. Need some suggestions? How about taking in a few of the events where *Booklist* editors serve as judges, moderators, interviewers, or organizers? From award ceremonies to in-booth chats, we’ve never helped host as many wonderful authors and audiobook narrators as we will this year.”...

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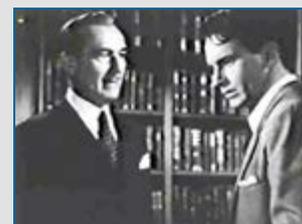


Chicago Update



Written by YALSA’s Teen Tech Week Committee, this poster and bookmark showing [Tips for Smart Social Networking](#) encourages online safety and has strong teen appeal. **NEW!** From ALA Graphics.

Libraries on Film



[Whispering City](#) (1947, Canada). Palmieri plays a law librarian in Quebec City.

[Chicago: The most underrated city in America](#)

Cody Kittle writes: "Chicago no doubt has some big issues. But considering the quality of life for the average person who has the option to choose what city to live in (an individual or family gainfully employed with a college degree), Chicago is actually a wonderful place to live. Here are 25 reasons why Chicago is America's most underrated city."...

Business Insider, June 6



[27 things you have to eat in Chicago](#)

Louisa Chu writes: "At a recent dinner, I discovered that someone at WBEZ has never had Garrett's popcorn, specifically Chicago Mix, the unique sweet and savory mélange of caramel and cheese corns. I was so shocked that I literally slammed my fist on the table. How had I let this happen? I present the 27 food and drink destinations that best represent Chicago's intangible cultural heritage. It's not just the food or drink, but the place and people too."...

WBEZ-FM, Chicago, June 12



[Historic Auditorium Theatre](#)

A National Historic Landmark, the Auditorium Theatre (50 East Congress Parkway) is known internationally for its perfect acoustics, innovative architecture, and stunning design. The architectural firm of Dankmar Adler and Louis Sullivan designed this 4,200-seat theatre in 1889 using modern technology, including electric lighting and air conditioning. Tours are available Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and noon and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m....

Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University



[Live music in Chicago](#)

Colleen Seisser writes: "Chicago is home to some fantastic music. On the right night, walking into any local bar or restaurant can be a treat for your ears. I got in touch with a local Chicago musician, Tim Seisser, and asked him for some recommendations for live music venues. Tim has been playing bass all over the Chicagoland area for about 10 years, so he knows a thing or two about the music scene. Here are his picks and why they rock."...

YALSA Blog, June 12



[Chicago Pride Parade, June 30](#)

Celebrate Chicago's LGBT community June 30 at the annual Pride Parade, now in its 44th year. The parade will feature 200 registered entries with floats, decorated vehicles, and marching groups representing organizations, groups, businesses, elected government officials, and individuals. Be sure to arrive early to get a good spot: Last year's crowd was estimated at 850,000 spectators.



[Whispering Footsteps](#) (1943).

Marie Blake plays Sally Lukens, a worker at the Medallion (Ohio) Public Library. She has a crush on Mark Borne (John Hubbard) and lets him take out a book before he has a valid library card.



[The White River Kid](#)

(1999). Antonio Banderas as illegal immigrant Morales Pittman visits an Arkansas bookmobile and picks out what he thinks is a book on immigration. However, it is actually a book on litigation and he begins to think he can become a lawyer. Allison Pace plays the librarian.



[Why Not Me? \[Pourquoi pas moi?\]](#)

(1999, Spain / France / Switzerland). Paca Barrera is 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 [route](#) begins at Broadway and Montrose....
Chicago Pride Parade

[Chicago Water Tower](#)

The Water Tower and nearby Pumping Station were two of the few buildings in downtown Chicago that survived the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 that burnt most of the city to the ground. Located at 806 North Michigan Avenue near ALA Headquarters, the buildings were constructed in 1867–1869 to pump water from Lake Michigan. The Water Tower now features a Chicago Office of Tourism art gallery. Free admission, seven days a week....
City of Chicago



[Segway tours](#)

If you are looking for a unique and fun way to see the city, consider taking a Chicago Segway tour. The Segway is a two-wheeled, self-balancing, battery-powered electric vehicle that is easy to steer. Glide along with experienced guides for a tour that will enhance your knowledge of current and historical Chicago facts and architecture while you enjoy scenic vistas, photo-ops, and iconic buildings....
Segway Experience of Chicago



[Chicago T-shirts](#)

You shouldn't visit Chicago in the summer without acquiring at least one Chicago T-shirt as a souvenir. This WGN-TV broadcast offers some suggestions on where to find them, although they are mostly far away from downtown. However, you can locate them at shops along Michigan Avenue as well. And if you plan to visit [Hot Doug's](#) for hot dogs, you won't want to leave without a Reservoir Dougs tee....
WGN-TV, June 6



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Division News

[Mark Cummings named *Choice* editor](#)

Mark Cummings (right) has been named editor and publisher of *Choice* magazine, ACRL's premier source for reviews of academic books, electronic media, and internet resources in higher education in Middletown, Connecticut. Cummings will serve as *Choice* editor and publisher designate beginning June 17, and assume the position full time effective July 7 upon the retirement of Irving E. Rockwood, who served *Choice* in this position for 17 years....
ACRL Insider, June 11



[Showcase encourages school librarians to "rise to the top"](#)

Attendees of the AASL 16th National Conference, 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 from JobLIST

[Metadata Analyst.](#)

Emory University, Atlanta. Supports initiatives that relate to digital scholarship, digitization, special collections access, and other metadata-dependent efforts to describe, manage, expose, and share collections with users. Acting as an individual contributor, the incumbent may alternately lead projects or serve as a member of a project team and provide metadata expertise. The Metadata Analyst will interact with curators, archivists, librarians, technologists, researchers and students to learn about and deliver metadata solutions for projects and programs....

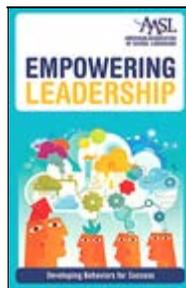
be held November 14-17 in Hartford, Connecticut, are invited to jump-start their conference experience at the IDEAxCHANGE. Formerly the Exploratorium, the [IDEAxCHANGE](#) showcases best practices from school library professionals from across the country. This two-hour event, open to all registrants, will take place prior to the opening general session. [Register](#) for the conference....

AASL, June 11

[Taking the mystery out of leadership](#)

Empowering Leadership: Developing Behaviors for Success, a new publication from AASL, takes the mystery out of leadership by unveiling the hidden qualities that create confident, successful leaders. Written by Ann M. Martin, the book provides essential questions school librarians can use to assess their leadership skills and offers suggestions to put into practice and shows how developing leadership skills can increase stakeholder support in their school library programs....

AASL, June 11



[A road map for facilities planning](#)

LLAMA will present "Look at the Road Map for Direction: A Unique Approach to Facilities Planning" on July 17. This webinar will describe the planning process that Clemson University Library undertook to dramatically revise how it uses the space it manages. The story of how the Clemson staff put together a plan to meet different needs can serve as a useful case study for any library needing to rethink its use of space. [Register](#) online....

LLAMA, June 10

[ALSC summer online courses](#)

ALSC has opened registration for its summer 2013 online courses, which begin July 15. ALSC online courses are designed to fit the needs of working professionals and are taught by experienced librarians and academics. Detailed descriptions of the six courses are available on the [ALSC website](#)....

ALSC, June 7

[Want to sit with Paula Poundstone at "The Laugh's on Us"?](#)

From June 12 to June 20, those who "like" the Facebook pages of [United for Libraries](#) or [SAGE Publications](#), or who follow either on Twitter, will be eligible to win two VIP tickets to "The Laugh's On Us," sponsored by SAGE, on June 30 during the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The winner and a guest will sit at a VIP table with Paula Poundstone during the event. [Enter the contest](#) at SAGE Publications' blog....

United for Libraries, June 11



["First Author, First Book" at Annual Conference](#)

United for Libraries will present "[First Author, First Book](#)" on June 30 at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. This traditional book event features first-time authors Janice Clark, Matthew Guinn, Amy Gail Hansen, Elliott Holt, Jason Mott, Jessica Soffer, and Kent Wascom. Learn about how they got published and their writing disciplines....



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Digital Library of the Week



What tends to be 3.5 inches tall and 10 inches long? Postcards created in a panoramic view format. More than [400 oversized panoramic postcards](#) have been added to the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs online catalog. The library received most of the postcards as copyright deposits in 1905–1909. Thirty-nine different states are represented.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#) Browse previous Digital Libraries of the Week at the [Love Libraries](#) site. Check out our [Featured Digital Libraries Pinterest board.](#)

Noted and Quoted

"Chatting with

United for Libraries, June 11

[Network with ASCLA and COSLA](#)

Come celebrate and network with ASCLA and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies at the [ASCLA/COSLA Reception](#) on June 29. Whether you're a current ASCLA member or you're interested in the division's work with library services to people with disabilities, accessibility, state library agencies, library consultants, independent librarians, networks, cooperatives, and consortia, you are welcome to attend....

ASCLA Blog, June 10

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Awards & Grants

[White House honors "Champions of Change"](#)

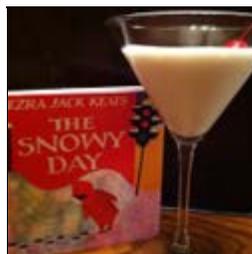
On June 11, the White House honored 12 people as library and museum "[Champions of Change](#)." This event focused on librarians and curators who make a difference for their neighborhoods and for the nation. The program features groups of Americans who are doing extraordinary things to empower and inspire members of their communities. Eight librarians were honored: Harriet Coalter, Sue Considine, Jamie Hollier, Jennifer Manley, Homa Naficy, Gloria Tibbs, Sandy Tharp-Thee, and Matthew Winner....

Institute for Museum and Library Services, June 10

[A 75th anniversary toast to the Caldecott Medal](#)

The Caldecott 75th Anniversary Task Force encourages you to dress to impress for this year's [red carpet and banquet festivities](#) on June 30. Pay homage to banquets of yesteryear with a vintage outfit or retro accessories. Or offer a nod to Caldecott titles with a thematic ensemble: There will be many "borrowed" hats this year. Whether at home or in your hotel room prior to the red-carpet event, consider mixing a special Caldecococktail....

ALSC Blog, June 9



[2013 ASCLA Leadership and Professional Achievement Award](#)

Betsy Diamant-Cohen (right) has been named the recipient of the 2013 ASCLA Leadership and Professional Achievement Award, an honor presented to an ASCLA member exemplifying leadership and achievement in consulting, library cooperation, networking, statewide services and programs, or state library development. Diamant-Cohen was cited for her development of the "Mother Goose on the Loose" program, which has revolutionized the way storytimes are presented to young children at libraries across the country....

ASCLA, June 10



[Ruth Nussbaum wins Cathleen Bourdon Award](#)

Ruth Nussbaum (right), retired reference librarian at the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically

librarians is, for someone like myself, akin to rubbing shoulders with household gods."

—Elizabeth Bastos, "[Learning to Love a New Library](#)," Book Riot, June 11.

"Local libraries are crucial to the civic health of a community. The ability to obtain information is a fundamental right in a functioning democracy. And to dump the library in the name of budget cuts is like burning down your house to save on the electric bill."

—Editorial, "[All Libraries Matter](#)," *Bergen (N.J.) Record*, March 28, 2011.

@ [More quotes...](#)

Calendar

July 4–7:

[Early Book Society](#),

Biennial Conference, University of St.

Andrews, Fife,

Scotland. "Networks of

Influence: Readers,

Owners, and Makers of

MSS and Printed

Books, 1350–1550."

July 13–16:

[American Association of Law Libraries](#),

Annual Meeting and Conference,

Washington State

Convention Center,

Seattle. "Rethink Your

Value."

July 18–21:

[Society for the History of](#)

Handicapped of the Library of Congress, is the recipient of the 2013 Cathleen Bourdon Service Award for exceptional service to and sustained leadership for ASCLA. She was cited for having been at the front lines of library service and ASCLA activities, initiating positive changes and improvements to library services for people with disabilities....

ASCLA, June 11



2013 ASCLA Francis Joseph Campbell Award

Jill Lewis (right), former director of the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, is the 2013 recipient of the ASCLA Francis Joseph Campbell Award. The award is presented to a person or institution that has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of library service for the blind and physically handicapped. Lewis, who retired from the library in 2012, was selected for her significant impact on library services in Maryland....

ASCLA, June 10



Devon Greyson wins Jesse Shera Award

ALA's Library Research Round Table has given the 2013 Jesse H. Shera Award for the Support of Dissertation Research to Devon Greyson (right) of the University of British Columbia for the dissertation "Health-related Information Practices and the Experiences of Childbearing and Parenting Youth." Greyson is cited for contributing to ongoing research in information use in health and social issues by identifying the use and application of e-resources by individuals who are already at risk....

Office for Research and Statistics, June 11



Friends groups win Baker & Taylor Awards

Three Friends groups will be recognized with Baker & Taylor Awards during the United for Libraries Gala Author Tea on July 1 at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The winners are the Friends of the L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library in Eau Claire, Wisconsin; the St. Tammany Library Foundation in Mandeville, Louisiana; and the Friends of the Atascadero (Calif.) Library. Each group will receive a \$1,000 check and a clock from Baker & Taylor to honor their achievements....

United for Libraries, June 11

2013 Outstanding Trustee Conference Grant

Dot Lindsey, since 2004 a member of the board of trustees of the Rangeview Library District in Thornton, Colorado, is the winner of the 2013 Gale Outstanding Trustee Conference Grant, administered by United for Libraries. A grant of \$850 enables a public library trustee to attend the ALA Annual Conference. Lindsey served as cochair of a successful 2006 mill levy campaign....

United for Libraries, June 11

ALSC scholarship winners

ALSC has announced six scholarship winners for the 2013–2014 academic year. Each year, ALSC provides the Bound to Stay Bound Books and Melcher Scholarships to help advance the profession of

Authorship, Reading, and Publishing

Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
"Geographies of the Book."

Aug. 11–17: Council of State Archivists / Society of American Archivists

Joint Meeting, Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

Aug. 23–24: Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Savannah.

Oct. 8–10: Middle East Librarians Association

Annual Meeting, Monroe Library, Loyola University, New Orleans.

Oct. 18–19: American Printing History Association

Annual Conference, Grolier Club, New York, New York. "Seeing Color/Printing Color."

Oct. 21–22: Southeastern Library Assessment Conference

The Georgian Terrace Hotel Atlanta.

Nov. 7–10: American Society for Theatre Research / Theatre Library Association

Joint Conference, Fairmont Dallas Hotel, Texas.
"The Post-Thematic

children's librarianship. Recipients must complete their academic work at an ALA-accredited institution. Four winners were awarded the \$7,000 Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship and two winners were awarded the \$6,000 Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship....

ALSC, June 7

[Friends of ALSC preconference grant winners](#)

ALSC and the Friends of ALSC have awarded two grants to attend the 2013 ALSC preconference, "[A Wild Ride: 75 Years of the Caldecott Medal.](#)" The winners of the scholarship are Pamela Mann, Morgan County (W.Va.) Public Library; and Angela Reynolds, Annapolis Valley (N.S.) Regional Library. Mann and Reynolds were chosen from a pool of more than 25 well-qualified applicants....

ALSC, June 7

[National Digital Stewardship Alliance Innovation Awards](#)

Two individuals and two projects have been recognized for their contributions to innovation in digital stewardship by the National Digital Stewardship Alliance Innovation Working Group. They are: Martin Gengenbach of the Gates Archive for his work documenting digital forensics tools and workflows; Kimberley Schroeder of Wayne State University in Detroit, where she formed the first NDSA Student Group; the California Digital Library's [DataUp](#); and the [Archive Team](#)....

The Signal: Digital Preservation, June 11

[Mock BEA BookExpo Awards](#)

Char Gwizdala writes: "Librarians, booksellers, publishers, and power readers gathered at the 2013 BookExpo America, which featured celebrity, best-selling, and new authors as well as a very special little feline. Yes, Grumpy Cat, whose real name is Tardar Sauce, blessed BookExpo with her presence to promote her new book *The Grumpy Book* and won the Best Sign Promoting a Celebrity Appearance Award (right). Here are the other long-awaited (okay, but maybe not so reverent) 2013 BookExpo awards."...

Char, June 5



[A. M. Homes wins 2013 Women's Prize for Fiction](#)

American author A. M. Homes has won the 2013 Women's Prize for Fiction for her sixth novel *May We Be Forgiven*. The novel [focuses](#) on how a shocking act of violence changes the lives of Harry Silver, a historian and Nixon scholar, and his brother George, a high-flying TV executive with a beautiful wife and two children. Known from 1996 to 2012 as the Orange Prize for Fiction, the Women's Prize for Fiction celebrates excellence, originality, and accessibility in women's writing throughout the world. Watch Homes [discuss](#) her work (29:05)....

Women's Prize for Fiction; BBC News, June 5; YouTube, June 7



[Kevin Barry wins IMPAC Award](#)

Irish writer Kevin Barry won the [2013 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award](#) of €100,000 (\$155,690 US) June 6, the largest prize for a single work of fiction published in English, for his debut novel *City of Bohane*. The novel imagines a future for the west of

Conference."

Jan. 9–12:

[Modern Language Association](#), Annual Convention, Chicago.

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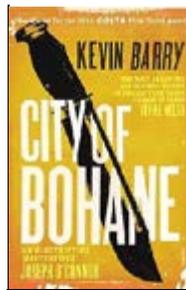


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Ireland stripped of technology, in which gangsters deliver vengeance on foot or by tram in a world without cars, laptops, or cellphones. *City of Bohane* beat 153 other titles nominated by 160 libraries from 44 countries....

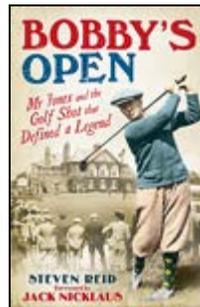
The Guardian (UK), June 7; International IMPAC



[2013 Times Sports Book of the Year Award](#)

Independent publisher Icon Books has won the *Times* Sports Book of the Year Award with Steven Reid's *Bobby's Open: Mr. Jones and the Golf Shot that Defined a Legend*. The winning title was selected by a public vote, with more than 3,000 casting a ballot, and had previously won the Best Golf Book at the British Sports Book Awards. Reid tells the story of how Jones won his first Open Championship in 1926....

