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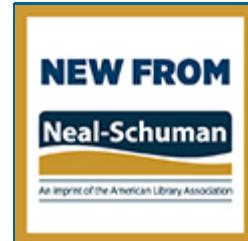
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## American Libraries Online

### [2013 Library Design Showcase](#)

Phil Morehart writes: "Welcome to the 2013 Library Design Showcase, an annual celebration of new and newly renovated libraries. These libraries are shining examples of innovative architecture that addresses user needs in unique, interesting, and effective ways." For example, the new learning commons (above) at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia offers students a presentation practice room with video capabilities; an audiovisual multimedia lab; and a digital media zone with dual-monitor computers, comprehensive research content, and the latest software....

*American Libraries* feature



### [Libraries prep for queries on new health care law](#)

Library workers nationwide are educating themselves about the next implementation phase of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which is slated to begin October 1. On that date, the Health Insurance Marketplace opens to an estimated 7 million people who are uninsured so they can select a health-insurance policy. Although the role of libraries seems clear to most in such a rollout, some critics aired concerns that libraries were being used as pawns to advance a partisan agenda....

*American Libraries* news, Sept. 3



### [New AASL executive director](#)

Sylvia Knight Norton (right) has been appointed executive director of AASL, effective September 30. She comes to ALA from the College of Communication and Information of the School of Library and Information Studies at Florida State University in



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### [2014 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits,](#)

Philadelphia, January 24–28. Registration and housing will be open October 1.

**2014 Annual Conference and Exhibition**, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 26–July 1. Registration and housing will be open January 13. ([Bundle registration](#) for 2014 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference opens September 9.)

**Thursdays IN THE Park**



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Tallahassee, where she has been school library media internship coordinator and instructor. During this period, she also served as state e-rate coordinator for the Florida Department of Management Services (2011–2012)....

AL: The Scoop, Sept. 3



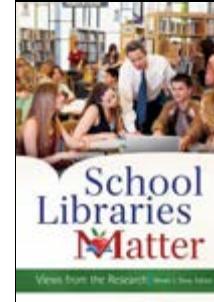
warm and well-written case for love affairs in later life."  
—*Daily Telegraph*

### Librarian's Library: Back to school

Karen Muller writes: "Whether we are going back to school or not, most of us sense new beginnings in the air. And whether we are in a school library or not, we are all part of the educational process. Mirah J. Dow, former member of the AASL Legislation Committee, has assembled a set of bibliographical essays addressing the key components of why school libraries are important to the education of our youth.

*School Libraries Matter: Views from the Research* looks at 10 facets of school library excellence."...

American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.



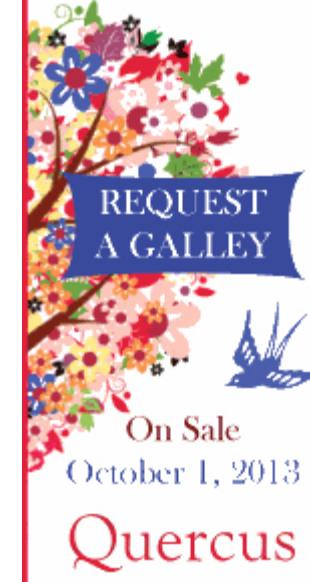
### Librarian's Library: Keeping up with continuing education

Karen Muller writes: "We like to think we're done when we graduate from library school, MLIS in hand. But then we meet the real world and a whole new set of questions and challenges: How does your first employer's library really approach customer service? How does it implement new technology? And a little further down the career path, will you need to learn a new skill or integrate a new program into your library's existing offerings? Later on, if you become a manager, will you have a clue what the newly minted MLIS you just hired is talking about?"...

American Libraries column, July/Aug.



HILARY BOYD



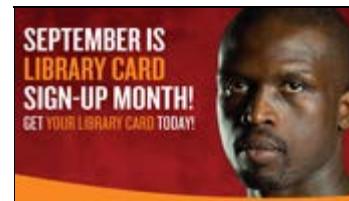
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## ALA News

### Promote Library Card Sign-up Month

Help celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in September with new [downloadable](#) tools and public service announcements. Sample media tools are available to remind the public of all the resources available for free with a library card. Tools include a sample press release, op-ed, proclamation, PSA scripts, and radio-quality PSAs....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Sept. 3



### ALA seeks Endowment trustee

Applications are now being accepted for one year of an unexpired trustee term. In addition to serving the unexpired portion of the term,

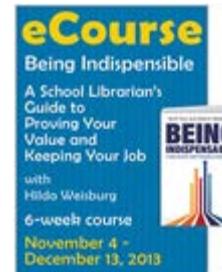
applicants are also being considered to serve a regular three-year term that begins at the conclusion of the 2014 Annual Conference in Las Vegas. The candidate will be selected by the ALA Executive Board at the 2013 ALA Fall Meeting. The deadline for receiving applications ([Word file](#)) is October 15....