The Bookseller, June 11



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Libraries in the News

[Santa Monica College library remains closed](#)

Santa Monica (Calif.) College reopened June 10, three days after a shooting rampage that left six people dead, including the suspected gunman. All buildings and services were open as of 7 a.m., with the exception of the library, where 23-year-old John Zawahri was killed in a shootout with police on June 7. The library, which is being treated as a crime scene, will reopen June 17. Some students who were there [recalled their experiences](#) in the library that afternoon. A vigil to remember the victims took place in front of the library on June 10....

KTTLA-TV, Los Angeles, June 10; *Los Angeles Times*, June 7

[Glen Ellyn reinstates Perks](#)

The Glen Ellyn, Illinois, school board has rescinded its ban on acclaimed novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. In a [6-1 vote](#) on June 10, the board returned the book to classroom collections at Hadley Junior High School, thanks in large part to a grassroots campaign that garnered the support of students, teachers, parents, and even bestselling author Judy Blume. Blume said a few words against the ban at the Printer's Row Literary Fest in Chicago, and two Glen Ellyn students (above) filmed an effective pro-*Perks* [video](#) (1:58) and emailed it to school board members the previous weekend. The book had been in classrooms until April, when a parent [complained](#) about its content....



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Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, June 11; *Arlington Heights (Ill.) Daily Herald*, June 11; YouTube, June 7; Youth Free Expression Project, June 6

[LAC deal would privatize Canadian documents](#)

Library and Archives Canada has entered a hush-hush deal with a private high-tech consortium, [Canadiana](#), that would hand over exclusive rights to publicly owned books and artifacts for 10 years in return for their digitization. The plan was scheduled to be announced publicly on June 14, but may have been [delayed](#) until the fall. According to documents obtained by the *Ottawa Citizen*, a gag order has been placed on everyone involved in the project. LAC staff and others told about the plan have had to sign nondisclosure clauses....

Ottawa (Ont.) Citizen, June 12; CBC News, June 11



[California libraries join the fight against summer hunger](#) (PDF file)



In many California communities, schools closing for the summer break can mean an end to learning or enrichment opportunities and limited access to healthy food. The California Library Association and California Summer Meal Coalition have announced a partnership to bring together public library summer literacy programs and summer meals in an effort to combat summer learning loss and summer hunger. The partnership will focus its efforts on libraries in Fresno, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Diego counties. West Chicago (Ill.) Public Library has a [similar cooperative program](#)....

California Library Association, June 3; *Chicago Tribune*, June 10

[Ogden finds funds to hire school librarians](#)

Ogden (Utah) School District Superintendent Brad Smith said June 10 the district has found additional funding sources that will allow it to hire seven librarians for the coming school year. The seven librarians hired will be charged with creating a program to serve schools in the future. The news follows the April 26 announcement that all 20 of the district's teacher-librarians would lose their jobs because their positions were being eliminated in an effort to cut costs....

Ogden (Utah) Standard-Examiner, June 10

[Eagle Scout creates giant Scrabble set for library](#)

Poor eyesight can no longer be an excuse for not playing Scrabble at the Highland Township (Mich.) Public Library. Vincent Alcorn, a Lakeland High School senior, made sure of that by creating a giant Scrabble set for the library for his Eagle Scout project.



Alcorn, part of the Highland library's Teen Advisor Board, said he worked with librarian Dawn Dittmar to come up with the idea."...

Detroit Observer and Eccentric, May 9

[Librarian turns catalog cards into art](#)

On a wall in the corner of Greenfield (Mass.) Community College's Nahman-Watson Library, 128 artifacts from the library's card catalog hang preserved in a glass case, signed by the authors who penned the very books to which the cards once led. The project was



14 years in the making for librarian Hope Schneider (right), who sent the cards to local authors and artists, asking if they would sign their card and make some contribution to the display. Responses slowly trickled back....

Boston Herald, June 8

[Brown is the new green](#)

Pierce County (Wash.) Library System officials are saying "brown is the new green" as they plan to not water the lawn at 12 of its locations this summer. Of its 19 library properties (18 branches and the main administrative center), the library will not water lawns at the 12 locations that have grass. By not watering its lawn, Marketing and Community Relations Director Mary Getchell said the library system will save money and water resources....

Lakewood-Joint Base Lewis-McChord (Wash.) Patch, June 7



[Invisible men](#)

Charlie Savage writes: "The prison library at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, is housed in a prefabricated building behind chain-link fencing and razor wire inside Camp Delta, an older, largely disused wing of the complex. Inside, the place has the feel of a branch library, with several rooms of books divided by language and genre—but its patrons may not browse the stacks. Instead, the chief librarian, a civilian who asks to be identified as 'Milton' for security reasons, fills plastic bins with about 50 books and takes them to each cellblock once a week."...

New York Times, June 11

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Issues

[NSA, privacy, and the PATRIOT Act](#)

Tom Simonite and Rachel Metz write: "Of the two big US surveillance projects that came to light in early June, the one that might seem less startling (the fact that the National Security Agency gathers Verizon's US call records) troubled privacy activists more than the report that the NSA can get user data such as emails and photographs held by [internet companies](#), including Google and Facebook. That's because details of the [phone surveillance](#) suggest that NSA has broadened its interpretation of the 2001 USA PATRIOT Act in ways that allow for the mass collection of information about American citizens." The ACLU filed a [lawsuit](#) on June 11 against the Obama administration. The Associated Press has a [helpful Q&A](#). Sean Gallagher explains what the [NSA can actually do](#) with this data, and Barbara Fister offers some [perspective](#)....

MIT Technology Review, June 7; PC Magazine, June 7; Wired: Gadget Lab, June 6; New York Times, June 11; Associated Press, June 6; Ars Technica, June 12; Inside Higher Ed, June 10



[Whistleblowers who changed American history](#)

Annalee Newitz writes: "In early June, Ed Snowden confessed to leaking NSA documents proving that the agency had been wiretapping millions of innocent



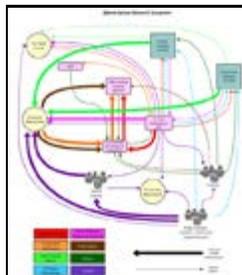
Americans. But he's hardly the first American to risk everything by leaking evidence of secret abuses. Here are some whistleblowers who changed US history."...

io9, June 10

[A federated system for public access to research](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "As federal agencies scramble to meet an August 22 deadline to comply with a recent White House directive to expand public access to research ([PDF file](#)), a group of university and library organizations says it has a workable, higher-education-driven solution. In early June, the Association of American Universities, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, and the Association of Research Libraries are offering a plan they call the Shared Access Research Ecosystem, or Share ([PDF file](#))."

Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus, June 7; US Office of Science and Technology Policy, Feb. 22; Association of Research Libraries, June 7



[Q&A about Common Core standards](#)

A backlash against the Common Core standards has hit the radio talk shows and internet blogs in recent weeks. Some prominent conservatives, including talk show host Glenn Beck and writer-activist Phyllis Schlafly, have been attacking the effort as a dangerous threat from the Obama administration. The new standards have the backing of major business groups, including the US Chamber of Commerce. Here is some information to help educators respond to frequently asked questions about the standards....

eSchool News, June 11

[The traditional library](#)

Kim Leeder writes: "Librarians make frequent reference to the 'traditional library,' yet there is no accepted definition of the term. Responding to a debate that began at the 2013 ACRL Conference, I offer the results of a literature survey that explores the rhetorical usage and meaning of the phrase. Results indicate that the 'traditional library' is commonly defined as a physical space emphasizing physical collections, and is often invoked as a counterpoint to the modern or digital library."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, June 5



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Tech Talk

[Everything you need to know about iOS 7](#)

The *MacWorld* staff write: "Apple took the wraps off iOS 7 June 10 at this week's Worldwide Developer Conference. To be released later this year, iOS 7 is a dramatic reinvention of its mobile software that goes beyond mere additions and enhancements. Apple is changing the very



look of iOS itself. Something as different as iOS 7 is going to raise questions. Fortunately, we have some answers." But Eric Mack [says](#) "it seemed to amount to Apple playing catch-up, and mostly to Android." Rachel Metz takes a [closer look](#)....
MacWorld, June 11; *CNET News: Crave*, June 12; *MIT Technology Review*, June 10

[OCLC completes major WorldCat technical upgrade](#)

On June 6, OCLC completed the development work to convert the underlying structure for its WorldCat database to Apache HBase, a distributed platform in use by many global information providers, including Facebook, Adobe, and Salesforce.com. The Apache Hadoop software collection is a framework that allows for the distributed processing of large data sets across clusters of computers and provides better handling of very large datasets....
OCLC, June 10

[Too many passwords?](#)

David Pogue writes: "Most Mac and Windows web browsers now offer to memorize passwords for you. But that feature doesn't work on all websites, and is generally of little help when you pick up your phone or tablet. At that point, the only person you've locked out of all your online accounts is you. The only decent solution is to install a dedicated password memorization program. In late May, one of the best was just improved: [Dashlane](#), now at 2.0."...



New York Times: Personal Tech, June 5

[10 tips for typing on a tablet](#)

Doug Johnson writes: "One of the biggest concerns expressed by teachers about using the iPad is how difficult it is to enter text on the device. While I still use a regular keyboard for any longer writing projects, I am increasingly using the iPad for responding to email, taking notes, updating my calendar, and other shorter writing tasks. Here are a few things I've learned that makes the job a little easier for old dogs learning these new tricks."...

The Blue Skunk Blog, June 10

[How to use Safe Mode to fix your Windows PC](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "The Windows Safe Mode is an essential tool. On computers infected with malware or crashing because of buggy drivers, Safe Mode may be the only way to start the computer. Safe Mode boots a computer without loading any third-party software or drivers, so it's a great way to remove problem-causing software without that software getting in the way."...

How-To Geek, June 7



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E-Content

[The push for expanded ebook access](#)

Barbara Stripling, Marijke Visser, Sari Feldman, and Robert Wolven write: "Just over a year ago, the ALA Executive Board [directed](#) the Digital Content and Libraries Working Group (DCWG) to pursue more aggressive strategies to get ebooks into the hands of library patrons at a reasonable cost and under reasonable terms to libraries. This was to take the form of developing stronger messaging with the media, looking at collection-development alternatives to buying ebooks from the Big Six, and building a broader support base among stakeholders."...

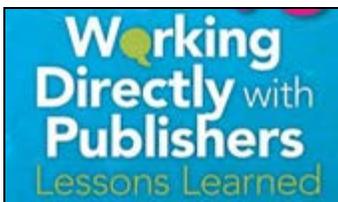
American Libraries feature; *AL: E-Content*, Apr. 27, 2012



[Working directly with publishers: Lessons learned](#)

Rochelle Logan writes: "Not all publishers are created equal. It seems publishers are becoming the bad guys because many of the biggest companies have placed various restrictions on our use of their content. However, lumping all trade, reference, and scholarly publishers together is not fair to those who have been willing to work with librarians. Nor is it accurate to say that most publishers don't value what we do for the nation's book culture."...

American Libraries feature



[Connecticut law calling for ebook library study passed](#)

Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy signed the ebook–public library study legislation (An Act Concerning a Study Regarding the Availability of Electronic Books to Users of Public Libraries, HB 5614) into law on June 6. The law requires the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to conduct a study to survey "whether and how book publishers and third-party electronic book distributors sell, license, or otherwise make electronic books available to users of public libraries in this state."...

State of Connecticut, June 6

[Academe not yet ready for e-textbooks](#)

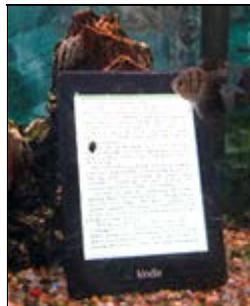
Jeremy Greenfield writes: "The e-textbook revolution is still waiting to start. Students and professors are still not adopting the use of digital textbooks in any great numbers, according to the [latest data](#) from Bowker Market Research, presented June 11 in a Digital Book World webcast. Further, the percentage of students who are using them has remained flat over the past few semesters."...

Digital Book World, May 31, June 11

[Waterproof Kindle Paperwhite](#)

Nathan Groezinger writes: "On May 28, I posted about a new [waterproof Kindle Paperwhite](#) from a company called Waterfi. They were nice enough to lend me one for review, so I did some tests to see if it really is waterproof. On the surface, the waterproof Kindle Paperwhite looks exactly the same as my regular Kindle Paperwhite. There's no visible coating over the screen or anywhere else. All the waterproofing is done internally, so on the outside both devices look identical."...

The eBook Reader Blog, May 28, June 4



[The radio-book was the future of education](#)

Matt Novak writes: "New technologies often go through a honeymoon phase where educators hold them up as the futuristic savior of learning. The techno-utopian educational technology of the 1920s was radio. The November 1924 *Science and Invention* explained: 'Little Mary Jane will enjoy her radio lessons as much as she now enjoys her bedtime stories. . . . A complete set in the shape of a leatherette-covered book will take the place of bulky primers and readers. Homework will now be a great joy.'"...

Gizmodo: Paleofuture, May 21



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Books & Reading

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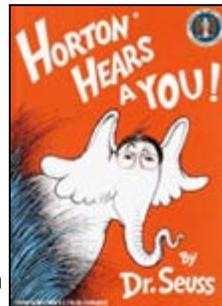
Farhad Manjoo writes: "I'm going to keep this brief, because you're not going to stick around for long. I've already lost a bunch of you. For every 161 people who landed on this page, about 61 of you—38%—are already gone. You 'bounced' in web traffic jargon, meaning you spent no time 'engaging' with this page at all. So here's the story: Only a small number of you are reading all the way through articles on the web."...

Slate, June 6

[NSA surveillance, told through kid lit](#)

As news of the National Security Agency's secret surveillance programs spread in early June, Twitter did what it does best: mockery. User Darth asked followers to contribute titles for #NSAKidsBooks, which were then turned into beautifully hilarious works of art. Darth allowed *The Guardian* to share them. Shown at right: Dr. Seuss's *Horton Hears a You*, with Horton transformed into NSA Director Keith Alexander....

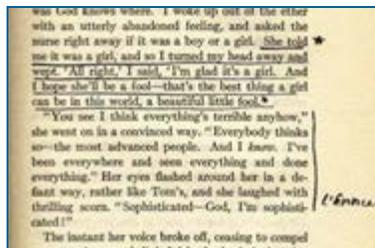
The Guardian (UK), June 9



[Classic books annotated by famous authors](#)

Emily Temple writes: "There's great pleasure to be found in paging through marked-up copies of other people's books—particularly when the original owners were famous writers themselves. Whether scribbled or printed, snide or appreciative, an author's annotations give equal insight into the book and the reader, and double as yet another reason to buy physical books. Check out the marginalia in these books by famous authors."...

Flavorwire, May 28

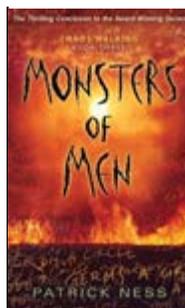


[Beginning to end and back again](#)

Teen blogger Annie writes: "I always remember exactly what was happening around me when I finished any series. I remember where I was and the time I finished; I remember the weather that day; I

remember exactly how many times my siblings interrupted my reading. This is odd, because I usually block out anything and everything when I read. The incredible emotional impact that last book has just seems to heighten the senses. I remember finishing the Chaos Walking series on a Friday after school.”...

YALSA The Hub, June 6



[25 signs that you are addicted to books](#)

Summer Anne Burton writes: “The first step is admitting it. The second step is to keep right on reading.” Some signs are: You’ve been traumatized by some things that “only” happened in books you read. The picture window in your wallet displays your library card instead of your driver’s license. Walking by a closed bookstore is torture....

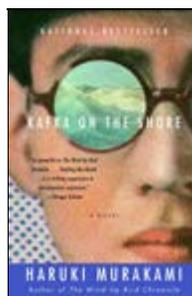
Buzzfeed, May 24



[10 great books starring cats](#)

Emily Temple writes: “Looking for something that’s kind of like a cat video, but a little more literary? Writers have long been inspired by their pets, and particularly, it seems, by their cats. It’s not surprising then that our feline friends figure prominently in some great books, from Russian classics to YA masterpieces to that one book everyone has definitely read. Here are 10 of the greatest books starring kitties of every persuasion.”...

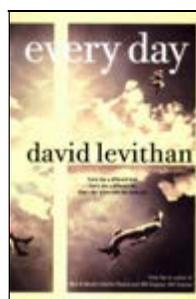
Flavorwire, June 10



[GeoGuessr and YA lit](#)

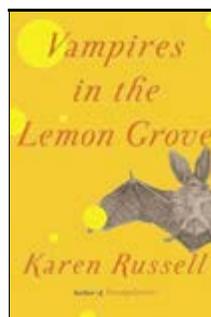
Allison Tran writes: “Like many people, I’ve developed a fondness for a little game called [GeoGuessr](#) over the past few weeks. The game presents you with a Google Street View of somewhere in the world, and your goal is to identify the mystery location based on what you see. What I love about this game is the feeling of being dropped in the middle of nowhere and having to figure out where you are. Playing GeoGuessr makes me think of YA novels where characters are thrown into a situation that requires them to navigate almost blindly.”...

YALSA The Hub, June 5



[Highbrow books to read on the beach](#)

Emily Temple writes: “For even the most seasoned of book nerds, a trip to the beach can raise some difficult questions. After all, you don’t want to waste your precious vacation minutes reading something you’ll forget by the time your suntan fades, but a beach towel is also (probably) not the ideal location to tackle *Ulysses*. Here is a list of 20 decidedly highbrow but still totally beach-appropriate books, all of which have come out in the months since last summer.”...



Flavorwire, May 23

[Bookish flooring and wallpaper](#)

Derek Attig writes: "Unsurprisingly, the Seattle Public Library, that icon of bookish design, has set the gold standard for bookish floor patterns. On the first floor, almost as soon as you enter the building, you find 7,200 square feet of wood flooring designed by artist Ann Hamilton (right). A bit more within reach for the rest of us might be amazing floor coverings made from books or a literary area rug." [Wallpaper](#) is also a possibility, including the [Penguin Library pattern](#)....



Book Riot, June 4, 11; Bookshelf, June 4

[A brief guide to Bookstagram](#)

Kate Scott writes: "The popularity of Bookstagram, the book community on Instagram, is raging right now. Here's the scoop on all the hottest bookish hashtags for your viewing pleasure."...

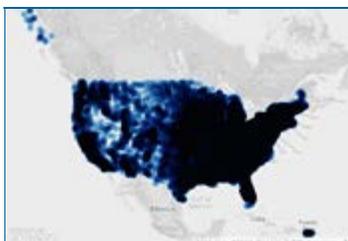
Book Riot, June 7

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Tips & Ideas

[Every library in the US, mapped](#)

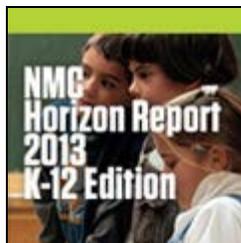
Justin Grimes, a statistician with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, created this map (right) during the [National Day of Civic Hacking](#), June 1–2, as part of a [Public Library/Museum Data Challenge](#) using the US National Center for Education Statistics [dataset](#). Each of those dots on the map represents an individual branch or main library (and a few bookmobiles) out of a total of 9,000 public library systems. Emily Badger writes: "In fact, libraries serve 96.4% of the US population ([PDF file](#)), a reach any fast-food franchise can only dream of." Here are some other ways libraries and museums [participated](#)....



The Atlantic Cities, June 7; *Public Libraries in the United States Survey: Fiscal Year 2010*; UpNext: The IMLS Blog, June 7

[2013 Horizon Report: K–12](#)

A new fifth edition in the annual K–12 series of the New Media Consortium Horizon Project examines emerging technologies for their potential impact on and use in teaching, learning, and creative inquiry within the environment of pre-college education. Six emerging technologies are identified: cloud computing, mobile learning, learning analytics, open content, 3D printing, and virtual and remote laboratories....



New Media Consortium, June

[ProQuest reinvents Dialog](#)

A completely rebuilt Dialog information service made its debut at the annual conference of the Special Libraries Association in San Diego, California, June 9–11. Specializing in engineering, pharmaceuticals, and patent research, ProQuest Dialog has been modernized to make it intuitive and accessible to users of all skill levels. Dialog was the first commercial online information service, launched in 1966 under the



direction of Roger K. Summit. ProQuest acquired it from Thomson Reuters in 2008....

ProQuest, June 10

[Rebecca Miller named *Library Journal* editor](#)

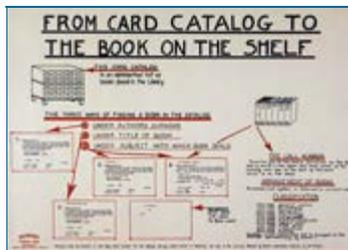
Rebecca T. Miller (right), editor-in-chief of *School Library Journal*, has accepted the position of editorial director of library journals, effective immediately. She will serve as editor-in-chief for both *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal*. Michael Kelley, previously editor-in-chief of *Library Journal*, has left the company....



Library Journal: InfoDocket, June 10

[Library infographics, 1930s style](#)

Michael Lieberman writes: "Nowadays, the visualization of data is all the rage. It seems each new study or piece of research is turned into an image. I'm not so sure this was as common in the 1930s and 1940s when these visual aids were printed.



This series of posters was produced under the supervision of noted library educator Ruby Ethel Cundiff (1890–1972) for the library school course in Teaching the Use of the Library at the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee, and was rescued from the trash in 2003."...

Book Patrol, June 10

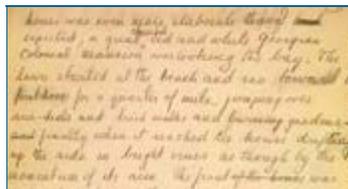
[Getting serious about genealogy](#)

Harold Henderson writes: "Where to go when you need to find people who take genealogy as seriously as you do? As befits a volunteer-driven community with little formal, economic, or academic infrastructure, genealogy offers a variety of places, but they are obvious neither to the newcomer nor to the long-time hobbyist becoming aware of additional dimensions to this fascinating pursuit. Here are some suggestions, in rough order beginning with the least demanding, costly, and formal."...

Midwestern Microhistory: A Genealogy Blog, June 3

[Princeton digitizes *The Great Gatsby* manuscript](#)

The Princeton University Library has digitized the [handwritten manuscript](#) and [corrected galley](#)s of F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel and made them available online. Viewers can see the text at various stages of development, from Fitzgerald's [earliest ideas](#) about the novel to the galley's that would become the final book. All of them feature numerous corrections and notes in his own hand....



Times of Trenton (N.J.), June 10

[Focus on Mexican books at](#)

[BookExpo](#) (in Spanish)

Jesus Alonso-Regalado writes: "Este año, BookExpo (May 29–June 1 in New York City) nos ofrecía algo de interés. Su 'Global Market Forum' se centraba en la industria editorial mexicana. Esta ocasión ofrecía una



excelente oportunidad para dialogar sobre la situación actual del libro mexicano en la feria del libro más importante de Estados Unidos de América. El programa se presentaba bajo el lema 'Reading México' ([PDF file](#))."

Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, June 10

[Building your own website for free](#)



Azadeh Ensha writes: "Personal websites have been around a long time. Just ask anyone with an old Angelfire or GeoCities page. But now, internet users have a dizzying array of free, feature-rich services to choose from—no coding skills required. Here is a roundup featuring some free platforms, broken down by category" such as general-purpose, shopping and small business, and portfolio websites—the last for showcasing résumés to best advantage....

New York Times: Personal Tech, June 5

[So you have blue hair](#)

Elinor Crosby (right) writes: "Or maybe you have fully tattooed arms, or a labret or septum piercing, or stretched ears. Can you still get a job looking the way that you prefer to look? I feel that the answer is a resounding yes. Is your alternative style going to be more acceptable at an urban public library than a rural one? Also likely yes. This is for all my fellow 'alternative looking' librarians out there who are on the job hunt."...



INALJ, June 10

[STEM programming in libraries](#)

Angela Critics writes: "There is a growing movement to include more STEM content in library programming. But ideas that work in a classroom don't always work in a library. A librarian could spend hours searching websites and Pinterest for activities and still have to pull it all together in a program plan. The [Simply STEM wiki](#) is a place where librarians can share and find complete plans as well as more general ideas." The idea sprang from a spring ALSC course, *STEM Programming Made Easy*, which will be [offered again](#) in July....

Simply STEM

[World's first green library for children opens in Singapore](#)

The world's first green library for children opened its doors May 31 in Singapore at its Central Public Library. Conceptualized and built with environmental sustainability in mind, the library (called "My Tree House") is said to be the first in the world to be built on environmental principles from design and infrastructure to the use of sustainable material. There are some 45,000 books in the library, a third of which are green-themed, covering animals, plants, nature, water, weather, environment, recycling, and climate change....



Eco-Business, June 3

[Eight overlooked but useful YouTube tools](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "When most people think about YouTube they think about sharing videos or about all of the videos they can discover. Most people don't think about the useful editing tools that are built into YouTube. The YouTube video editor has some useful features for teachers and students."...

Free Technology for Teachers, June 10

[Alleluia flash mob choir in Valladolid library](#)

Patrons in the reading room of the Public Library of Valladolid, Spain, were pleasantly surprised on June 20, 2012, when the song *Wana Baraka* (a Christian Kenyan folk song) began to ring out unexpectedly, performed by The Good News Gospel Choir. The rough translation is "They have a baraka (gift), ushini (victory), and upendo (love), for those who in fellowship come to Jesus."...

GodTube, June 4



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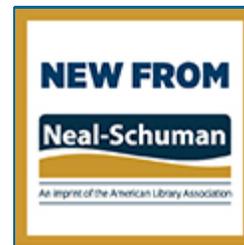
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American Libraries Online

[ALA annual report highlights initiatives](#)

ALA has released its [2011–2012 Annual Report](#), an overview of the Association's initiatives and accomplishments on behalf of the library profession. The report highlights the key initiatives of former ALA President Molly Raphael, which centered on her theme, "Empowering Voices." The report also underscores how ALA supports the efforts of libraries in providing essential technological resources, protecting patron privacy, and promoting early childhood literacy....

Public Information Office, June 18



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ALA News

[Scholarship Bash to feature clever librarian sketches](#)

Unique, customized, library-related material will add a special zing to Chicago's legendary sketch comedy theater, "[The Best of the Second City](#)," when they bring some of the best sketches, songs, and improvisations from the Second City's 52-year history to the 2013 ALA Annual Conference. Offering attendees a good laugh while raising money for an important cause, the troupe will appear at the ALA/ProQuest Scholarship Bash on June 29 at McCormick Place....



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[ALA Annual Conference](#), Chicago, June 27–July 2. "[Best of the Second City](#)" brings custom-created, laugh-out-loud new library-related material, plus some of the best sketches, songs, and improvisations from Chicago's legendary Second City's 52-year history to McCormick Place, Saturday, June 29, 8–10 p.m. Sign up when you register for the conference, or go back and add this year's ALA/ProQuest Scholarship Bash now.

Conference Services, June 13

[Now Showing @ ALA](#)

Back by popular demand, the [“Now Showing @ ALA Film Program”](#) will offer a variety of films and documentaries throughout Annual Conference from Saturday through Monday. Many will offer a chance to meet the film’s writer, director, or subjects. On Saturday morning, filmmakers Dawn Logsdon and Lucie Faulknor will present a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the making of their multiplatform documentary in progress, [Free For All: Inside the Public Library](#), that explores the history, spirit, and challenges of the free public library....

Conference Services



[The \\$84 question: Why libraries matter](#)

Attend the [PR Forum](#) on June 30 at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference to hear branding expert, NYU professor, and *Forbes* contributor David Vinjamuri (right) speak on branding and ebooks. Vinjamuri says: “Ebooks are expensive and harder to source than print books, but the current environment presents some unique opportunities to position libraries for the next generation.”...

Public Information Office, June 18



[Susan Crawford to anchor the Washington Update](#)

Susan Crawford (right), telecommunications policy expert and former White House assistant, will share insights about national technology policy and implications for the library community at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference on June 29 at the [“Washington Update.”](#) Crawford focuses on a broad range of information policy that includes open government initiatives, internet law, and communications law....

Washington Office, June 17



[Libraries and health insurance](#)

Is your library prepared to deal with the rush of patrons who will need help completing Affordable Care Act applications this year? In October, library patrons are expected to come to libraries in great numbers to learn about new insurance requirements and options available. To learn how to serve patrons on the new health program, participate in the session [“Libraries and Health Insurance: Preparing for October 1”](#) on June 30....

Office of Government Relations, June 17

[Helping patrons become citizens](#)

Learn how a newly launched website, [LibEGov](#), can help librarians serve their communities’ e-government needs regarding immigration and taxation on June 29 during the 2013 ALA Annual Conference.

[“How Do I Become A Citizen? Libraries and E-Government: Meeting](#)

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[The Needs of Your Community](#)" features John Bertot, Ursula Gorham-Oscilowski, and Natalie Greene of the University of Maryland's Information Policy and Access Center, and Jessica McGilvray of ALA's Washington Office...

Office of Government Relations, June 18

[Using US Census datasets](#)

How can you help your patrons use census figures? On June 29, join officials from the US Census Bureau for "[The Census, Your Patrons, and the DataFerrett](#)," a hands-on workshop that will teach participants to use census datasets. Stephen Laue, information services specialist for the US Census Bureau's Chicago Regional Office, will also show you how to use [DataFerrett](#), an analytical tool that searches and retrieves data across federal databases and creates complex tabulations, business graphics, and thematic maps....

Office of Government Relations, June 17



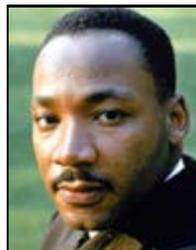
[School library tech trends](#)

Learn how public policy shapes K-12 education by attending "[National Public Policy, School Libraries, and Technology](#)," an interactive session during the 2013 Annual ALA Conference in Chicago on June 29. Speakers include Michelle Luhtala, department chair of the New Canaan (Conn.) High School Library; and Lisa Perez, network library coordinator of the Chicago Public Schools Department of Libraries....

Office for Information Technology Policy, June 17

[Share your tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

The Martin Luther King Jr. Task Force of the ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table and the Black Caucus of the American Library Association invite ALA Annual Conference attendees to record their reflections on how the work and legacy of Dr. King has inspired them in their careers as librarians and information professionals. [Tributes will be recorded](#) on video on the afternoon of June 30....



Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, June 17

[The big list of things to do at #ala2013](#)

PC Sweeney writes: "Once again, we have the obligatory blog post about what you need to do at this year's ALA Annual Conference. I'm excited about this year because we have the return of some great programs and events that started last year and we have some longer-running programs and events that just keep getting better. So, if you're wondering what you should absolutely go do at the conference, here they are."...

PC Sweeney's Blog, June 18

[Authors LIVE! in Chicago](#)

The Public Programs Office will present [26 critically acclaimed authors](#)—including Ellen Hopkins, Sara Paretsky, Susan Elizabeth Phillips, Matthew Quick, René Saldaña Jr., and Julia Sweeney—on the LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage, June 29–July 1, at the end of the 1600 aisle in the exhibits hall at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Most readings will be followed by an autograph session....

Public Programs Office, June 14

[Midwestern mystery authors showcased at](#)

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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.

Two magazine covers are shown: "AIR & SPACE INVASION & DRONES" and "Smithsonian Pompeii".

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[conference](#)

The Public Programs Office will present three emerging Midwestern voices as a part of Mystery Day on the PopTop Stage on June 29 at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The discussion panel at 11 a.m.–noon, "[Mystery Solved: Introducing New Mystery Writers to Library Audiences.](#)" will feature three up-and-coming mystery authors from the Midwest: Libby Fischer Hellmann, Eric Lundgren, and Peter Robertson....

Public Programs Office, June 14

[World's strongest librarian to appear](#)

United for Libraries will present "[Quirky Books for Quirkier Librarians](#)" on June 29 during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Such great writers as Josh Hanagarne ("the world's strongest librarian," right), Stephen Kiernan, John Scalzi, and Abby Stokes will talk with pride about their geeky—and often out-in-left-field—favorite topics....

United for Libraries, June 14



[Digital Literacy Task Force recommendations](#)

On June 14, the ALA Digital Literacy Task Force released its recommendations ([PDF file](#)) to advance and sustain library engagement in digital literacy initiatives nationwide. These recommendations build on the January 2013 Task Force report [Digital Literacy, Libraries, and Public Policy](#) and constitute a call to action on the part of the ALA, library education programs, front-line librarians, various funding bodies, and the diverse stakeholders who use and support library services....

District Dispatch, Jan. 24, June 14



[Join the national conversation about mental health](#)

The ALA Center for Civic Life is a partner in an effort announced by the White House to launch a national conversation called "Creating Community Solutions." The [Creating Community Solutions website](#) includes a map where you can locate local initiatives. You can also find people who can lead the discussion in your community. Be sure to sign up as a participant if you plan to host a conversation locally or participate in an online dialogue....

ALA Center for Civic Life, June 13



[ALA joins others to demand civil liberties](#)

ALA recently joined 86 other civil liberties groups, internet activists, and authors to sign an open letter to Congress ([Word file](#)), calling for a congressional investigative committee similar to the Church Committee of the 1970s. The letter is in response to the recent



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leaking of highly classified documents about the National Security Agency's monitoring of private internet and telephone communications....

Office of Government Relations, June 14

[ALA supports Treaty for the Blind](#)

ALA supports the Treaty for the Blind, an international agreement that would allow the lending of accessible content to print-disabled people around the world. The World Intellectual Property Organization diplomatic conference that will finalize the treaty began in Morocco on June 17. The treaty asks each member nation to establish a national exception that authorizes the making of accessible copies. You can follow the meeting via [livestream](#), [textstream](#), or on Twitter (hashtags [#WIPO](#) or [#books4blindtreaty](#))....

Office of Government Relations, June 17

[Garcia-Febo appointed to IFLA board](#)

Former Reforma president Loida Garcia-Febo (right) has been appointed to the governing board of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. She says that advocacy, multicultural populations, membership, technological innovation, new librarians, and strengthening IFLA will be among her top priorities. There were [10 vacancies](#) on the board; each will serve during the 2013–2015 term....

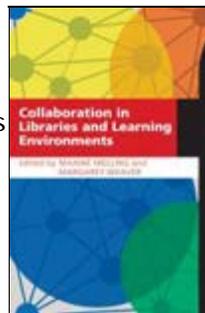
Reforma, June 13; IFLA, June 7



[The art of collaboration](#)

Collaborative networks are more important than ever. [Collaboration in Libraries and Learning Environments](#), published by Facet Publishing, recognizes and uncovers the innovations that leaders and practitioners are implementing to develop sustainable and creative support services. Editors Maxine Melling and Margaret Weaver consider the foundational principles that affect library services, offer case studies of changes that have already taken place, and show how various institutions are rising to the challenge....

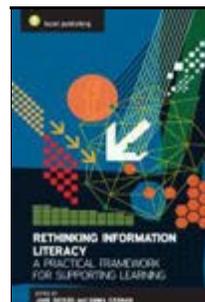
ALA Neal-Schuman, June 12



[Rethinking information literacy](#)

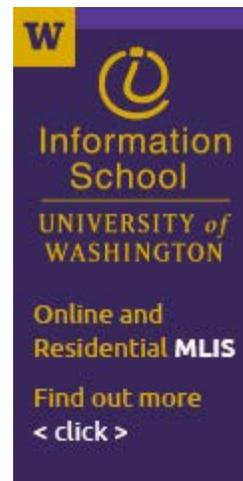
Based on research undertaken by editors Jane Secker and Emma Coonan as part of the prestigious Arcadia Program at Cambridge University, [Rethinking Information Literacy: A Practical Framework for Supporting Learning](#), published by Facet Publishing, presents a new and dynamic information literacy curriculum developed for the 21st-century information professional. The authors adopt a broad definition that encompasses social as well as academic environments....

ALA Neal-Schuman, June 14



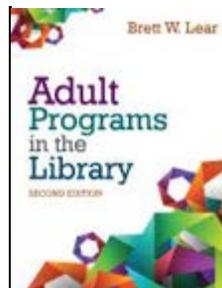
[Handbook for adult programs](#)

Programming is an important means not only of drawing new people to the library, but also better serving existing patrons. Brett W. Lear's invaluable guide [Adult Programs in the Library](#), published by ALA Editions, is back—and the second edition is better than ever, with refreshed, expanded content



and new ideas to reinvigorate programs and give them a 21st-century spin. The book includes a new section on technology, with ideas for online book discussions, offering programs via Skype, and turning programs into podcasts....

ALA Editions, June 13



[Weisburg's career planner](#)

School librarians know that making smart choices and planning strategically are the best ways to create a career that is both within their control and professionally fulfilling. In *School Librarian's Career Planner*, published by ALA Editions, school library authority Hilda K. Weisburg offers a hands-on roadmap for both long-time school librarians and those who have recently entered the profession with a background in education....