ALA Finance Department, Sept. 3

## **Being indispensable**

ALA Editions is offering a new facilitated eCourse, "[Being Indispensable: A School Librarian's Guide to Proving Your Value and Keeping Your Job.](#)" Hilda Weisburg will serve as instructor for the six-week eCourse starting on November 4. It will show you how to lead, how to identify the people you need to influence, and how to influence them on paper, in person, and during meetings....

ALA Editions, Sept. 3



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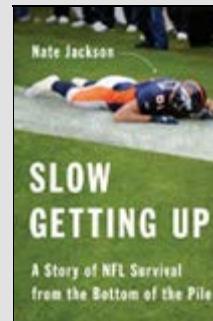


# **Booklist ONLINE**

## **Featured review: Sports and recreation**

Jackson, Nate. *Slow Getting Up: A Story of NFL Survival from the Bottom of the Pile*. Sept. 2013. 256p. Harper, hardcover (978-0-06-210802-9).

Nate Jackson played six seasons for the NFL Denver Broncos. He was, at various times, an extra wide receiver, a third-string tight end, and a special-teams regular. He didn't get a contract that will support multiple generations of heirs; failed to assemble an adoring, self-interested posse; never signed an endorsement deal. But he lived his dream for six years, never quite sure if he'd survive the next cut—until he didn't. Somewhere along the way he learned to write, not just link words together to form a coherent narrative, which would be more than enough for most sports bios, but really write. For anyone who wants to experience the NFL player experience, this is the book to read....



## **Top 10 sports books**

Bill Ott writes: "Inspirational is the key word in this year's sports top 10, from a crew team's triumph in the 1936 Olympics through the incredible story of a chess player from Uganda who became a grand master. Titles were reviewed in *Booklist* from September 1, 2012, through August 2013."...



Get the inside scoop on pressing library topics.



Bethan Ruddock's [The New Professional's Toolkit](#) will guide you to success as you begin your career in the information field. Full of advice from rising stars, it will give you the tools you need to thrive in libraries and information organizations. This is the ultimate resource for all new professionals across the information disciplines, and internationally, whether in archives,

## Sports from the inside

Keir Graff writes: "With most athletes, the poetry is in the way they play—not the way they speak. Nothing kills the thrill of an overtime, come-from-behind win like a courtside interview in which the sweat-drenched victor assures the interviewer that the team came to play, gave 110%, and was lucky to be better than the other team on the day. Thankfully, there are some jocks, coaches, and owners who can put into words what they do on the field—even better, what they do off the field, in the locker room, and on the team bus. Read on for an all-star list of memoirs so vivid that you can practically smell the sweat and Ben-Gay."...



## Joyce Saricks joins staff as audio editor

The library profession's well-known readers' and listeners' advisor, Joyce Saricks (right), joined *Booklist* as audio editor on September 3, taking over from Sue-Ellen Beauregard, who retired August 29. Saricks is familiar to *Booklist* readers from her popular "At Leisure with Joyce Saricks" column and from her work for the audio section as reviewer, interviewer of the annual Voice of Choice selection, and writer of numerous Listen-alikes features. She plans to continue with these in addition to her expanded role....



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

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## **Division News**

### ALSC and Lego Duplo partner in giveaway

ALSC and Lego Duplo continue to support constructive play in libraries through the 2013 Lego Duplo [Read! Build! Play!](#) giveaway. The two organizations invite parents, children, teachers, community members, and everyone in between to thank their local public library for their great summer programs by visiting the Duplo [Facebook page](#) and entering their name, state, and zip code to vote for their library. The deadline is October 15....

ALSC, Sept. 3



### C&RL now on Twitter, Facebook

College and Research Libraries, ACRL's official scholarly research journal, now has a social media presence on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as part of its transition to an online-only publication in 2014. *C&RL*'s social media outlets will feature updates on preprint and current articles, book reviews, highlights of past articles from the journal's nearly 75-year history, and exclusive content from *C&RL* editors and researchers....

ACRL, Sept. 3



### Help rename the AASL conference

academic, public, or special libraries. **NEW!**  
**From ALA Neal-Schuman.**

## **Libraries on Film**



**Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (2008, Spain / US). Rebecca Hall as Vicky is on vacation in Barcelona, but she spends time in local libraries researching Catalan culture.



**Videodrome** (1983, Canada). Sonja Smits as Bianca O'Blivion maintains a private library of videotapes of her father Brian (Jack Creley), whose goal is a world in which television replaces every aspect of human life.



**La vie fantôme** (1996, Canada). Ron Lea as literature professor Pierre successfully lives two fulfilling lives: one with his wife and two

## [newspaper](#)

A new contest launched by AASL will rename the division's 16th National Conference and Exhibition onsite daily newspaper. Formerly known as the *AASL Advocate*, AASL members and national conference attendees are invited to submit names and vote online for their favorite submission. The winning name will be revealed with the release of the electronic preview edition of the paper on October 14. Submit [suggestions](#) through September 16....