ALA Editions, June 17



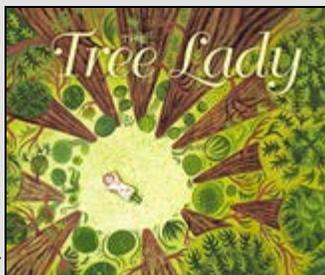
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Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Science for youth](#)

Hopkins, H. Joseph. *The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever*. Aug. 2013. Grades 1–3. 32p. Illustrated by Jill McElmurry. Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane, hardcover (978-1-4424-1402-0).



Katherine Olivia Sessions, who grew up in Northern California in the 1860s, always loved trees; she used to weave their leaves into necklaces and bracelets. Girls back then weren't supposed to get their hands dirty, "but Kate did." Girls were also discouraged from studying science, but Kate sure did, graduating from the University of California with a degree in science in 1881. Postgraduation, Kate moved to San Diego, a desert town with little greenery. She wrote to gardeners far and wide, seeking out seeds that would thrive in a harsh

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[When the Wind Blows](#)

(1986, UK). Jim Bloggs (voiced by John Mills) picks up a government nuclear-blast survival leaflet and a book from a Sussex library after the radio announces that a bomb will drop on Britain.



[Where the Heart Is](#)

(2000). Forney Hull (James Frain) takes over for his sister Mary Elizabeth (Margaret Hoard) as librarian in Sequoyah, Oklahoma, while she is bedridden from chronic alcoholism. He befriends single teen parent Novalee Nation (Natalie Portman)

desert climate, and by the turn of the century, oaks, eucalypti, and palms sprung up throughout the city. But Kate's biggest planting project would come in 1915....

[Top 10 biographies for youth: 2013](#)



Ilene Cooper writes: "Legendary figures—from Mata Hari to Mahalia Jackson, the Marquis de Lafayette to Martin Luther King—appear in these best biographies for young readers. The titles were chosen from books reviewed in *Booklist* between June 1, 2012, and May 15, 2013." In *Martin and Mahalia: His Words, Her Song*, author Andrea Davis Pinkney and illustrator Brian Pinkney "use their considerable talents to weave together the stories of Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahalia Jackson, who forged a collaboration that carried them to King's speech at the Lincoln Memorial."...

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Chicago Update

[Best Comedy Clubs in Chicago](#)

If the Second City performance at Saturday's Scholarship Bash inspires you to seek out more comedy venues, you are in luck. As *Chicago* magazine's Jenna Marotta writes: "The sheer volume of comedic choices here can be paralyzing. So our reporter visited scads of comedy shops around town to separate the hilarious from the hideous. A dozen destinations made the cut. Read on for her expert picks."...

Chicago magazine, Apr. 2012



[Crown Fountain](#)

One of the highlights in Chicago's Millennium Park is the spectacular Crown Fountain. Its two glass towers are illuminated with [LED lighting](#) that shows video clips of the faces of Chicagoans. (Each face appears for five minutes.) The fountain consists of two 50-foot-high towers flanking a 232-foot-wide granite plaza. The fountain, designed by Catalan artist Jaume Plensa, opened in July 2004 and serves as a public play area, offering people an escape from summer heat and allowing children a chance to frolic in the fountain's water....

Wikipedia; *LEDs Magazine*, May 2005



[Chicago food trucks](#)

Trupti Rami writes: "This summer, there are (at least) 18 trucks feeding the streets of Chicago, dishing out sandwiches, sausages,

when she visits the library.



[Whisper of the Heart \[Mimi wo sumaseba\]](#)

(1995, Japan). In this animated feature, middle school student Shizuku Tsukishima finds that all the books she wants to check out from the public library (where her father is a librarian) were previously checked out by the same boy, Seiji Amasawa.



[The Whisperers](#)

(1967, UK). Dame Edith Evans plays Maggie Ross, a lonely old lady who spends lots of time reading the daily papers and warming her toes in the library.

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](#).

tamales, tacos, and even the odd plate of pancakes. (And Mayor Emanuel just [licensed](#) seven new ones.) It's actually kind of a [new thing in town](#)—until last July, incredibly, it was illegal to cook food on a truck in Chicago." Where to find them? Use this [map of designated food truck spaces](#) and the [food trucks Twitter list](#)....

Chicago magazine, May 30; Chicagoist, June 16; WBEZ-FM, Chicago, Jan. 31



[The top 12 rooftop bars](#)

Kaitlyn Jakola writes: "After a winter of drinking indoors, it's time to come out of hibernation and drink on a roof. These alfresco bars are some of the top spots in Chicago for the summer of 2013—an update to our [2012 list](#), and a nice chaser to February's [100 Best Bars](#) package. Just keep a sweater on hand in case a chill comes to join the party."...

Chicago magazine, June 5



[Pritzker Military Library](#)

The Pritzker Military Library is a research library for the study of military history at 104 South Michigan Avenue, across the street from Millennium Park and the Art Institute of Chicago. Founded in 2003 by Col. James N. Pritzker (ret.), the library is open to the public and offers live events and exhibits that tell the story of the Citizen Soldier in American military history. It has amassed 75,000 books, objects, and artifacts, including a flag from the Spanish-American War of 1898. Watch the [video](#) (2:22)....

WFLD-TV, Chicago, June 12



[Garfield Park Conservatory](#)

The Garfield Park Conservatory at 300 North Central Park Avenue on the city's West side is one of the largest and most stunning conservatories in the nation. Often referred to as "landscape art under glass," the conservatory occupies approximately 4.5 acres and includes cold frames and propagating areas where thousands of plants are grown each year for displays in city parks and spaces. In 2012 it was one of 10 recipients of the [National Medal for Museum and Library Service](#)....

Garfield Park Conservatory



[38 essential shopping experiences in Chicago](#)

Jared Hatch writes: "It's that time again to update the Racked 38, Chicago's only list of the most monumental, meaningful, and outright beautiful shopping experiences that make our fair metropolis so vibrant. There are oodles of options from high-end to extreme-value all over the grid from the North Side to the South Side. Using this guide for exploration, you are off to a great start."...

Racked Chicago, Apr. 2



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[Library Director.](#)

Bismarck Public Library, Bismarck, North Dakota. Progressive public library with an annual budget of \$2.5 million and serving the capital city and county of 86,000 is seeking an energetic, capable leader. Incumbent has resigned due to family health issues requiring geographic relocation. Responsible to the Library Board of Directors for administration of the library operation, including: the hiring and retention of staff; development and maintenance of collections of print and nonprint materials and access to online resources; and cooperative liaison with other libraries and agencies relevant to the delivery of library services....



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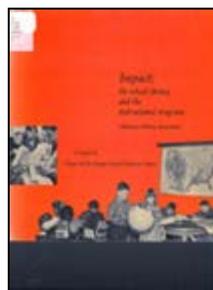
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Division News

[The 50th anniversary of the Knapp Project](#)

AASL recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Knapp School Libraries Project (1963–1968), which established model school libraries across the United States. The project was a result of a \$1.1 million grant funded by the Knapp Foundation of North Carolina. At the time, it was the largest grant specifically earmarked for the development of school libraries received by ALA....

AASL, June 18



[Branding ACRL](#)

Steven J. Bell writes: "At its 2012 strategic planning retreat, the ACRL board of directors engaged in a day-long branding workshop. What emerged is a new brand that is being integrated into ACRL publications, webpages, and messages. As part of the refreshing of our brand we also developed a new tagline for ACRL: 'Advancing Learning, Transforming Scholarship.' I invite you to view the [promotional video](#) (2:23) created for ACRL 2015 in Portland, Oregon. Watch for the brand messages smartly embedded in the video."...

ACRL Insider, June 19; YouTube, May 13



[Hone your public speaking skills](#)

Public speaking is a vital skill for all librarians, but outreach and other events don't always go quite as planned. Both novice and experienced librarians are invited to learn from colleagues and share their own experiences during the [LLAMA/NMRT New Leaders Discussion Group](#) on June 30 during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Short presentations by Julia Frankosky and David Hurley will serve as discussion starters....

LLAMA, June 17

[Maintaining teen e-collections](#)

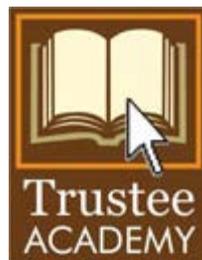
Would you like to build a robust teen collection for your library? In "[Maintaining Teen E-Collections](#)," a YALSA program at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, participants will have the opportunity to talk to experts about building strong teen e-collections. The interactive session will take place on July 1....

YALSA, June 17

[New Trustee Academy course](#)

The course "Evaluating the Library Director," led by former ALA president Sarah Ann Long, has been added to the United for Libraries Trustee Academy, a series of online courses to help library trustees become proficient in their roles. The course covers the importance of annual evaluations of the library director, planning to evaluate, methods of evaluation, tools and other approaches, additional considerations, and avoiding common problems....

United for Libraries, June 17



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Digital Library of the Week



The [Indianapolis Motor Speedway Collection](#), a collaboration of the Speedway and the Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis Library, captures racing history through more than 14,000 images. The collection features highlights from the Speedway's 114-year history with photographs dating from 1879 to 1997. Some of the highlights include the very first public event at the Speedway, the 1909 US National Balloon Championship. Other historic moments represented in the collection are the 1909 motorcycle race, dominated by "Cannonball" Baker, and the first Indianapolis 500 Mile Race in 1911.

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](#).

[All 83 North Dakota libraries join United for Libraries](#)

All 83 libraries in North Dakota are now group members of United for Libraries, thanks to a statewide membership purchase by the North Dakota State Library. A complete list of [membership benefits](#) is available online....

United for Libraries, June 18

[Learn how to get "Teens on Board"](#)

A panel of speakers will share their experiences and tips for engaging teens on library boards and the boards of Friends groups "[Teens on Boards, Oh Yes! Library Boards, Friends Boards, and Engaging Teens](#)" on July 1 during the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago....

United for Libraries, June 18

["Nuts and Bolts" for trustees, Friends, and foundations](#)

Speakers will address topics of interest to Friends, trustees, and advocates, including the fiduciary responsibilities of boards, at "[Nuts and Bolts for Trustees, Friends, and Foundations.](#)" to be held June 28 during the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago....

United for Libraries, June 18

[ASCLA/COSLA reception](#)

Network with ASCLA and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies at the [ASCLA/COSLA Reception](#) on June 29 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. Whether you're a current ASCLA member or you're interested in the division's work with library services to people with disabilities, accessibility, and state library agencies, you are welcome to attend....

ASCLA Blog, June 10

[RUSA 101](#)

Make [RUSA 101](#) on June 28 your first stop at Annual Conference. This networking and orientation event is for librarians working in adult services, reference, readers advisory, collection development, genealogy, resource sharing, and technology. Both RUSA members and nonmembers are invited....

RUSA Blog, June 17

[RUSA Literary Tastes](#)

Four award-winning authors will be featured at the RUSA's 2013 ALA Annual Conference program, "[Literary Tastes: Celebrating the Best Reading of the Year](#)" on June 30: Peter Heller, Jonathan Tropper, Matti Friedman, and Lindsay Faye. Following the formal presentation, authors will be available for book signings....

RUSA, May 21

[Want to sit with Paula Poundstone at "The Laugh's on Us"?](#)

From June 12 to June 20, those who "like" the Facebook pages of [United for Libraries](#) or [SAGE Publications.](#) or who follow either on Twitter, will be eligible to win two VIP tickets to "[The Laugh's On Us.](#)" sponsored by SAGE, on June 30 during the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The winner and a guest will sit at a VIP table with Paula Poundstone during the event. [Enter the contest](#) at SAGE Publications' blog....

United for Libraries, June 11



Noted and Quoted

"[W]hat irks me the most is this idea that the internet is free. I would invite anyone to tell that to the folks who are lined up outside my library every day waiting to use our computers to fill out job applications, something many of us take for granted. Why do they need to use our computers? Because many of them are homeless and most job applications are online these days. Because many of them live at or well below the poverty line and cannot afford the internet let alone a home computer or a smartphone."

—Houston librarian Claire Sewell, "[How Not to Be a Dick to a Librarian.](#)" xoJane, June 13.

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Calendar

July 10–13:
[National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators.](#)

Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, Indiana.

July 12–13:
[National Association for Media Literacy Education.](#) Annual Conference, Torrance,

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Awards & Grants

[Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor](#)

The Freedom to Read Foundation announced that its past president Judith Platt and former Wisconsin Sen. Russell Feingold have received the 2013 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Awards. Platt is the director of free expression advocacy for the Association of American Publishers, and Feingold was the only senator to vote against the USA Patriot Act in 2001, based on civil liberties concerns. The Roll of Honor was established in 1987 to recognize those individuals who have contributed substantially to FTRF through adherence to its principles or monetary support....

Freedom to Read Foundation, June 18



[2013 John Ames Humphry Award](#)

The International Relations Committee has chosen Susan M. Schnuer (right), associate director at the University of Illinois Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, to receive this year's John Ames Humphry Award. OCLC/Forest Press donated the cash award of \$1,000, which is given to an individual for significant contribution to international librarianship. Schnuer is well known for her work in international development....

International Relations Office, June 18



[2013 Gerald Hodges Award](#)

The Utah Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee has received the 2013 Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award. The award recognizes an intellectual freedom-focused organization that has developed a strong ongoing program or a one-year project that exemplifies support for intellectual freedom, patron confidentiality, and anti-censorship efforts. This is the first year the award was given in honor of Gerald Hodges, former ALA director of membership services....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, June 13



[Sung Jae Park wins Shera Published Research Award](#)

Sung Jae Park has won the 2013 Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research for the article, "Measuring Public Library Accessibility: A Case Study Using GIS," published in the December 2011 issue of *Library and Information Research*. The article was cited because of its great significance to both current and future issues in library and information science, as well as future considerations in the profession....

Office for Research and Statistics, June 18

[Nominations for the Eli Oboler Award](#)

The Intellectual Freedom Round Table is seeking nominations for its 2014 Eli M. Oboler Memorial Award. The biennial award is presented

California.
"Intersections:
Teaching and Learning
across Media."

July 13–16:
[American Association of Law Libraries](#), Annual Meeting and Conference, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle. "Rethink Your Value."

Aug. 2–3:
[Heartland School Library Conference](#), University of Nebraska at Omaha. "Inquiry and the Common Core."

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

Aug. 11–17:
[Council of State Archivists / Society of American Archivists](#), Joint Meeting, Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

Sept. 12–13:
[12th Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference](#), Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus, Portland, Oregon.

Sept. 26–29:
[Bok & Bibliotek: 29th Göteborg Book Fair](#), Göteborg, Sweden.

for the best published work in the area of intellectual freedom and consists of \$500 and a citation. Nominations ([PDF file](#)) will be accepted through December 1....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, June 14

[Yosemite librarian wins park's highest honor](#)

Linda Eade (right), Yosemite National Park research librarian, has won the 2012 Barry Hance Memorial Award. Eade has worked in the park since 1971. She is responsible for visitor and staff access to materials on park history, biology, botany, and geology. The award is given annually to employees who exemplify a positive attitude, a concern for fellow employees, a willingness to work with other divisions in the park, getting the job done, and a love for the park....

Mariposa (Calif.) *Sierra Sun Times*, June 13



[2013 StoryTubes awards](#)

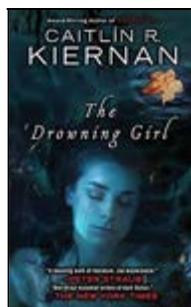
The winners of this year's StoryTubes contest, in which students create videos of two minutes or less that describe their favorite books, have been announced. There were 12 winners in the Judges's Choice and Online Voting categories....

StoryTubes, June 18

[2012 Bram Stoker Awards](#)

The Horror Writers Association announced the winners for its 2012 Bram Stoker Awards at a banquet in New Orleans as part of the World Horror Convention. The winner for Superior Achievement in a Novel is Caitlin R. Kiernan for *The Drowning Girl* (Roc). Jonathan Maberry won in the category of Superior Achievement in a Young Adult Novel for *Flesh and Bone* (Simon & Schuster), and *Witch Hunts: A Graphic History of the Burning Times* by Rocky Wood and Lisa Morton (McFarland) won in the graphic novel category....

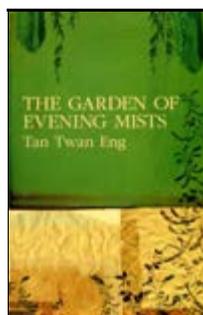
Horror Writers Association, June 16



[2013 Walter Scott Prize for historical fiction](#)

Malaysian author Tan Twan Eng has won the £25,000 (\$39,266 US) Walter Scott Prize for historical fiction for his second novel *The Garden of Evening Mists*. Set in the Malaysian jungle in the aftermath of World War II, it is the first novel by a writer from outside the UK to win the four-year-old prize. Eng was awarded the prize at the Brewin Dolphin Borders Book Festival in Melrose, Scotland, on June 14....

BBC News, June 14



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Libraries in the News

Oct. 20–26:
[National Friends of Libraries Week.](#)

Nov. 1:
[Brick and Click Libraries Symposium.](#) Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville.

Dec. 6:
[ACRL/NY Symposium.](#) William and Anita Newman Vertical Campus Conference Center, Baruch College, New York City. "The Library As Knowledge Laboratory."

Jan. 21–24:
[American Booksellers Association.](#) Winter Institute, Seattle.

Feb. 7:
[Oregon University System Library Council.](#) Online Northwest Conference, Oregon State University, Corvallis.

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George M. Eberhart, Editor:

[Santa Monica College Library workers saved lives](#)

Jan Juliani was standing behind the counter of the Santa Monica (Calif.) College library about noon on June 7 when a group of terrified, screaming students sprinted through the entrance. One was running backward, shouting, "He has a gun!" Juliani knew exactly what to do. Recalling a lesson from a recent workshop on how to respond during "active shooter" incidents, the library assistant headed for a set of double doors that led to a storage closet in the back office. Other library workers followed her....

Los Angeles Times, June 14

[Former LAC chief criticizes digitization deal](#)

Canada's former chief librarian and archivist is harshly critical of the deal to have a private company [digitize the public documents and photos](#) of Library and Archives Canada. Ian Wilson (right) says it smacks of "desperation" by the federal government. Further, he says the contents of the archives are a "public good" like historic sites and national parks, and shouldn't be sold back to citizens. LAC is already "superb" at preserving documents, he said....

Ottawa (Ont.) Citizen, June 13, 16



[Mistake was made in book weeding](#)

Urbana, Illinois, residents called for [more library oversight](#) at a June 17 city council meeting after a shipment of books removed from the shelves of the Urbana Free Library only a week earlier began making its way back to the library. Headed back are art books, gardening books, pet books, and some cookbooks that were taken off the shelves as a result of what has been described as a misstep by Library Director Debra Lissak. During a recent weeding process, more books than expected were removed, and the sight of bare shelves created concern. Tracy Nectoux has [more details](#)....

Champaign (Ill.) News-Gazette, June 14, 18; *Smile Politely*, June 13

[Discarded books, recovered nostalgia](#)

Matt McCann writes: "Kerry Mansfield's 'Expired' is a photo series whose substance is the physicality of discarded and withdrawn library books. She brings the lens in close, showing worn edges and torn covers and photographing the ephemera of the library experience—the check-out cards and the paper pockets they went into, for example. Her photographs also reveal details that will disappear as scanners replace cards and tablets replace books."...

New York Times: Lens, June 17



[A deal spares a Brooklyn branch](#)

The Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library had been planning to sell its Pacific branch ([PDF file](#)) to a private developer in order to raise money toward the \$300 million needed for repairs and long-delayed maintenance of its branches, now numbering 60. But officials said June 17 that the branch would be spared from sale and demolition, at least for the near future, as part of a deal to win city council approval for a 32-story residential and cultural tower opposite the Brooklyn Academy of Music that will contain a new library....



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New York Times, June 18

[Chicago Public Library hosts a maker space](#)

In July, the Chicago Public Library will open the city's first free "maker space" on the third floor of Harold Washington Library in the Loop. The pop-up fabrication lab will offer the public access to 3D printers, laser cutters, a milling machine, and a vinyl cutter as well as a variety of supporting design software. The space opens July 8 and will close at the end of the year. After its six-month run, the library says it will consider hosting labs in neighborhood branches....



Crain's Chicago Business, June 13

[Worcester Public Library to open branches in four schools](#)

Tatnuck Magnet School in Worcester, Massachusetts, is participating in a pilot program to install public children's libraries in four elementary schools across the city. The schools will have space outfitted with library materials and technology, but they will be staffed by librarians from Worcester Public Library as part of the "One City, One Library" program. The branches will be available only to students and staff when school is in session....

Worcester (Mass.) Telegram and Gazette, June 17

[FSU gives home library to Habitat for Humanity family](#)

Florida State University's School of Library and Information Studies and former AASL President Nancy Everhart, director of the PALM Center (Partnerships Advancing Library Media), hosted a ceremony on June 10 to commemorate the donation of a 106-book library to a local single-parent family. This is the fourth home library of \$1,000 worth of books that the library school and Follett Library Resources have partnered to provide for a Habitat family in conjunction with the Warrick Dunn Charities' [Homes for the Holidays Program](#) since 2011....



Florida State University School of Library and Information Studies, June 17

[Good news from the Georgia Archives](#)

Georgia Archives Director Christopher Davidson announced June 14 that the archives will be adding staff, increasing hours for part-time employees, and opening to the public for two additional days per week beginning July 31. In September 2012, access to the archives was in doubt when Secretary of State Brian Kemp announced that the facility would only have limited public hours....

GeorgiaArchivesMatters, June 14

[Brown University Library retrieves its sword](#)

The US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia entered a judgment on June 4, confirming that Brown University is the lawful owner of a Civil War-era silver Tiffany presentation sword, the Rush Hawkins sword, reported stolen from the university's collections in 1977. The sword is from the original collections that Col. Hawkins endowed to the Annmary Brown



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Memorial along with incunabula, paintings, and artifacts from his Civil War service....

Brown University Library News, June 13

[UK public libraries in mortal danger](#)

Alan Gibbons writes: "The UK trade union UNISON has produced a brilliant piece of research by Steve Davies from the University of Cardiff. His pamphlet, *The Damage: The Public Library Service under Attack* ([PDF file](#)), comes at a time when enormous damage is being done to our public library service. This is Davies's second report on UK libraries. The first warned that the service was in crisis. It is now in mortal danger."...

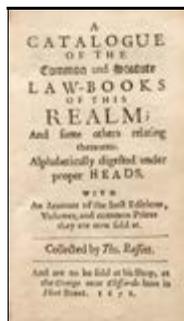
Alan Gibbons' Diary, June 16



[Legal trove headed to Yale](#)

A pocket-size handwritten copy of Magna Carta from the 14th century, the first book on the legal rights of women published in England (1632), letters to and from the 18th-century jurist William Blackstone, and the first English legal bibliography (Thomas Bassett's *A Catalogue of the Common and Statute Law-books of This Realm*, 1671) are among the highlights of a rich trove of rare legal books and manuscripts just acquired by Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library....

Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, June 17



[Schneerson Collection lands in Moscow's Jewish Museum](#)

A new exhibit spotlighting rare books from the disputed Schneerson Library collection, featuring 12,000 Hasidic religious books and 50,000 rare documents, has opened at the Jewish Museum and Center of Tolerance in Moscow. The collection is the subject of an ongoing legal dispute between the Library of Congress and the Russian government. President Vladimir Putin came up with the idea in February to house the collection at the Jewish Museum....

RT News, June 13



[Design for Helsinki Central Library](#)

Finnish studio ALA Architects has won an international competition to design a new public library in Helsinki. The competition asked applicants to come up with a timeless, flexible, and energy-efficient building to sit opposite the Finnish Parliament building in the Töölönlahti area of the city. In the winning entry, public activities and group study areas will occupy an active ground floor beneath curving wooden surfaces, while a traditionally quiet reading room will be located on the third floor and a contemporary media facility and public sauna will be housed on the second....

Dezeen, June 14



[Iraq plans its first new public library since the 1970s](#)

Adele Peters writes: "After decades, Iraq will

finally soon have a new public library. It's part of a bigger 'Youth City' plan for part of Baghdad, intended to inspire the younger generation. Developer Ali Mousawi's design includes space for three million books, state-of-the art computers, and flexible spaces for public events like art exhibitions, film screenings, book clubs, theater, conferences, and workshops."...
GOOD, June 12



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Issues

[NSA's Utah facility will store vast amounts of data](#)

If anyone still doubts the formidable reach of the National Security Agency, a quick drive to Bluffdale, Utah, should convince them otherwise. Thousands of laborers have worked for two years to build a \$1.7 billion [Utah Data Center](#) that will provide a new home for the NSA's exponentially expanding information storage. By September it will employ about 200 technicians, span 93,000 square meters, use 65 megawatts of power, and store data at the rate of 20 terabytes per minute....



South China Morning Post (Hong Kong), June 16; NSA Domestic Surveillance Directorate

[Why you should care about privacy](#)

Cory Doctorow writes: "The revelations about PRISM and other forms of National Security Agency dragnet surveillance have some people wondering what all the fuss is. You should care about privacy because privacy isn't secrecy. You should care about privacy because if the data says you've done something wrong, then the person reading the data will interpret everything else you do through that light. You should care about dragnet surveillance because it gives cops bigger haystacks with proportionately fewer needles."...

The Guardian (UK): Technology Blog, June 14

[Remember when the Patriot Act was all about library records?](#)

Justin Elliott writes: "In the months following the October 2001 passage of the USA Patriot Act, there was a heated public debate about its Section 215, the controversial provision that we now know the government is using to vacuum up phone records of American citizens on a massive scale. But the consternation didn't focus on anything like the mass collection of phone records. Instead, the debate centered on something else—library records." Now Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), a main backer of the original Patriot Act, is saying that it was specifically drafted to [prevent data mining](#)....

The Beachwood Reporter (Chicago), June 18; TechDirt, June 13

[Reflecting on libraries and social media](#)

Woody Evans writes: "The personality of Edward Snowden is drawing lots of attention at the moment. But forget Snowden for a minute. Remember with me a time when librarians were freshly militant and

radical. Remember January 2002, when, just a few months after the attacks we suffered, ALA proposed [this response](#) to the USA Patriot Act. A year later, the proposed resolution would be adopted by the ALA Council, and library staff have been since emboldened to take such radical steps as to fail to keep patron book checkout records.”...

Library Journal: Backtalk, June 14

[Our schools, cut off from the web](#)

Luis A. Ubiñas writes: “On June 6, at a middle school in Mooresville, North Carolina, President Obama [set a goal](#) of high-speed internet in nearly every public school in America in five years. It was a bold and needed pronouncement, except that in 1996 President Clinton said virtually the same thing, [calling](#) for libraries and classrooms to be ‘hooked up to the Information Superhighway by the year 2000.’ The question is quality. Children who go to school in poor neighborhoods are connected at speeds so slow as to render most educational websites unusable.”...

New York Times, June 16; White House, June 6; Oct. 10, 1996



[“Happy Birthday” copyright claim challenged](#)

Joe Mullin writes: “Filmmakers and TV producers have long been harassed by Warner/Chappell Music, a subsidiary of Time Warner that enforces the copyright on ‘Happy Birthday,’ probably the most popular song in the world. If that song pops up in any TV show or movie, the creators are sure to get a hefty bill. Now there’s a new documentary film about the song and the filmmakers had to pay a \$1,500 fee. On January 13, the company that made the documentary filed a [lawsuit](#) in federal court seeking to prove once and for all that ‘Happy Birthday’ is in the public domain.” Nancy Sims offers some [perspective](#)....

Ars Technica, June 14; *New York Times*, June 14; *Copyright Librarian*, June 14; *Slate*, July 21, 2011



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Tech Talk

[Google balloons to beam internet to rural areas](#)

Google will be launching high-altitude balloons to provide internet access to buildings on the ground. About 30 of the superpressure balloons will be launched in New Zealand from where they will drift around the world on a controlled path to provide 3G-like internet access. Google says the balloons could one day be diverted to disaster areas to aid rescue efforts in situations where ground communication equipment has been damaged. Google calls the experimental effort [Project Loon](#)....

BBC News, June 15



[Gamers rally against Xbox One](#)

Chris Suellentrop writes: “Even though new video game systems depend on technological

innovation, players are a conservative lot. There are signs of growing resentment toward Microsoft, which is promoting its new console, the Xbox One. Microsoft has proposed limiting players' ability to resell games that will be made for the Xbox One, due in stores in November. Microsoft says Xbox One users will be able to give away a single copy of each game to one other player, if that player has been an Xbox Live friend for 30 days."...

New York Times, June 14



[A workout for your brain](#)

[Lumosity Brain Trainer](#), free on Apple's iOS, is one of the better-known brain-training apps. It is split into several sessions of three games each that are supposed to help you improve your memory, problem-solving ability, or flexibility of thinking. To track your progress, you get a "brain profile" that charts details like speed, problem-solving, and memory. Lumosity is likable and simple, but there's a catch: only five sessions are free....

New York Times, June 12



[How to buy a cellphone](#)

Jamie Lendino writes: "If you thought choosing a cellphone was difficult before, it's even tougher today. That's a good thing, though, because it demonstrates how innovation in the wireless industry has skyrocketed. We're seeing rapid progress across all fronts, including displays, data networks, user interfaces, voice quality, third-party apps, and even mobile gaming. So what should you be looking for when buying a cellphone? Here are key points to consider." And more advice: the [top 10 smartphones](#), the [best Android phones](#), and the [best camera phones](#)....

PC Magazine, June 7, 12-13



[Printing from your Android phone or tablet](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "Modern smartphones and tablets can help you go without printers, but they can also help you print. You could even start print jobs from anywhere and pick up the document when you arrive at home or the office. Here's everything you need to know about printing from your Android phone or tablet. It's surprisingly easy; certainly easier than setting up Windows networked printers in the past."...

How-To Geek, June 19



[Use your Google Maps for Android offline](#)

J. D. Biersdorfer writes: "The Google Maps app for Android includes an offline feature that lets you store a map on your phone for those times when your data signal is weak or nonexistent. To save an open map on the phone, press the Menu button and choose 'Make available offline.' Select the area of the map you want to save by pinching or zooming to it, then press Done. Find your map by selecting My Places and then Offline."...

New York Times: Gadgetwise, June 12

[Is it time to get a smartwatch?](#)

Adam Dachis writes: "Just as a smartphone did with the telephone, a smartwatch provides live access to certain kinds of information and intelligent features to try and add more convenience to your life. While most smartwatches take a similar app-based approach, they're all a little different. However, you'll find that most provide you with notifications and all of them tell you the time. I tested out a few currently on the market."...

Lifehacker, June 17



[The sneakiest kinds of malware](#)

Neil J. Rubenking writes: "Some malware attacks are so blatant you can't miss the fact that you've been victimized. However, a totally invisible malware infestation can be much more dangerous. If your antivirus doesn't 'see' it and you don't notice any untoward behaviors, the malware is free to track your online banking activities or use your computing power for nefarious purposes. Here are four ways malware can hide from you, followed by some ideas for seeing the unseeable."...

PC Magazine, June 18

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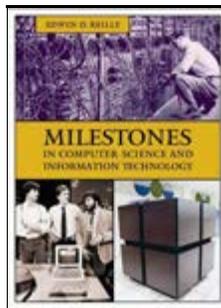
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[Resources on the history of computers](#)

Kyle D. Winward writes: "The history of computer development is a chronicle of the work of brilliant scientists and of dramatic leaps in innovation that have had a profound impact on the way we work and live. This essay focuses on works covering milestones in computer development as well as the individuals and organizations responsible for these amazing achievements, with an emphasis on American and British innovations."...

Choice 50, no. 11 (July)



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E-Content

[Why borrowing an ebook from the library is so difficult](#)

K. T. Bradford writes: "Borrowing an ebook from your local library is still a difficult and confusing process that varies wildly depending on what kind of e-reader or device you own. And once you finally figure out how to borrow a book, there are other frustrations. Often, the ebook you want is unavailable, either because it's been checked out by another patron, it's not in your library's system, or it's not available for your device. So why is it so hard to borrow an ebook? It's because none of the companies involved are working together."...

Digital Trends, June 15



[HathiTrust to partner with DPLA](#)

The HathiTrust Digital Library will partner with the recently launched Digital Public Library of America to expand discovery and use of HathiTrust's public domain and other openly available content. By

offering a unified discovery point for these disparate collections, DPLA aims to make readily available the words, images, sounds, and objects of America's shared cultural heritage. Of HathiTrust's nearly 11 million volumes, the metadata records associated with the almost 3.5 million that are freely available will be accessible on the [DPLA website](#)....

Digital Public Library of America, June 18

[New DRM will change the words in your ebook](#)



Roberto Baldwin writes: "The next ebook you buy might not exactly match the printed version. The changes are put in place to make sure you're not a pirate. German researchers have created a new DRM feature that changes the text and punctuation of an ebook ever so slightly. Called SiDiM, the changes are unique to each ebook sold. The alterations serve as a digital watermark that can be used to track books that have had DRM layers stripped out of them before being shared online."...

Wired: Gadget Lab, June 17

[Ebooks are not e-journals](#)

Ian McCullough writes: "As a physical science librarian, I know journals are the primary form of scholarly communication in the sciences, and e-journals are greatly preferred. But the same faculty who like e-journals are not nearly as interested in ebooks. Much of the problem is the platform; not everyone has a dedicated electronic reader to make ebook reading pleasant. Until the vendor platform offers ebooks my patrons want, I can't say I'll be buying many."...

ACRLog, June 17

[Medical library ebooks: Five years behind](#)

Michelle Kraft writes: "Public libraries and Amazon are ahead of medical libraries regarding ebooks. Providers of medical library ebooks—such as the McGraw Hill Access databases, Ovid, and Elsevier's ClinicalKey—are using methods from the digital dinosaur age when a portable device was considered a laptop. Our users go to their website and view the book online like they are viewing a webpage, the same way they did before the Kindle or iPad."...

The Krafty Librarian, June 19

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Books & Reading

[What kids are reading, 2013](#)

Renaissance Learning explored the book-reading habits of American students in the fifth edition of its *What Kids Are Reading* report ([PDF file](#)), which lists the top 40 books read by students in grades 1–12 in the 2011–2012 school year. Rankings are based on the Accelerated Reader database, the largest of its kind, which houses reading records for students who read 283 million books. In this new free edition, authors, educators, and kids share their thoughts on what motivates students' book selections....

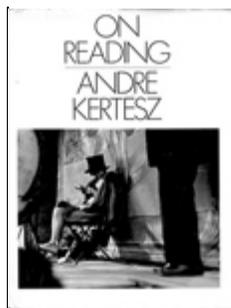
Renaissance Learning



[Photographers on reading](#)

Alastair Johnston writes: "In our image-saturated

society, who doesn't love a good photo of someone else reading? The Hungarian photographer André Kertész (1894–1985) published a book of 63 candid black-and-white photos of people reading, called appropriately enough *On Reading* (Grossman, 1971). It celebrated the universal joy of reading in a poetic elegy of private moments made public."...
Booktryst, June 18



[Books for Superman and Clark Kent](#)

Amanda Margis writes: "It's a bird, it's a plane—no, it's Superman! Or is it Clark Kent? It's kind of hard to tell, right? One is a mild-mannered journalist, while the other is a spandex-wearing alien superhero. Here are two booklists to help celebrate the new Superman movie, *Man of Steel*, that opened June 14: one for Clark Kent and another for Superman. I'll try to keep them straight." Here are [more suggestions](#) from Katie Shanahan....

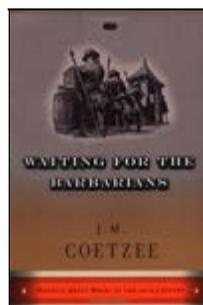
YALSA The Hub, June 13, 19



[From zero to well-read in 100 books](#)

Jeff O'Neal writes: "Isn't it strange that we have the term 'well-read' but absolutely no one can come close to defining it? Thinking about this recently sucked me into a little thought-experiment. Suppose someone had never read any literature and wanted to be well-read. What should they read? And how many books would it take them to get close? The following 100 books (of fiction, poetry, and drama) is one attempt to satisfy the requirement."...

Book Riot, June 13



[20 classic novels you've never heard of](#)

From Qwiklit: "When I ask people about their favorite classic novels, I usually get a similar response from everybody: Jane Austen, a couple Brontës, a few Dickenses, an odds-and-ends collection of complex modernist tomes, and of course a dystopian novel or two to garnish the collection. Here are a few great novels you have probably not heard of, but were nevertheless significant influences for some of the more common works on your bookshelf."...