AASL, Sept. 3



children, and another with his librarian mistress Laure (Pascale Bussières).



## [AASL commends 10 supportive programs](#)

Moving on recommendations made by its Affiliate Assembly, AASL formally commended 10 programs based on their support of the school librarian profession. To be considered, programs must align with AASL's learning standards and program guidelines as well as the principles expressed in the AASL mission and value statements....

AASL, Sept. 3

## [Multimedia production spaces](#)

LLAMA will host "Multimedia Spaces: Creating a Culture of Creativity" on October 2. This webinar, presented by Shelly McCoy (right), will focus on what library leaders need to know in order to create and showcase multimedia spaces and services as assets to the library and to the community or campus. [Register](#) online....

LLAMA, Aug. 29



## [ASCLA Midwinter workshops](#)

Designing online courses, the secrets to successful leadership and how to become a library consultant are some of the exciting topics to be addressed at institutes offered by ASCLA January 23–25 at the 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits in Philadelphia. [Bundle registration](#) for 2014 Midwinter institutes, the 2014 Midwinter Meeting, and ALA Annual Conference will open on September 9....

ASCLA, Sept. 3

## [Violent Saturday](#)

(1955). Sylvia Sidney plays Elsie Braden, a librarian in Bradenville, Arizona, who steals a patron's purse to help pay her bills.

**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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## **Awards & Grants**

### [I Love My Librarian Award nominations extended](#)

Encourage your library users to nominate you or a fellow librarian for the 2013 Carnegie Corporation of New York / *New York Times* I Love My Librarian Award. The award invites library users to recognize the accomplishments of librarians in public, school, college, community college, and university libraries for their efforts to improve the lives of people in their community. [Nominations](#) are now open through September 27....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Sept. 3



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

### [Nine awards and grants from PLA](#)

PLA is offering nine awards and grants designed to highlight the best in public library service and to honor those bringing innovation,

**Career Leads from**



[Assessment](#)

creativity, and dedication to public libraries. Many of the awards include an honorarium; please visit the [website](#) for details on each award and nominate your colleague or library through December 2.... PLA, Sept. 3

## RUSA 2014 awards and grants

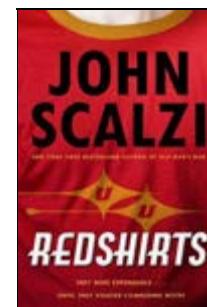
The nomination period is now open for the many achievement awards and conference travel and research grants offered by RUSA. The deadline for all nominations is December 15, with the exception of the BRASS Gale Cengage Learning Student Travel Award, which has a deadline of January 31. More information can be found on the [RUSA awards](#) page....

RUSA, Sept. 3

## 2013 Hugo Award winners

The 2013 Hugo Awards for the best science fiction or fantasy works were presented September 1 in San Antonio, Texas, at the LoneStarCon 3 science fiction convention. John Scalzi took home the prize for best novel for his comedic *Redshirts: A Novel with Three Codas* (Tor). Bradon Sanderson's *The Emperor's Soul* (Tachyon) won for best novella, and Pad Cadigan's "The Girl-Thing Who Went Out for Sushi" (in *Edge of Infinity*, Solaris) was awarded the prize for best novelette....

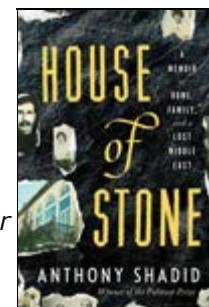
GalleyCat, Sept. 3



## 2013 Arab American Book Awards

Anthony Shadid, a journalist and Pulitzer Prize-winner who died in Syria in 2012 while on assignment for the *New York Times*, has posthumously won the Evelyn Shakir Non-Fiction Award, part of the [Arab American Book Awards](#) sponsored by the Arab American National Museum. His book, *House of Stone: A Memoir of Home, Family, and a Lost Middle East*, recounts his return to his native Lebanon in order to rebuild his great-grandfather's estate, and how that served as a catalyst to rebuild his own strength after having been captured and beaten while covering the uprising in Libya in 2011....

Publishing Perspectives, Sept. 2



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## Libraries in the News

### [Alabama senator wants Toni Morrison novel removed](#)

One week after facing an official GOP reprimand for failing to oppose Common Core, Alabama state Sen. Bill Holtzclaw (R-Madison) is calling upon educators to ban a novel used in conjunction with the national standards. Holtzclaw objects to *The Bluest Eye*, Toni Morrison's first novel, being included on high school

[\*\*Coordinator\*\*](#), Auraria Library, Denver. The Auraria Library seeks a creative, flexible, and innovative individual who is able to provide leadership in developing comprehensive and sustainable assessment and evaluation programs; to handle multiple priorities in a fast-paced environment; to work independently and collegially with internal and external campus constituents; and who will contribute to a customer-service-oriented library. Reporting to the associate director of technical services, this position will collaborate with a wide range of library units to evaluate, recommend, and implement processes and procedures for measuring the effectiveness of library-wide activities....