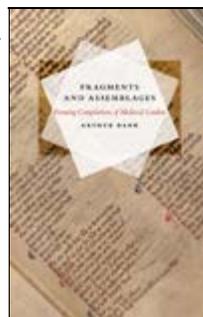
Qwiklit, Apr. 29



[Browsing habits of 14th-century readers](#)

A new book by MIT Professor Arthur Bahr, *Fragments and Assemblages*, reveals that in the 14th century many people maintained eclectic reading habits. Consider Andrew Horn, the chamberlain for the city of London in the 1320s. The manuscripts in Horn's possession, handed down to the city and preserved today, reveal a rich mixture of shorter texts: legal treatises, French-language poetry, and descriptions of London, all bound together....

MIT News, May 23



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Tips & Ideas

[TED Talks earn no points from peers](#)

TED Talks, the most popular conference and events website in the world with over 1 billion informational videos viewed, provides academics with increased popular exposure but does nothing to boost citations of their work by peers, new research led by Indiana University has found. In the comprehensive study of more than 1,200 TED Talks videos, IU Information and Library Science Assistant Professor Cassidy R. Sugimoto also looked at the demographics of TED Talks presenters and the relationship between a presenter's credentials and a video's popularity....

Indiana University News Room, June 18



[How to moderate a panel like a pro](#)

Scott Kirsner writes: "The panel discussion was invented by someone who liked to sit three feet above his audience, talk with five of his closest friends for an hour, and barely acknowledge that there are 100 other people in the room, usually sitting in uncomfortable chairs. But until the panel discussion disappears from conference agendas, you may be asked to moderate one. Here are a dozen guidelines to put you on the right track."...

Harvard Business Review, May 30



[The retail revolution @ your library](#)

Corrado Di Tillio writes: "What makes a group of librarians from all over the world want to visit the public library of a Dutch city of 180,000 inhabitants? The participants of the 2013 MetLib conference, held in Amsterdam Openbare Bibliotheek May 5-10, had the chance to experience the so-called retail concept in the new library of the city of Almere, a place that attracts many professionals."...

Public Libraries Online, June 18



[Embedded Librarian 101](#)

Joe Hardenbrook writes: "As librarians, we can't wait for students to ask us questions. That's why we've had virtual reference services since the early 2000s. But it's simply not enough to have an online presence. The key is being online where the students are. For most universities, this means the learning management system (Moodle, Blackboard, D2L). It's where students spend their academic time. It's where librarians need to be. It's embedded librarianship. Here's how to get started."...

Mr. Library Dude, June 17

[Twitter analytics](#)

David Lee King writes: "Way back in 2011, Twitter announced that it was starting to offer analytics for some accounts. Finally, almost two years later, it is offering analytics to everyone. Right now, there are two choices: Timeline Activity and Followers. The



Timeline Activity view provides most of the analysis.”...

David Lee King, June 14

[Reliving your Twitter history](#)

J. D. Biersdorfer writes: “Twitter can send you a file containing all your posts. To request a copy of your archive, log into your Twitter account on the web, click the gear-shaped icon in the upper right corner, and select Settings. On the main Settings page, scroll down to ‘Your Twitter archive’ and click the ‘Request your archive’ button. Twitter then sends you an email message with a link to download your file when it is ready.”...

New York Times: Gadgetwise, June 19

[Feedly quits relying on Google’s backend](#)

Laura Hazard Owen writes: “As Google Reader’s death nears on July 1, RSS reader Feedly is stepping up its game. Feedly, which hit 12 million users at the end of May, announced June 19 that it is now an independently operating cloud product—that is, it’s no longer relying on Google Reader’s backend. (If you’re already using Feedly, here’s [how to be prepared](#) for the company to roll your account over to the new cloud.)”...

paidContent, June 19



[The last telegram? Not so fast](#)

The *Christian Science Monitor* reported what many people may have assumed had already happened years ago: [the death of the telegram](#). With the pending closure of Indian telecommunications company Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited’s telegraph service offices, the *Monitor* reported that “the world’s last telegram message will be sent somewhere in India on July 14.” But hold the phone—news of the death of telegraphy services has been greatly exaggerated. (The first telegram was sent by Samuel Morse from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore on May 24, 1844, with the message, “What hath God wrought?”)...

Ars Technica, June 19; *Christian Science Monitor*, June 14



[Papers of the Founding Fathers are now online](#)

Keith Donohue writes: “For the past 50 years, teams of editors have been copying documents from historical collections that serve as a record of the Founding Era. These papers have been assembled in 242 documentary editions covering the works of Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison, as well as hundreds who corresponded with them. [Founders Online](#) is a new website at the National Archives that will allow people to search this archive.”...

White House Blog, June 13



[The unspoken stigma of workplace flexibility](#)

Tara Siegel Bernard writes: "Assume for a moment that your employer lets you decide when and where you worked—you might arrive early so you could leave in time to care for a child, or work part of the week from home. Or perhaps you want to reduce your hours for a while to care for an aging parent. How would you be perceived if you raised your hand for one of these options? Many times these policies are on the books, but informally everyone knows you are penalized for using them."...

New York Times, June 14

[Top five weather apps](#)

Check out the top five weather apps for the iPhone, iPad, or Android smartphones that will keep you one step ahead of Mother Nature. One is [NOAA Weather Radio](#) (right), which broadcasts radio reports from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, alerting you to weather patterns and possible storm surges. In addition to the radio service, the app also comes complete with storm-tracking graphics so you can save several locations to stay up-to-date on nearby storms....

Christian Science Monitor, June 18



[A librarian's guide to space tourism](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "There has been much news this year about the burgeoning space tourism industry. Today, a Virgin Galactic ticket for a seat on board SpaceShipTwo will set you back \$250,000 for a suborbital flight. XCor is offering suborbital flights aboard the Lynx for \$95,000 per flight, including medical screening and G-Force training. The first thing I thought about when I started reading about all of this was: Do they need librarians? Here are 32 resources to get you started."...

iLibrarian, June 17



[Make a splash: Water science for preschoolers](#)

Amy Koester writes: "Summer is a wonderful time for playing with water. It is refreshing and, by offering a water science preschool STEM program, it can be sneakily educational, too. Go ahead, take advantage of the warm summer season and play with water at your library. Steal this program. Here's what we did."...

ALSC Blog, June 18



[Can digital games boost student STEM scores?](#)

Tina Barseghian writes: "In the past few years, educators have been closely watching the evolution of digital games used for learning to see whether playing those games can actually improve student achievement. A new [SRI study](#) released June 17 suggests they do, at least in the subjects of science, math, engineering, and technology. According to the report, students who had no instructional games could have done 12% better in "cognitive learning outcomes" if they had played the games....

Mind/Shift, June 17; SRI International

"Old book smell" is a mix of grass and vanilla

Joachim Koch writes: "Scientists say that 'old book smell' is more than just mustiness; it contains hints of grass and vanilla. That's because of all the compounds used to make the book release its distinctive odors as they break down. For example, lignin, which is present in all wood-based paper, is closely related to vanillin. As it breaks down, the lignin grants old books that faint vanilla scent. It may even be possible to approximate the age of a book based on its smell."...

International League of Antiquarian Booksellers



YA sniglets

Joel Bruns writes: "In the 1980s, a comedian named Rich Hall popularized 'sniglets,' which he described as 'any word that doesn't appear in the dictionary, but should.' Often these are portmanteau words like Bennifer (Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez), mankini, manscaping, sexting, or frankenfood. YA lit should have its own collection of sniglets, so here is my contribution. I hope that you will follow up with some of your own."...

YALSA The Hub, June 18



The ends of the road

Alan Taylor writes: "I spent some time recently in Google Maps, finding the edges of their Street View image coverage. I've always been drawn to the end of the road, to the edges of where one might be allowed to travel, whether blocked by geographic features, international borders, or simply the lack of any further road. Gathered here is a virtual visit to a few of these road ends around the world."...

The Atlantic: In Focus, June 14



Sir Arthur and the fairies: A failure in critical thinking

Mary Losure writes: "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's claim in 1920 that fairies—real fairies—had been photographed in the north of England by two young girls was greeted with wonder, but unfortunately for him, most of it was of the 'what can he be thinking?' variety. How could the creator of the world's most famous, least-fool-able detective have convinced himself that fairy photographs were real? Let us proceed, Holmes-like, to examine the question."...

The Public Domain Review, June 12



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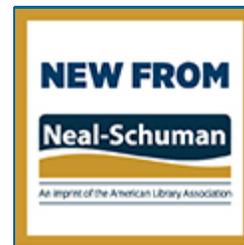
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American Libraries Online

The library as publisher

James LaRue writes: "I'd like to suggest a new role for public libraries. I believe that 100 years from now, we will consider this role just as necessary, just as indispensable to the mission and functioning of the modern public library, as children's departments are now. It's time for the library to step up as the nurturer of content creation. There are several reasons public libraries might want to move in this direction. The first is pure opportunity. Another is the disappearance of local newspapers, and the possibility of the library as an alternative news outlet."...

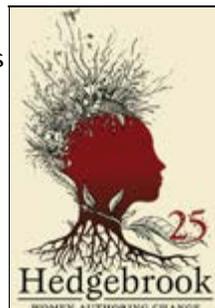
American Libraries feature



On My Mind: Retired, but embedded

Evie Wilson-Lingbloom writes: "As librarians, our skills are as embedded in our personal lives as in our work, and they do not desert us when we leave our positions. After retiring in 2009, I began volunteering at [Hedgebrook](#), a writing residency program for women on Whidbey Island in northwest Washington State. Inspired by its founder, Nancy Skinner Nordhoff, the program is committed to nurturing the voices and work of emerging women writers. Here are some of the benefits for libraries from this type of volunteer relationship."...

American Libraries column, May

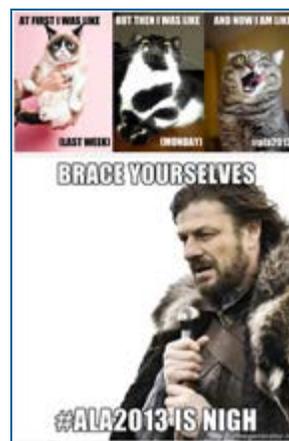


Editor's Letter: Chicago, my kind of town

Laurie D. Borman writes: "One of the best perks of working at ALA is picking up 'gently used' advance reading copies (or ARCs, as they're known) of yet-to-be-published books. Every few weeks, *Booklist* editors share with the ALA staff piles of bound galleys and ARCs that have been considered for review by the magazine. When these books arrive in the lunchroom for perusing, it's a book lover's dream. No



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Chicago, June 27–July 2. We're looking forward to welcoming you to Chicago this week. Stay in touch and get updates: alaannual.org, [Cognotes previews](#), Twitter: [#ala2013](#), the [Conference Scheduler](#) and [mobile app](#), the [Facebook Event](#), the [Pinterest](#) page, and

wonder, then, that ALA staffers jumped at the chance to share their love of books with others through World Book Night on April 23."...

American Libraries column, June

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ALA News

[Letter: Bringing libraries back to communities](#)

ALA President Maureen Sullivan and Richard Harwood write: "Chicago, home to the American Library Association, will host the organization's 137th annual conference June 27 to July 2. ALA has been the driving force behind ensuring that libraries not only maintain their relevance but become laboratories for exciting new ventures that benefit communities. Libraries, by their nature, are ready-made to host members of the community when they come together to address their needs, challenges, and hopes for the future."...

Chicago Tribune, June 25

[Blackhawks victory parade, June 28](#)

Be ready for crowds in downtown Chicago on Friday morning during the Blackhawks [victory parade](#) to celebrate their winning the Stanley Cup. The parade will run from the United Center to Grant Park, although details on an exact route and time have not yet been confirmed. The route of the parade is close to some of the conference locations, and ALA is working with the city to determine the best way to get around. Get updates on Twitter by following [#ala2013](#), via the Conference [Scheduler](#) (and [mobile app](#)), and by following the Conference [Facebook Event](#)....

Chicago Tribune, June 26



[What's Happening at Annual Conference](#)

ALA Senior Associate Executive Director Mary Ghikas has compiled a handy, informal guide ([PDF file](#)) to the most important tips, facts, events, and activities at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago....

ALA Connect, June 24

[USCIS director to make announcement at Washington Office Update](#)

US Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Alejandro Mayorkas (right) and IMLS Director Susan Hildreth will open the June 29 [Washington Office Update](#) at ALA Annual Conference with an announcement. Hildreth and Mayorkas plan to announce a new partnership that provides tools and activities for libraries to better assist new immigrants....

District Dispatch, June 24



[2013 Diversity and Outreach Fair](#)

The Office for Literacy and Outreach Services has selected 27 presentations for its [Diversity and Outreach Fair](#) on June 29 during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The presentations will highlight

the [conference Tumblr](#). Have a wonderful conference!



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innovative and successful library outreach initiatives and programs during a poster session open to all attendees. The theme of this year's fair is "Removing Barriers to Service for All: Creating Meaningful and Integrated Library Experiences for People with Disabilities."...

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, June 25

[Everybody's free \(to wear comfortable shoes\)](#)

Eti Berland writes: "Whether you are a newbie or a veteran of ALA Annual Conference, there's always something new to learn and explore. In the spirit of this call for advice, I thought I would share my own ideas, in my own style. You may remember the 1990s classic video from *Great Gatsby* director, Baz Luhrmann, [Everybody's Free \(to Wear Sunscreen\)](#), based on Mary Schmich's *Chicago Tribune* article. Think of the following as an ALA-centric parody of this tribute to advice with my own set of irreverent tips for attendees."...

In the Key of Books, June 24



[HRDR celebrates 40 years](#)

The ALA Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment (previously known as the Office for Library Personnel Resources) will celebrate its 40th anniversary at ALA Annual Conference from noon to 1:30 p.m. on June 29 in the ALA JobLIST Placement Center. All are welcome to join them as they celebrate this milestone....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 25

[Register at the Placement Center to win a free Virtual Career Library](#)

Do your library patrons need job search and career exploration support? If so, head over to the ALA JobLIST Placement Center or the ALA Membership Pavilion at the Annual Conference in Chicago to register your library to win a free one-year subscription (\$950 value) to the Virtual Career Library. The drawing will take place at noon on July 1 in the Membership Pavilion....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 25

[2013 ALA Virtual Conference program](#)

Continuing last year's theme of "Mapping Transformation," the [2013 ALA Virtual Conference](#) program (July 24–25) is now finalized and includes high-profile authors for lunchtime conversations. Sessions offer starting points for discussion, as well as practical ideas for moving forward and trying something new. Register and get more information about the speakers, topics, authors, and overall program online....

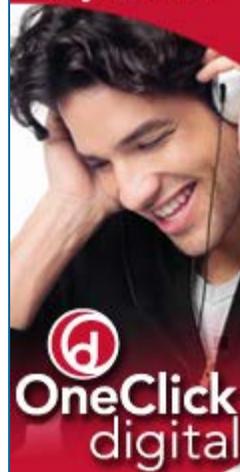
Conference Services, June 21



[Traveling exhibition on the Dust Bowl](#)

The Public Programs Office, in partnership with the Oklahoma State University Library and the Mount Holyoke College Library, invites applications from public, academic, and special libraries for "Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry: A Traveling

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Exhibition and Public Programs for Libraries about the Dust Bowl." The project is made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

[Applications](#) are due by September 30....

Public Programs Office, June 25

[CALA celebrates its 40th anniversary](#)

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Chinese American Librarians Association, an ALA affiliate. On June 30, during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, CALA will present a special [awards banquet](#) to celebrate its 40th birthday at Cai Fine Dining and Banquet, 2100 South Archer Avenue....

Chinese American Librarians Association

[RDA and serials cataloging](#)

[RDA and Serials Cataloging](#), published by ALA Editions, eases occasional serials catalogers and specialists alike through the transition to RDA: Resource Description and Access. By showing the continuity with past practice, serials cataloging expert Ed Jones frames the practice within the structure of the FRBR and FRAD conceptual models on which RDA is based....

ALA Editions, June 20

[Developing literacy through storytimes](#)

[Storytimes for Everyone! Developing Young Children's Language and Literacy](#), published by ALA Editions, builds on the concepts introduced in the second edition of the [Every Child Ready to Read](#) initiative to offer practical suggestions for incorporating early literacy information and strategies into the storytime setting. Early literacy experts Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting and Pamela Martin-Díaz demonstrate how parents, children, and the storytime presenter can come together to create a storytime that is informative and fun....

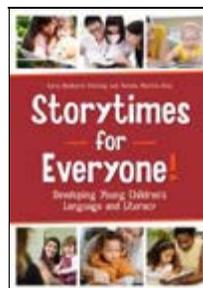
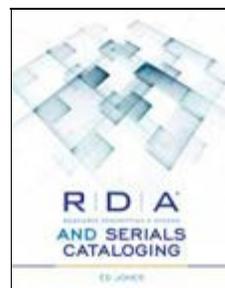
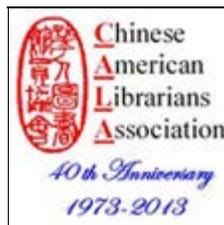
ALA Editions, June 21

[Burke's technology companion](#)

The fourth edition of John Burke's [Neal-Schuman Library Technology Companion: A Basic Guide for Library Staff](#), newly revised and updated, is a perfect primer for LIS students and should be at the top of the list for any current or future library professional looking to stay at the forefront of technological advancement. This all-in-one guide helps readers contribute to improving institutional performance, boost productivity, and stay connected to the latest library technology topics and tools....

ALA Neal-Schuman, June 21

[How to embed librarianship in learning management systems](#)



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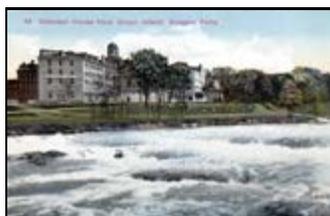
Information literacy instruction is best when it is integrated into actual research, and in higher education that means embedding librarianship into the learning management system (LMS). [*Embedding Librarianship in Learning Management Systems: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians*](#), by Beth E. Tumbleson and John J. Burke, is geared toward academic librarians already working with classes in an LMS as well as those considering how to begin a pilot....

ALA Neal-Schuman, June 25



[ALA's 1903 Conference in Niagara Falls](#)

Larry Nix writes: "In 1903, ALA held its 25th annual meeting in Niagara Falls, New York, with an evening reception at the [Cataract House hotel](#) (right). Most of the sessions took place June 22–27 in Cataract House.



The printed program consisted of just eight pages. The most substantive session was a survey by the ALA Library Training Committee, chaired by Mary W. Plummer (who was ALA president in 1915–1916), on all library training programs in 1902."...