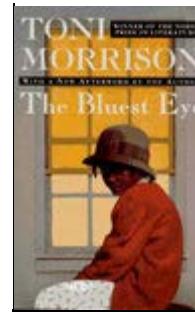


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## Digital Library of the Week

reading lists. He was unaware whether the book was in high school libraries, but said he would also support removal from school libraries....

Huntsville (Ala.) Times, Aug. 28



## [America's libraries branch out](#)

Elizabeth Blair writes: "It's not exactly a building boom, but several public libraries around the country are getting makeovers. The Central Library in Austin, Texas, just broke ground on a new building that promises such new features as outdoor reading porches and a café. In Madison, Wisconsin, they're about to open a newly remodeled library that has, among other improvements, more natural light and a new auditorium. Historic libraries in Boston and New York City are looking at significant renovations." ...

NPR: *Weekend Edition*, Sept. 1

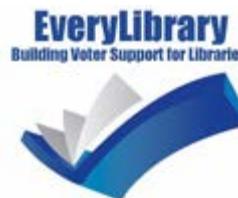


## [Libraries in crisis](#)

John Chrastka writes: "In case you haven't heard the news, there are two major crises in public library-land that are occurring right now: in Kentucky and in Miami-Dade County.

EveryLibrary is working towards building its coalition of library supporters and its resources to campaign on behalf of these libraries when the time comes." ...

EveryLibrary, Sept. 4



## [Chicago's new joint-use library opens its doors](#)

Lauren Barack writes: "Can a public library serve both school children and its other patrons at the same time? That question was put to the test in Chicago August 26 as the [Back of the Yards branch](#)—meant to serve as a school library for the grade 9–12 students attending the new Back of the Yards High School next door—opened its doors for the first time. The library has two teen librarians, a children's librarian, and a branch librarian who is also a K–12 media specialist." ...

School Library Journal, Aug. 27



## [New Thomas Paine collection at Iona College](#)

Thomas Paine helped inspire the American Revolution, though he suffered a broad range of indignities afterwards. Now a historic endangered collection, including first editions of *Common Sense* (right), Paine's eyeglasses, and locks of his hair, has found a safe new home at Iona College in New

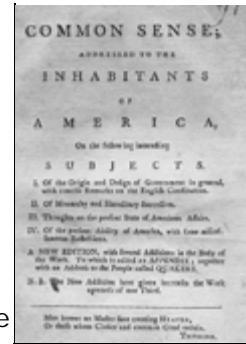
## [The Civil War on the Western Border](#)

hosted by the Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library, engages Civil War buffs, scholars, and students in research and discussion on the Missouri-Kansas Border War that shook the region from 1854 to 1865. Through a collaborative effort among libraries, museums, and historical societies across the greater Kansas City region, the project provides free access to selected primary source materials and adds unique interactive features and a thematic layer of original scholarly essays and topical encyclopedia entries. The project is made possible by generous grant funding from the Missouri State Library as a part of its collaborative statewide [Missouri Digital Heritage](#) initiative.

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

Rochelle, New York, barely a mile from what was once his farm. When the Institute for Thomas Paine Studies formally opens September 9, it will be a widely welcomed resolution to a battle over the fate of his memorabilia....

Associated Press, Sept. 2



## [Lumberjack boxcar library put on display in Missoula](#)

A library boxcar that served lumberjacks at the Anaconda Copper Mining Company camp in Greenough, Montana, from 1926 to the late 1950s was placed on permanent display tracks on June 29 at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula. During its first seven months, the boxcar library had 5,010 visitors and circulated 3,195 books. It turned out that lumberjacks, when given a chance, would forego gambling and fighting if they had something to read....

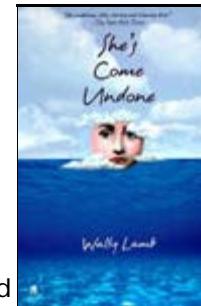
Missoula (Mont.) *The Missoulian*, Aug. 30



## [Connecticut prison library policies reviewed](#)

The Connecticut Department of Correction will reconsider its policy on prisoner reading material after *She's Come Undone*, an acclaimed novel by Connecticut author Wally Lamb, was removed then reinstated on the library shelves at York Correctional Institution. The novel was pulled August 6 due to "sexually explicit" content after the media review board rejected an inmate's request to read the book....

Hartford (Conn.) *Courant*, Aug. 28



## [The new library of Birmingham](#)

The replacement for the old Central Library of Birmingham in the UK officially opened on September 3. It is now Europe's largest public library. Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani teenager shot in the head by the Taliban for championing women's rights, unveiled a commemorative plaque during the [special opening ceremony](#). The facility cost £189 million (US \$293.7 million) and towers 10 stories above Birmingham's Centenary Square like a gigantic stack of boxes, wrapped in a mesh of metal loops. The Dutch studio [Mecanoo](#) designed the exterior of the building to reference the city's jewelry district. Cathy Rentzenbrink provides a [first look](#). Watch the [BBC video](#) (3:00)....

*The Guardian* (UK), Aug. 29; *The Telegraph* (UK), Sept. 3; *Dezeen*, Aug. 29; *The Bookseller*, Sept. 3; YouTube, Sept. 3



## [Why public libraries are glamping up](#)

Ken Worpole writes: "Library advocates need

## **Noted and Quoted**

"[T]here is one way in which librarians live up to their reputation: They are superbly organized. I've been to many library conferences — national, regional, even Europe-wide — and the one thing I can report about all of them is that they ran like *clockwork*."

—Blogger and author Cory Doctorow, "[Libraries and E-books](#)," Locus Online, Sept. 2.

"In college, when the libraries got bigger and I had glimmers of a vocation, they began to seem overwhelming. I started thinking about how many books there were, the impossibility of reading them all, and the difficulty of finding a place among them as a writer, and I started getting Stendhal Syndrome—the fainting feeling the novelist got when surrounded by great works of art—and feeling a little dizzy."

—Novelist Maile Meloy, [interview](#) in Public Libraries Online, Sept. 3.

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not be too full of doom and gloom. While cuts and closures are affecting library services, it is also true that the past decade has seen a reinvention of the public library in the UK and across the world. Why are libraries back on the urban agenda? Increasing numbers of people are now engaged in some form of continuing or higher education, and need study space and access to the internet, which many cannot find at home."...

*The Guardian* (UK), Aug. 30



### **Barefoot Gen ban lifted**

In a victory for free speech, the school board in Matsue City, Japan, overturned an order that banned the renowned antiwar manga comic *Barefoot Gen* from school libraries. Keiji Nakazawa's celebrated series was removed from shelves after a complainant—one who does not even live in the prefecture where Matsue City is located—called the book an "ultra-leftist manga that perpetuated lies and instilled defeatist ideology in the minds of young Japanese."...

Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, Aug. 20, 26, 28



### **A bookish haven for Americans in Paris**

Craig Turner writes: "The American Library in Paris is a gathering place for Americans and other English-speaking residents, a research center, a friendly environment for working writers, and an outpost of Americana in the heart of Europe. On any given day, you might find students, American and French, browsing the stacks and bent over laptops in the reading room; a book group engaged in discussion in the conference room, or a story hour underway in the Children's Library. In October, the library will inaugurate an annual literary award for the 'best book of the year in English about France or the French-American encounter.'"...

*Los Angeles Times*, Sept. 1



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## **Issues**

### **New Facebook privacy policy**

Facebook announced August 29 that it was updating its privacy policies to clarify how the personal information of its more than 1 billion users gets collected and used by advertisers. In a blog post, Chief Privacy Officer Erin Egan outlined the

| Timeline and Tagging Settings      |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Who can add things to my timeline? | Who can post on your timeline?                                       |
|                                    | Review posts friends tag you in before they appear on your timeline. |
| Who can see things on my timeline? | Review what other people see on your timeline.                       |
|                                    | Who can see posts you've been tagged in on your timeline?            |
|                                    | Who can see what others post on your timeline?                       |

## **Calendar**

**Sept. 17:** [Wolfram Technology for STEM Education](#), Virtual Conference for Education.

**Sept. 21:** [Elizabeth York Children's Literature Festival](#), Nicholson Library, Anderson University, Anderson, Indiana.

**Sept. 26–27:** [The 11th International Conference on Books and Publishing](#), Universität Regensburg Universitätsbibliothek, Regensburg, Germany.

**Oct. 6–8:** [Designing Libraries for the 21st Century](#), Conference, North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

**Oct. 9–11:** [Association of Bookmobiles and Outreach Services](#), Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. "Laissez les bons temps rouler!"

**Oct. 9–11:** [Ohio Library Council](#), Convention and Expo, Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Sandusky.

**Oct. 15–16:** [Internet Librarian International](#), Olympia Conference Centre, London, UK.

**Oct. 16:** [National Digital](#)

section-by-section changes. Luckily, you're not defenseless. With a few small [setting adjustments](#), you can take back control and make sure you share only what you want with the world....

*Wall Street Journal*: Digits, Aug. 29; Facebook, Aug. 29; *Wired*: Gadget Lab, Aug. 29

## [\*\*Georgia Tech to offer MOOC master's degree\*\*](#)

In January, the Georgia Institute of Technology plans to offer a master's degree in computer science through massive open online courses for a fraction of the on-campus cost, a first for an elite institution. If it even approaches its goal of drawing thousands of students, it could signal a change to the landscape of higher education. The program rests on an unusual partnership forged by College of Computing Dean Zvi Galil and Sebastian Thrun, a founder of Udacity, a Silicon Valley provider of open online courses....