Library History Buff Blog, June 22

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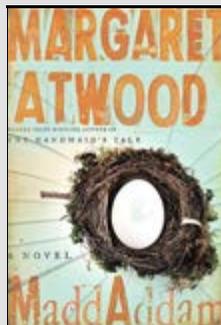


Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Adult fiction](#)

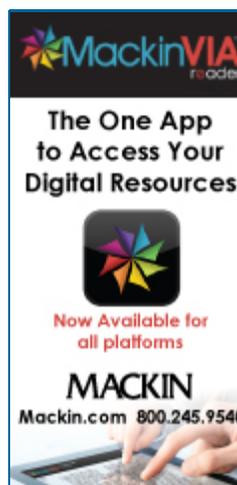
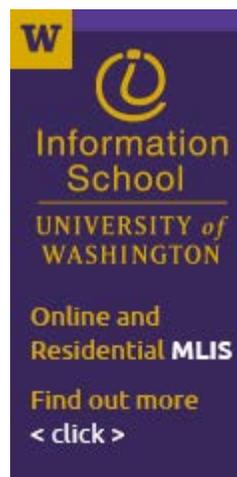
Atwood, Margaret. *MaddAddam*. Sept. 2013. 416p. Doubleday/Nan A. Talese, hardcover (978-0-385-52878-8).

Ten years after *Oryx & Crake* rocked readers the world over, Atwood brings her cunning, impish, and bracing speculative trilogy—following *The Year of the Flood*—to a gritty, stirring, and resonant conclusion. In the wreckage of a maniacal bioengineering empire, Toby, a can-do gal and a key member of the once-thriving God's Gardeners, a peaceful green resistance group, reconnects with her great unrequited love, Zeb, of the MaddAddamite bioterrorists. All tactical differences evaporate in the wake of the apocalyptic pandemic....



[He reads: Guybrarians](#)

David Wright writes: "Was it ever common to call people like me 'male librarians,' as it once was to refer to 'male nurses'? The days



of any profession being that bound up with either gender seem to be thankfully retreating into the past. Why, then, did I take 'guybrarian' as my Facebook and Twitter handle, potentially irking both men and women on the right side of history? Masculine insecurity? One pretty safe generalization about us guybrarians is that we aren't shy about owning and celebrating our profession, as seen in these varied titles by and about male librarians. Let the mansplaining begin!"...

[She reads: Marian the contrarian](#)



Kaite Mediatore Stover writes: "The world labors under two delusions regarding lady librarians. We are either the timid, bespectacled spinster (see Mary Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life*) or we're the wild 'n' crazy, bun-loosening fantasy babe (see most stag films from the 1960s). Actually, we're somewhere in between; a cross between smarty singleton Bunny (see *Desk Set*) and hipster fashionista Mary (see *Party Girl*). We can be kidnappers, ghostly readers, radicals, camel jockeys, and wartime heroes, even if we sometimes need a killer makeover. Very like the librarians in the books listed below."...

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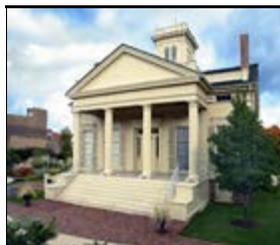


Chicago Update

[The Clarke House Museum](#)

Built for Henry B. Clarke in 1836 (the same year as the Battle of the Alamo), the [Clarke House Museum](#) is Chicago's oldest house. Located at 1827 South Indiana Avenue, the Greek Revival house shows what life was like for a family in Chicago during the city's formative years before the Civil War. Its fascinating history began at a time when Chicago received its city charter, and much of the area was still undeveloped prairie. Tours are offered Wednesday through Sunday at noon and 2 p.m....

City of Chicago; Wikipedia



["The Screen" debuts in Millennium Park](#)

Because of its proximity to The Bean, they are calling it "The Screen." Unveiled June 17, it's a video display unit that, at 900 square feet, or 40-by-22.5 feet, is likely bigger than all the big screens at a typical Best Buy put

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[What's It All About \[El perquè de tot plegat\]](#)

(1995, Spain). In the "Amor" segment, Rossy de Palma plays a librarian in a zoological museum.



[What's New](#)

[Pussycat?](#) (1965, US / France). Woody Allen as Victor is talking to his girlfriend Carole (Romy Schneider) while they are standing on two ladders in a library. He



together. The LED device is bright enough to be viewed in full daylight from all 4,000 seats in Millennium Park's Pritzker Pavilion concert venue. It will be screening films in the new, free [Millennium Park Film Series](#), every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. this summer. You can catch *Yankee Doodle Dandy* on July 2....

Chicago Tribune, May 23, June 18

[Tour the Harold Washington Library Center](#)

The Harold Washington Library Center is the central facility for the Chicago Public Library system. Named after Mayor Harold Washington (in office 1983–1987), it is located in the South Loop at 400 South State Street. Ornamental Barn Owls (right), perched in the foliage at the four corners at the top of the building, and the Great Horned Owl over the State Street entrance were all designed by Raymond Kaskey and represent knowledge. The owl has been incorporated into the program design for most Chicago-based ALA Annual Conferences since the building opened in 1991....

Chicago Public Library



[Chicago kayaking](#)

Paddle the architectural canyons of the Chicago River with Kayak Chicago, an outdoor-instruction outfitter. Kayak through looming skyscrapers, learning the history of the river, the reason why Chicago was built here, Al Capone's hideout, and where the first settlers lived. No kayaking experience is necessary on this three-hour tour, but the company also offers lessons and provides rentals....

Kayak Chicago



[Boat tours: The options](#)

One of the best ways to see Chicago is by boat. All of the boat tours in Chicago have much to offer, so the hardest part is choosing the one that's right for you. This page provides a brief comparison of various Chicago boat tours and cruises. Be sure to check with the cruise company directly to verify cruise types, pricing, and hours and dates of operation....

Chicago Traveler



[Restaurants with great views](#)

Nick Kindelsperger writes: "Ever feel like the quality of a restaurant is inversely related to the picturesque view it offers? I'm the first to admit that I'm an absolute sucker for a good Chicago skyline view. You'd think I'd get over seeing the towers of downtown after six years of living here. Is it possible to reconcile



is chased around by a large man (played by French wrestler Jack de Lassartesse) who takes a book of poems by Shelley that Carole wanted to read. During the mêlée she hits him with a big book and knocks him unconscious.



[What's Your Number?](#) (2011).

Anna Faris as Ally Darling tries to spy on ex-boyfriend Tom Piper (Anthony Mackie) in the "Adams Library" in Washington, D.C., by asking patrons to move a study table so she can see him better. The courtyard of the Boston Public Library was transformed into a romantic restaurant for another scene.



[When a Man Falls](#)

(2007, Germany / Canada / US). Dylan Baker as agoraphobic janitor Bill compulsively rearranges the

my child-like love of the view with my totally reasonable desire to never eat terrible food? Fortunately, there are far more options than I realized.”...

Serious Eats: Chicago, June 19

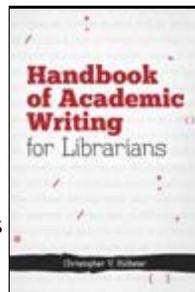
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Division News

[Handbook of academic writing for librarians](#)

ACRL has published a [Handbook of Academic Writing for Librarians](#), the most complete reference source available for librarians who need or desire to publish in the professional literature. Written by Christopher V. Hollister, University at Buffalo, the handbook addresses issues and requirements of scholarly writing and publishing in a start-to-finish manner....

ACRL, June 24



[New C&RL social media editor](#)

Sarah Steiner (right), honors, nursing, and virtual services librarian at Georgia State University, has been appointed social media editor for *College and Research Libraries*, a new position created to take advantage of the opportunities to disseminate scholarly work published in the journal, now that it has moved to an open-access publishing model. Steiner will serve a three-year term as social media editor beginning July 1....

ACRL, June 21



[Visit YALSA's Teen Summer Reading website](#)

Summer is in full bloom, and YALSA is celebrating by providing an archived webinar called "Demonstrating Impact through Teen Summer Reading." The 60-minute webinar took place on June 4 and was facilitated by Kelly Czarnecki and Catherine Haydon. It is available on YALSA's [Teen Summer Reading](#) website under [Resources](#)....

YALSA, June 25

[Apply for the Teens' Top Ten Book Giveaway](#)

YALSA is encouraging libraries to apply for the Teens' Top Ten Book Giveaway. Through funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, 20 sets of the final 2013 Teens' Top Ten titles will be given away to libraries in need. Individual library branches within a larger system are welcome to apply. Libraries can now [apply](#) for the giveaway through September 1. To be eligible for the giveaway, a library must be located within 20 miles of a Dollar General store....

YALSA, June 24

[Mark Edwards to speak at AASL President's Program](#)

Mark Edwards (right), recent host to President Obama during the announcement of the White House's ConnectED initiative, will speak at the [AASL President's Program](#) on June 29. Called the leader of a "digital revolution," the Mooresville (N.C.) Graded School District superintendent will speak on the fundamental rethinking of teaching and learning....



audiocassette collection at a public library until he finds a self-help tape on lucid dreaming.

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 from JobLIST

[Director of Special Collections](#), Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. Smith College seeks a dynamic, accomplished, and innovative leader to transform Smith's extraordinary special collections into a vibrant, widely accessible, and renowned repository for the 21st century. The Director of Special Collections will unify the Sophia Smith Collection (women's history), the College

AASL, June 21

[Two new articles in School Library Research](#)

Two new research articles are now available as part of AASL's peer-reviewed online journal, [School Library Research \(SLR\)](#). One study examines how important school librarians are in science instruction, while the other study examines how educators of school librarians and teachers view teaching their students about collaboration and 21st-century skills....

AASL, June 24

[Leadership Moments essay contest winner](#)

ACRL and LLAMA have announced that Melissa Cardenas-Dow, outreach and behavioral sciences librarian at the University of Redlands, California, has been selected as the winner of the Leadership Moments essay contest, held in conjunction with the divisions' joint Presidents' Program. Her winning essay is available online ([PDF file](#))....

ACRL, June 24

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Awards & Grants

[ALA awards 51 Spectrum Scholarships for 2013–2014](#)

The ALA Office for Diversity has awarded Spectrum Scholarships to 51 exceptional students who are pursuing graduate degrees in library and information studies. In the 2013 application cycle, the program received three times as many applications as there were available scholarships. The scholarships go to American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander students to assist them with obtaining a graduate degree....

Office for Diversity, June 25

[2013 ALA Scholarship recipients](#)

The ALA Scholarship program has named scholarship recipients for 2013–2014. Nine individuals were selected in the following categories: general, support staff, and specialty or practice area (children's services, new media, and federal librarianship)....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 25

[Beyond Words disaster relief grants awarded to two schools](#)

Herald Whitaker Middle School in Salyersville, Kentucky, and Joplin (Mo.) High School (right) are the recipients of the first catastrophic disaster relief grants offered as part of the AASL Beyond Words Grant funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. In 2012, Dollar General renewed its commitment to school libraries by increasing grant amounts and introducing two \$50,000 catastrophic disaster relief grants....

AASL, June 25



[2013 Pritzker Military Award](#)

Tim O'Brien has won the 2013 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement

Archives, and the Mortimer Rare Book Room by creating a shared vision and fostering a collaborative work environment with 11 highly knowledgeable and committed staff....



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Digital Library of the Week



The [Ryerson and Burnham Archives](#) of the Art Institute of Chicago collects artists' and architects' papers that complement and extend the permanent collections of the museum's curatorial departments. The Archives collections are notably strong in late 19th- and 20th-century American architecture, with particular depth in Midwest, Chicago School, Prairie School, and organic architecture. Architects such as Edward Bennett, Daniel Burnham, Bruce Goff, Bertrand Goldberg, and Ludwig Hilberseimer,

in Military Writing. The \$100,000 prize will be presented on November 16. The selection of O'Brien, a novelist and short story writer, marks the first time the award has been given to a fiction writer. His works include *If I Die in a Combat Zone, Box Me Up and Ship Me Home*, *The Things They Carried*, and *Going After Cacciato*....

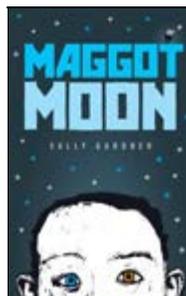
Pritzker Military Library, June 25



2013 CILIP Carnegie and Greenaway Medals

Dyslexic author Sally Gardner won this year's prestigious CILIP Carnegie Medal with *Maggot Moon* (Hot Key Books). The original and acclaimed dystopian tale also won this year's Costa Children's Book Award. Gardner was joined at the June 19 CILIP awards ceremony by emerging illustrator Levi Pinfold, who claimed the Kate Greenaway Medal, which recognizes excellence in illustration, for his second picture book, *Black Dog* (Templar Publishing)....

Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, June 19



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Get the inside scoop on pressing library topics.

Libraries in the News

NYPL's Rocky Balboa

Rosalind Gutierrez, a home health aide, has become legend among New York Public Library officials for her obsessive approach to collecting pledges of support during the system's annual advocacy campaign in May and June to avert proposed budget cuts for the coming fiscal year. She estimates that over the years she has brought in about 40,000 signed advocacy letters, which the library then uses to urge city elected officials to avoid cuts that it says would force the system into layoffs and branch closings....

New York Times, June 21

Changes at McGill's medical library

As of September 1, the majority of the collection at McGill University's Life Sciences Library—two floors with hundreds of thousands of books—will be transferred to the Schulich Library of Science and Engineering across the campus in Montreal. Dean of Libraries Colleen Cook said that student study space is more important than storing the books, and that a service point would remain offering reserve books, librarian consultation, and inter-branch loan service. The medical library was the first of its kind in Canada, dating from 1823 as the library of the Montreal Medical Institution....



Mies van der Rohe, Louis Sullivan, and Frank Lloyd Wright, and events such as the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 and the 1933 Century of Progress International Exposition are represented in a broad range of graphic and textual records. The Archives also houses the papers of artists, designers, and scholars such as Ivan Albright, Irving Penn, André Mellerio, and Richard Ten Eyck.

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

"Librarians are the best friends to have. I have this one librarian friend who sends me links and citations and PDFs every week to books new and old that relate to my interests. I never ask, they just arrive in my inbox, like one of those daily deal websites, except everything is free and everything is relevant."

—Columnist Cory Silverberg, About.com Sexuality, "[Sex, Gender, and Us Animals.](#)" June 21.

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Montreal Gazette, June 26

[Oregon State adopts open-access policy](#)

Oregon State University has adopted an open access policy requiring faculty members to make their scholarly articles available for free through its digital repository. The policy applies to all future scholarly articles authored or coauthored by faculty members at OSU. OSU is the first university, public or private, in the Pacific Northwest to adopt a universitywide open access policy....

Albany (Oreg.) Tribune, June 25

[Summer reading, with zoo animals](#)

A summer reading program at the Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library called [Zoo to You](#) is designed to help more students visit the library. Every week in June and July, Kansas City Zoo curators and docents are visiting a different library branch and bringing in an animal—such as a barred tiger salamander (the state amphibian of Kansas), a sugar glider (a tiny Australian marsupial), or Inca, the screaming hairy armadillo (above)—for children to visit. Librarian April Roy said the program has been very successful so far....

KSHB-TV, Kansas City, Mo., June 25



[Topeka grapples with new concealed-carry law](#)

The Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library on June 20 joined the throngs of municipalities seeking a six-month extension to the new Kansas concealed-carry law. The law, which will allow concealed-carry permit holders to bring weapons into public buildings, goes into effect July 1. The board will assess its security plans to determine whether it will apply for a four-year extension or allow people to carry guns on the premises....

Topeka (Kans.) Citizen-Journal, June 20

[Reference lives on](#)

Christopher Borelli writes: "Last month alone, the reference desk at the Skokie (Ill.) Public Library received 4,500 questions. And I wondered: What could I ask a reference librarian that my cellphone doesn't already know? So I embedded myself for several hours in mid-June at the Mount Prospect (Ill.) Public Library reference desk (right), which in 2011 received more than 200,000 questions. If you're one of the people who called or walked up to this desk with an inquiry, there's a good chance you spoke with Dale Heath, head of research services."...

Chicago Tribune, June 22



[Cuyahoga Falls fiscal officer charged with embezzlement](#)

A former deputy fiscal officer of the Cuyahoga Falls (Ohio) Library stands accused of embezzling nearly \$350,000. Theresa M. Karm made an initial appearance June 24 before Stow Municipal Court Judge Kim Hoover on one count each of theft and theft in office. Both are third-degree felonies. Police said the charges are the culmination of a three-month investigation that began when financial discrepancies were found during an audit....

Akron (Ohio) Beacon-Journal, June 24

Calendar

July 13–16:

[American Association of Law Libraries](#),

Annual Meeting and Conference, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle. "Rethink Your Value."

July 18–21:

[Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing](#),

Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. "Geographies of the Book."

July 31–

Aug. 2:

[Repository Fringe 2013](#),

Conference, University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

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. 11–17:

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

Joint Meeting, Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

Aug. 26–30:

[International Association of School Librarianship](#), Annual Conference, Sanur

[LAC purchases War of 1812 memorabilia](#)

The cash-strapped Library and Archives Canada has dug deeply into its coffers and acquired a unique treasure trove of Canadian history at a British auction of rare books and manuscripts. On June 19 it purchased the Sir John Coape Sherbrooke collection, a 200-year-old archive of letters, maps, and other artifacts for about \$690,000 at Bonhams, the UK-based auction house. The collection is described as the largest and most complete collection of War of 1812 documentation ever, which has been in the Sherbrooke family exclusively for the last 200 years....

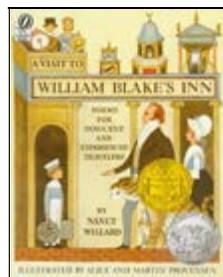
Postmedia News, June 19



[Librarian corrects misattributed William Blake poem](#)

A British school librarian has discovered that a poem widely attributed to William Blake was not really written by the famous poet. Thomas Pitchford, librarian at the Hitchin Boys' School in Hertfordshire, revealed that "Two Sunflowers Move into the Yellow Room" was actually written in the United States by Nancy Willard and published in 1981 in an anthology titled *A Visit to William Blake's Inn*. Pitchford's blog, *The Library Spider*, has [dozens of examples](#) of how the poem has slipped into classrooms as a genuine Blake poem....