*New York Times*, Aug. 17

## [\*\*MOOCs meet the Zombie Apocalypse\*\*](#)

Steve Kolowich writes: "How do you get thousands of people excited about an online course in math, physics, and public health that will not earn them formal credit or any kind of certificate? First, make it a MOOC. Second, make the central text a popular TV show (*The Walking Dead*). Third, add zombies. The University of California, Irvine, and Instructure, an education-technology company, are hoping that recipe will produce a [successful MOOC](#)." ...

*Chronicle of Higher Education*: The Wired Campus, Sept. 4



## [\*\*Pass it on: Librarians are not knowledge keepers\*\*](#)

Jennifer LaGarde writes: "I've been seeing many inspirational-quote-type memes recently, all referencing librarians as 'knowledge keepers.' Perhaps there was a time when librarians held the key to unlocking access to information, but that time is no more. Which begs the question: If librarians are knowledge keepers, but people no longer need librarians to access knowledge, are librarians still necessary? The answer can only be yes, if we shed the label of knowledge keeper and earn one of Knowledge builder." ...

*The Adventures of Library Girl*, Sept. 2



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## **Tech Talk**

### [\*\*The best school supplies\*\*](#)

Jamie Wiebe writes: "Most back-to-school guides are full of gear students can't afford or shouldn't want. So we decided to do a researched list of the basics for a student's home, backpack, and lecture hall. Many of our picks stem from fresh research, but some of them are early previews of full-length guides that are 90% done with picks we are 100% sure of, like pillows, sheets, pens, and laundry baskets. But remember, you may have a lot of this stuff already—don't buy stuff you don't need." ...

*The Wirecutter*, Aug. 22



### [\*\*How to buy a cellphone\*\*](#)

Jamie Lendino writes: "If you thought

[\*\*Stewardship Alliance\*\*](#), Webinar. "Overview of NDSA's 2014 National Agenda for Digital Stewardship."

**Oct. 17–18:**  
[\*\*Nevada Library Association\*\*](#), Annual Conference, Reno. "Lighting the Way."

**Oct. 18–19:**  
[\*\*Library 2.013 Worldwide Virtual Conference\*\*](#), free online conference.

**Oct. 21–Nov. 1:**  
[\*\*K-12 Online Conference\*\*](#).

**Nov. 2:**  
[\*\*2013 ASIS&T SIG-USE Symposium\*\*](#), Le Centre Sheraton, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. "Information Behavior on the Move: Information Needs, Seeking, and Use in the Era of Mobile Technologies."

**Nov. 5–6:**  
[\*\*Taxonomy Boot Camp\*\*](#), Conference, Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel.

**Nov. 15–17:**  
[\*\*The Library of Lost Books\*\*](#) conference, Library of Birmingham, UK. "Resurrecting the Book."

**Dec. 6:**  
[\*\*ACRL/NY 2013 Symposium\*\*](#), William and Anita Newman Vertical Campus Conference Center, Baruch College, New York City. "The Library

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 some key points to consider."...

*PC Magazine*, Aug. 27



## The 10 best Bluetooth headsets

Jamie Lendino and Alex Colon write:

"Bluetooth headsets are better than ever, with improved designs, stronger performance, better battery life, and more compelling features than you could find just a couple of years ago. Some features to consider in a headset: call quality, noise cancellation, battery life, style and design, comfort, range, bonus features, mono vs. stereo sound, and price. This list consists of headsets that excel in all of these areas."...

*PC Magazine*, Aug. 27



## Googling yourself takes on a new meaning

Clive Thompson writes: "Google Glass is the company's attempt to mainstream what the tech industry calls wearable computing, to take the computer off your desk or out of your pocket and keep it in your field of view. Over several weeks of using the device myself, I began to experience some of the intriguing—and occasionally delightful—aspects of this new machine. Generally I found that Googling was pretty hard; you mostly control Glass with voice commands, and speaking queries aloud in front of others was awkward. The one thing I used regularly was its camera." A [Glass app store](#) will be online in 2014. Lehigh University Provost Patrick V. Farrell documented [Freshman Move-In Day](#) with his Glass video....

*New York Times Magazine*, Aug. 30; *Mashable*, Sept. 4; *Chronicle of Higher Education*: The Wired Campus, Aug. 29



## A camera that sees like the human eye

Aviva Hope Rutkin writes: "Engineers at a company called [iniLabs](#) in Switzerland are applying lessons from biology in an effort to build a more efficient digital camera inspired by the human retina. Like the individual neurons in our eyes, the new camera (named the Dynamic Vision Sensor) responds only to changes in a given scene. This feature could be especially useful for recording scenes that do not change often, such as surveillance, sleep research, and microscopy."...

*MIT Technology Review*, Aug. 23



## When dumb phones were cool: A visual history

Megan Garber writes: "Remember when Nokia was cool? No, seriously: It was a simpler time, a gentler time. A time when *Wired* was writing

As Knowledge Laboratory."

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[Association for Library and Information Science Education](#), Annual Conference, Philadelphia. "Educational Entrepreneurship."

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long cover stories about the company with titles like '[Just Say Nokia](#).' Dumb phones, in a way that smartphones never fully did, became fashion statements. They represented a culture negotiating with a new technology. So here are 15 reasons the old-school cellphone represented not just personal technology, but personal style."...

*The Atlantic*, Sept. 3; *Wired*, Sept. 1999



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    total_re += 1
else
    total_others += 1
end
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## [Ed-tech tools for music instruction](#)

New research confirms that music education can help close student achievement gaps and enhance learning in other subjects. Here are seven music apps and websites for use in the classroom, courtesy of Common Sense Media and its new Graphite service—a free database of teacher-written reviews of ed-tech tools....

*eSchool News*, Sept. 4



## [Copy files from one cloud service to another](#)

You have been using Dropbox all this while to store your files but are now planning to make the switch to another service like Google Drive or SkyDrive. How do you take all your files along? [Mover](#) is an online service that helps you easily transfer files and folders from one cloud storage service to another. The service works on a freemium model—you can transfer up to 10 GB of data for free and then pay \$1 per extra GB of transfer....

Digital Inspiration, Aug. 31

## [Demystifying programming](#)

Eric Petteplace writes: "We talk quite a bit about code here at TechConnect and it's not unusual to see snippets of it pasted into a post. But most of us, indeed most librarians, aren't professional programmers or full-time developers; we had to learn like everyone else. Depending on your background, some parts of coding will be easy to pick up, while others won't make sense for years. Here's an attempt to explain the fundamental building blocks of programming languages."...

ACRL TechConnect, Sept. 3

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## E-Content

### [Libraries and ebooks](#)

Cory Doctorow writes: "At the start of the summer, I traveled to Chicago for the ALA Annual Conference. While I was there, I sat down with some of the ALA strategists to talk about how libraries are getting a raw deal on ebooks. Libraries are paying as much as *five times* the price you or I pay for the same book. Not only that, but libraries have to buy these books with DRM on them, and invest in expensive, proprietary collection-management



software. ALA has launched a program called [Authors for Library Ebooks](#), through which authors can sign onto a call to publishers to give libraries fair and equitable access to ebooks."...

Locus Online, Sept. 2

### **[Kindle MatchBook to launch in October](#)**

Amazon has introduced Kindle MatchBook, a new benefit that gives customers the option to buy—for \$2.99, \$1.99, \$0.99, or free—the Kindle edition of print books they have purchased new from Amazon. Print purchases all the way back to 1995—when Amazon first opened its online bookstore—will qualify once a publisher enrolls a title in Kindle MatchBook. More than 10,000 books will already be available when the service launches in October....

Amazon.com, Sept. 3

### **[A faster Kindle Paperwhite is coming soon](#)**

Laura Hazard Owen writes: "The front-lit Kindle Paperwhite with Wi-Fi [went out of stock](#) at Amazon in late August, and now we see why: Amazon has [announced](#) a new version of the e-reader that will start shipping [October 9–10](#). The second-generation Kindle Paperwhite will cost \$119 in the US and offers a higher-contrast display, a better light, and a faster processor. The company also says there's new touchscreen technology and that a 19% tighter touch grid offers better responsiveness."...



GigaOM, Aug. 28, Sept. 3; Amazon.com, Sept. 3; The Digital Reader, Sept. 4

### **[School ebook market directory](#)**

Matt Enis and Sarah Bayliss write: "Ebook providers offer different selections of titles with varying terms. Which ones will best meet your school's needs and budget? *School Library Journal's* snapshot of 19 ebook vendors outlines the suppliers' range of offerings, terms of use, and pricing options. Do you want to buy your ebooks outright or lease them? What kinds of discounts are available? This guide is intended to help librarians choose the vendors that are right for their schools."...



*School Library Journal: The Digital Shift*, Sept. 3

### **[How two schools are riding the market to ebooks](#)**

Karen Springen writes: "For this close-up report on going digital, *SLJ* talked to academic experts and visited librarians, teachers, and students at two high-performing Illinois high schools: New Trier Township High School in Winnetka and Northfield, and Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire. Both schools serve upper-middle-class Chicago suburbs. We asked the big questions on everyone's mind."...

*School Library Journal: The Digital Shift*, Sept. 3

### **[Now there are five](#)**

Jane Ciabattari writes: "What will the recent Penguin Random House merger mean for the publishing landscape? Now that we are down to the Big Five—Hachette, HarperCollins, Macmillan, Penguin Random House, and Simon & Schuster—will we see the US market boil down to a Big One within a decade? The silver lining is that Penguin Random House is large enough that even Amazon, with its \$61 billion in annual revenues, most from nonbook sales, can't ignore it."...