BBC News, June 19; *The Library Spider*, May 23



[Kabul's new Laura Bush Library](#)

On May 25, the American University of Afghanistan dedicated the International Center for Afghan Women's Economic Development in Kabul. Funded through a \$5 million grant from the US Department of Defense Task Force for Business and Stability Operations, the center includes the Laura Bush Library and Resource Center, where university students, women's organization leaders, and business owners can gather to research, study, and plan....

George W. Bush Institute, June 5



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Issues

[Miracle in Marrakesh](#)

Catherine Saez writes: "The mood was one of celebration at the meeting of the World Intellectual Property Organization in Marrakesh, Morocco, June 25 as negotiators drafted a historic treaty, the Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired and Persons with Print Disabilities ([PDF file](#)). Maryanne Diamond, immediate past president of the World Blind Union, said that all issues that mattered for blind people had been addressed. In a rare occurrence, all delegations [celebrated in unison](#) (10:15) a treaty characterized as serving human rights." Libraries will be



Paradise Plaza, Sanur, Bali, Indonesia.

"Enhancing Students' Life Skills through the School Library."

Sept. 18–21: [American Association for State and Local History](#), Annual Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama.

"Turning Points: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Change."

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

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

Oct. 24–25: [Digital Public Library of America](#), DPLAfest,

Boston Public Library. The celebration that was postponed after the Boston Marathon bombing incident.

Oct. 29–Nov. 2: [Association for Educational Communications and Technology](#),

International Convention, Anaheim, California. "Innovate! Integrate! Communicate!"

Nov. 7–10: [American Society for Theatre Research / Theatre Library Association](#),

Joint Conference, Fairmont Dallas Hotel, Texas. "The Post-Thematic Conference."

Dec. 9–10: [Coalition for Networked](#)

considered "authorized agencies" that can make [accessible copies](#) without the prior permission of the rights holder. [Representatives](#) from ALA and IFLA participated in the debates in Morocco...

Intellectual Property Watch, June 26; YouTube, June 25; ALA Office for Information Technology Policy, June 26; District Dispatch, June 26

[ALA to Senate: Protect privacy and civil liberties](#)

On June 25, ALA joined 38 other companies and civil liberties organizations to urge the Senate to protect Americans' privacy when drafting new cybersecurity legislation. The coalition letter ([PDF file](#)) asks that new cybersecurity information-sharing legislation maintains the privacy protections from the Cybersecurity Act of 2012 (S. 3414)....

ALA Office of Government Relations, June 25

[Reed adds library amendment to Immigration Bill](#)

Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.) is offering a library amendment to the immigration bill that the Senate is considering this week. Amendment 1223 would make public libraries eligible for funding for English-language instruction and civics education, and would also add Susan Hildreth, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, to the Task Force on New Americans. Among the criteria for registered provisional immigrant (RPI) status are English-language skills, which makes Reed's amendment particularly relevant....

Library Journal, June 19

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Tech Talk

[Microsoft reverses Xbox One DRM policy](#)

After much pressure, Microsoft on June 19 revised its previously announced DRM, preowned game usage, and online check-in policies for Xbox One. It's a huge reversal and changes the dynamic of the next-gen console race with Sony and Nintendo....

Gamasutra, June 19

[Top free RSS readers](#)

Eric Griffith writes: "When we talk about free RSS news readers, we're usually talking about Google Reader. Or at least we used to be. Because on July 1, Google is shuttering Google Reader forever. What's a faithful feed reader to do? Most reader options are web apps, providing access anywhere. All the better to compete with (and now take over for) Google Reader."...

PC Magazine, June 25



[What to do if your laptop freezes](#)

Brian Westover writes: "The frustration of a frozen laptop is one of those headache-inducing, teeth-gnashing, pulling-out-your-own-hair sort of things that we have to deal with from time to time. But what causes a laptop to freeze, and what do you do when it happens? Sit back, relax, and let us explain how get through it."...

PC Magazine, June 25



[Instagram Video vs. Vine](#)

Jordan Crook writes: "Instagram just launched

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

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[video functionality](#). Glorious, 15-second, editable video functionality. Complete with image stabilization. So what does this mean for Vine? In the end, the competition should give users plenty to be excited about, whether you're a Vine loyalist or an Instagrammaholic. And both apps will likely continue to thrive. But let's go ahead and take a hard look at how these platforms are different."...

TechCrunch, June 20; ABC News, June 20



[A user-friendly technical dictionary](#)

David Pogue writes: "The *Computer Desktop Encyclopedia* was an online dictionary of 25,000 computer and consumer electronics terms, written for over 30 years by Alan Freedman, his wife, Irma Morrison, and occasional part-timers. Until about eight years ago, the CDE served as the built-in computer dictionary for 20 technology-related websites. Freedman has now made the CDE [free online](#) to all. And he challenged me to compare his definitions with its rivals."...

New York Times: Pogue's Posts, June 20



[New technologies that will change the world](#)

Laura Devaney writes: "Technology is constantly evolving, and ed-tech advocates know that what may sound like far-fetched predictions now could be popular digital learning tools down the road. During an ISTE 2013 session on future technologies that will affect schools, presenter Howie DiBlasi, an Arizona educator and digital technology supporter, told attendees that some technologies, including a [mind-reading shopping cart](#) (above) and a space elevator (although [maybe not](#)), are either in the beginning stages of development or not as far off as some think."...

eSchool News, June 25; io9, Feb. 15



[The peril of "free" downloads](#)

Conor Myhrvold writes: "In the past decade, search giants Google, Microsoft, and Yahoo have deployed significant resources to prevent adware and malware compromising their web browsers, email services, and websites. Unwanted downloads can't be that bad in 2013, right? After a little research, I decided to search for free games, music, e-cards, a wallpaper, and a screensaver for my new computer. This is what happened."...

Ars Technica, June 25



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E-Content

[Time to pool our resources](#)

Maureen Sullivan, Keith Michael Fiels, and Alan S. Inouye write: "The only certainty in the library community is that we live in uncertain times. Buffeted by technological turbulence, the very roles

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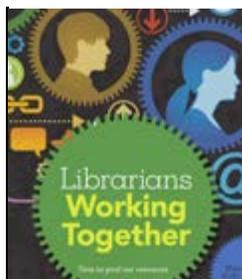
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and functions of libraries are up for reexamination and reinvention. But the truly fundamental change is a shift in foundational relationships. Significant aspects of the decision-making that library managers control have moved into the hands of the executives of publishing houses, distributor companies, and other organizations outside of the library community."...

American Libraries feature



[Faustian ebook bargains](#)

Clifford A. Lynch writes: "Sadly, ebooks have not only failed to deliver on much of their promise, they have become a vast lost opportunity. They are becoming a weapon capable of considerable social damage; a Faustian technology that seduces with convenience, particularly for those who consume a great many books, but offers little else while extracting a corrosive toll on our social institutions and norms. The failure here is not primarily one of technology but of the way that rights holders have chosen to apply the technology."...

American Libraries feature



[Snow Fall: The unpackaged book](#)

Peter Brantley writes: "After several years of hypothetical discussion about the possibilities of transmedia, it took a sportswriter working for a newspaper to demonstrate the power of internet-based publishing. In a single blow, the *New York Times* reset the bar for interactive online narratives. *Snow Fall: The Avalanche at Tunnel Creek* is a gripping story of a mountain disaster in the northwestern United States that claimed the lives of several experienced skiers."...

American Libraries feature



[Podcast on DCL's ebook-lending program](#)

Rochelle Logan, Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries, and Mary Minow, Califa, stopped by the studio to discuss their innovative ebook lending program and explain why publishers should consider selling their ebooks directly to libraries, in this Bookbliss podcast (8:35)....

Bookbliss, June 13

[Nook tablets to linger through 2013](#)

Matt Burns writes: "The Nook is on life support. Device sales are down. Digital content sales are down. Revenue is down. The company's [year-end report](#) looks bleak, but Barnes & Noble plans to keep its current crop of tablets around at least through 2013. However, things are about to change dramatically with the Nook brand. B&N is teaming up with a yet-to-be announced third party that will manufacture and co-brand the Nook Simple Touch and Nook Glowlight devices."...

TechCrunch, June 25; Barnes & Noble, June 25



[10 resources for community digital archives](#)

Bill LeFurgy writes: "We write frequently about the value of personal digital archiving, but there is a related role for public libraries and allied organizations: facilitating the development of community digital archives. A community collection could consist of born-digital and digitized images, audio, text, or other cultural heritage materials that document local history. Here, in no special order, are 10 resources that provide useful insight into developing, managing, and accessing community digital archives."...

The Signal: Digital Preservation, June 25



[BookReader for developers](#)

Doug Reside writes: "In 2005, the Internet Archive released the first version of its [BookReader](#), a web widget that allows a user to flip through images of book pages with an animation that suggests the turning of physical paper. The code is open source and written in JavaScript, so it's easy to install the widget on any webpage. As a result, many libraries and archives have used versions of the code on their own websites. Here's how."...

New York Public Library Blogs, June 25



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Books & Reading

[The Taksim Square Book Club](#)

After weeks of violent clashes between police and protesters across Turkey, a new form of resistance has emerged: the "Standing Man." Taking their lead from Turkish performance artist Erdem Gunduz who stood silently in Taksim Square for eight hours, thousands of people are standing silently, for minutes or hours, in locations across Turkey. Many protesters are choosing to read controversial books, such as Orwell's *1984*, in enough numbers to be labeled "The Taksim Square Book Club."...

Al Jazeera, June 24



[What makes a good "bad" book?](#)

Elissa Gershowitz writes: "Trashy books: They're the ones that cause young patrons to avert their eyes from a librarian (or, better yet, use the self-scan) and hide the dust jackets from their parents. They almost always contain steamy stuff and, often, controlled substances. Some, however, take on lives of their own, continuing to circulate among readers over the years or even the decades. What are the traits that allow these selections to stand apart?"...

The Horn Book, June 20



[And the next YA craze is . . .](#)

Teen blogger Cory writes: "It shouldn't

surprise us that dystopian fiction is going the way of paranormal romance. The million-dollar question is this: What is the next big thing for YA literature? Yes, it's possible that we could go awhile without having a big thing, allowing the shelves to be filled with more variety. As a young adult and potential consumer of YA lit, here are a few things that I think, either seriously or jokingly, may be the new trend, as well as a few things I would love to see take flight."...

YALSA: The Hub, June 20



Urban fantasy for teens

Colleen Seisser writes: "An urban fantasy is a subgenre in which fantastical elements are in play in a real-world urban setting. Urban fantasies can occur in the present day or can go back in time to around the start of the Victorian Era. Urban fantasy found its footing with teens when fairies and vampires were all the rage about five years ago. An interesting trend to watch is that of angels and creatures from classical myths coming into play."...

YALSA: The Hub, June 25



Guess these books by their catalog cards

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| 1. Man-woman relationships—North Carolina—Fiction. |
| 2. Oral reading—Fiction. 3. Aged—Fiction. 1. Title. |

Jeff O'Neal writes: "This one goes out to all the library lurkers out there. The Library of Congress subject classification descriptors for books can be either accurate and helpful or vague and incomplete. So, your challenge today is to guess novels based on their official Library of Congress subjects. Highlight the text next to the answer prompt to see the titles."...

Book Riot, June 23

A medieval comic book

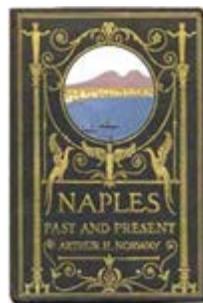
Damien Kempf writes: "This a page from the *Bible of Stephen Harding*, a manuscript produced in the early 12th century (Dijon, Bibliothèque municipale, MS 14). These scenes, which recount the life of biblical King David, read like a contemporary comic book: from top to bottom and left to right, with captions on top of each image (and sometimes within the images). It is one of the earliest, and most striking, examples of comic-like medieval pages." The full manuscript is viewable on the French [Enluminures](#) website. It predates by 700 years the [Glasgow Looking Glass](#) from the 1820s, considered an early example....

Damien Kempf, June 15; Glasgow School of Art Library, June 25



Beautiful cover art of the past

Beth Carswell writes: "What constituted a [beautiful book](#) a century ago? We've found 30 books that tell the story well. Highly decorated cloth, ornate scrollwork, symmetrical and floral patterns, gilt, embossing, and debossing: These covers make us want to touch them, own them, and display them. This selection spans the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Most are surprisingly affordable, and all are



an absolute pleasure to behold.”...

AbeBooks' Reading Copy, June 21

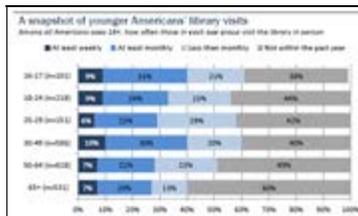
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Tips & Ideas

[Pew study: Younger Americans' library habits](#)

Younger Americans (those ages 16–29) exhibit a fascinating mix of habits and preferences when it comes to reading, libraries, and technology. According to a June 25 Pew Research Center report ([PDF file](#)), 75% of them say they have read at least one book in print in the past year, compared with 64% of adults ages 30 and older. Younger patrons are also significantly more likely than older library visitors to use the library as a space to sit and read, study, or consume media—some 60% of younger library patrons have done that in the past 12 months, compared with 45% of those ages 30 and older....

Pew Research Center, June 25



[Introducing Bing for schools](#)

Darrell Etherington writes: “Bing is taking a step to help make its products more appealing for school-age children, with [Bing For Schools](#), an opt-in program launching later in 2013 that targets K–12 institutions. The program is a context-specific version of Microsoft’s Bing search engine that gets rid of all ads from search results, and offers some bolstered privacy protections and more rigorous SafeSearch filtering of adult content.”...

TechCrunch, June 24



[LC transitions to free, online-only cataloging publications](#)

The Library of Congress has moved to online-only publication of its cataloging documentation. As titles that are in production are released, the library’s Cataloging Distribution Service will no longer print new editions of its subject headings, classification schedules, and other cataloging publications but will provide free, [downloadable](#) PDF versions beginning July 1. LC’s two web-based subscription services, Cataloger’s Desktop and Classification Web, will continue as products from CDS....

Library of Congress, June 21

[The best sites for finding freely usable images](#)

Ned Potter writes: “Creative Commons licenses allow people to freely and legally reuse artistic works, as long as they credit the creator. This can apply to any media, but it’s most often associated with pictures, and there are hundreds of millions of images online of very high quality that we can use in posters, brochures, presentations, websites, handbooks, or blog posts, as long as we abide by the conditions of the CC license under which they are made available. So where do you find these fantastic pictures?”...

The Library Marketing Toolkit, June 21



[Scholars Trust to serve libraries in](#)

[Southeast and Mid-Atlantic](#) (PDF file)



The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries and the Washington Research Library Consortium have signed an agreement to create a Scholars Trust that will combine their print journal collections under a single retention and access agreement. The combined title list exceeds 8,000 journal titles, making the effort one of the largest shared print journal repositories in the United States. WRLC and ASERL libraries have agreed to extend reciprocal priority interlibrary loan services across the group....

Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, June 21

[Research your location with mapFAST Mobile](#)

OCLC's new [mapFAST Mobile](#) lets you search WorldCat from your smartphone or mobile browser for materials related to any location and find them in the nearest library. Available on the web and now as an [Android app](#), mapFAST is a Google Maps mashup that allows users to identify a point of interest, then jump to WorldCat to find specific items and the nearest holding library....



OCLC Research, June 25

[Notes on an iPad: iA Writer or Byword?](#)

David Lee King writes: "#ala2013 is coming up in a few days, and I want all you iPad note-takers to be prepared. For the last year or so, when I take notes on my iPad, I've been using [iA Writer](#), and it works great. But I'm not really fond of the font, so I tried another app, [Byword](#), to be exact. Here's what I found."...

David Lee King, June 25



[Map your own literary landmarks](#)

A new website called [Placing Literature](#) combines maps with scenes from novels to place literary landmarks in real Google Maps locations. You can click on the map, zoom in and out, and pick out locations for a variety of novels. You can also add to the growing map database by logging into your Google account.



Crowdsourcing is key to the project, and the site is currently developing partnerships with libraries and educators. The team plans to offer a way for users to upload photos of the locations....

AppsRange, June 23

[A look at librarians and Tumblr](#)

Molly McArdle writes: "Tumblr is both a social media network and a blogging platform. It is often called a microblog, but there is nothing micro about it. Tumblr is *large*, and as a blogging platform it is user friendly. What makes library Tumblrs different from your run-of-the-mill library blogs is that they can take advantage of a built-in community with built-in readers. Librarians on Tumblr use the tags [#libraries](#), [#librarians](#), and [#Tumblarians](#) to talk to each other."...

Library Journal: In the Bookroom, June 25

[How past odd jobs could help you now](#)

Sarah Houghton writes: "For 99.9% of us, working in a library was *not* our first job. I worked an

extremely odd assortment of jobs between high school and finishing my MLIS, each and every one of which has continued to help me in some small way with the work I do today. Even jobs that are seemingly completely unrelated have yielded some practical skill, knowledge, or experience. Here are some of the jobs I worked and what each of them taught me that I still use today.”...

Librarian in Black, June 26



[Don't judge a librarian by its cover](#)

Dimity Flanagan writes: “A patron is approaching the information desk. I am available, as are my colleagues. Who will the person choose? In the slow times of exam periods or late shifts, I often stand wondering why a patron didn't approach me. I was definitely sporting the mandatory 'I am the happiest person in the world' smile, so really, they should have picked me. But they didn't. So how do I cope with such rejection? I can either push my colleagues out of the way, or I can solve my problem like a true librarian. So off I went to do some research.”...

ALIA Sydney, June 25



[Library usability study, stage 1](#)

Paige Alfonzo writes: “We are currently conducting a usability study at my library on our Libguides. We had noticed a steep drop in clicks from the Libguide homepage to subsequent pages.

Something about the way the guides were laid out was causing users to navigate away from the page. So with the help of our systems librarian, we set up a usability study to discover the reason. We have only gone through two tests so far, but we came across some interesting findings.”...

Librarian Enumerations, June 19



[Why zombies are good for libraries](#)

Matt Finch writes: “You get a lot of zombies in libraries. In 2013, even LIS grads must battle their way through a horde of the undead just to get to their desk shift on time. In the zombie events I've run, kids and teens find themselves drawn into the world of a zombie uprising. This opens the door to a richer library experience that acknowledges performance, gaming, and immersion in story as aspects of 21st-century literacy. So why are zombies so good for libraries?” Jesse Ingoglia has an interesting [zombiography](#)....

School Library Journal: Connect the Pop, June 21; New York Public Library Blogs, June 25



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