*Library Journal*, Sept. 3

## **Ebook prices: Has anything changed?**

Nate Hoffelder writes: "For the past year librarians with the Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries have been publishing a [monthly price list](#) that compares the retail price for an ebook with the price a library would have to pay (if they can buy the title at all). Over the past year things have changed slightly. Libraries can buy more of the titles on the July 2013 list than they could on the September 2012 list. Of course, the ebooks are as expensive now as they were a year ago but at least more are available to be purchased."...

The Digital Reader, Aug. 29

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# **Books & Reading**

## **Rousing Reads: Marisha Pessl's *Night Film***

Bill Ott writes: "It's the time of year when all of us connected to the publishing world begin speculating about the season's big books. The major book shows—BookExpo America in May and ALA Annual Conference in June—have come and gone, leaving dozens of potential big books in their wakes. Now comes the predicting, the opinion swapping, and, one hopes, the reading."...

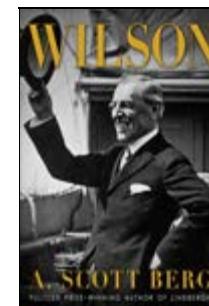
American Libraries column, July/Aug.



## **Forthcoming biographies**

It's an exciting fall if you're a fan of biographies—a diverse cast of luminaries are investigated this fall in books by writers who've spent years researching their subjects' lives. Bob Fosse, J. D. Salinger, Barbara Stanwyck, Johnny Cash: The roster of bios about famous last names is long and rich these coming months. Kirkus lists the biographies its staff is most excited about this fall....

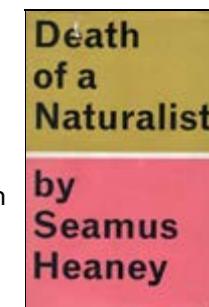
Kirkus Reviews, Aug. 28



## **Seven pieces of poetic wisdom from Seamus Heaney**

Seamus Heaney, one of the greatest poets of our generation, has died at the age of 74. Having left behind dozens of poetry books, select prose, and a prolific amount of translations, his legacy will not soon be overlooked. Born in Northern Ireland but having spent most of his life in Ireland proper, his knowledge of place went beyond basic geographic demarcations. Almost 40 years ago, Heaney delivered a lecture called "Feelings into Words" to the Royal Society of Literature. Here are some of the finest pieces of wisdom from his speech....

QwikLit, Aug. 31

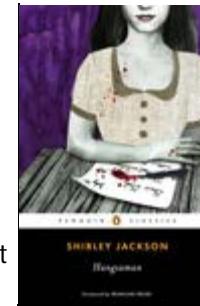


## **50 books you haven't read by authors you already know**

Emily Temple writes: "Looking for something to read but don't want to stray too far from the authors you

know and love? Flavorwire has you covered. Sometimes amazing books just get lost in the shuffle, whether it's because they are before their time, fall out of fashion, or their author has one blockbuster that blots out all the rest. Check out 50 great underappreciated, underread, and overshadowed novels by 50 of your favorite authors."...

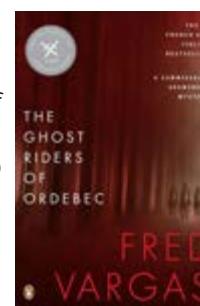
Flavorwire, Aug. 13



## Nine top foreign cities for detective travel

Barry Neild writes: "A recent boom in the popularity of Nordic noir—TV cop dramas and crime novels based in northern Europe—has seen fans making pilgrimages to the scene of the crime, the Scandinavian cities featured therein. But why stop there? Whereas traditional guidebooks stick to the boring old tourist mill, crime fiction steers its readers to the seamier corners of the city, where mystery, adventure, and possibly even sauciness lie in wait. Let's look at the evidence."...

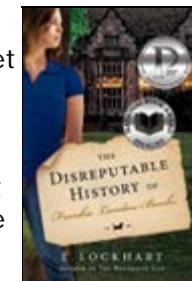
CNN Travel, Aug. 27



## Books for every class in your schedule

Carli Spina writes: "Welcome back to school! As you get ready to embark on the new year, check out this class schedule, designed just for you by The Hub bloggers. You just might find some new books in your favorite subject areas or the inspiration you need to branch out to topics you haven't read about before. Today we'll be delving into the first part of your day, with the rest in [Part 2](#) and [Part 3](#)..."

YALSA The Hub, Aug. 26–28



## Remembering Victor Frankenstein

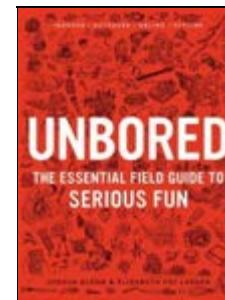
Diane Colson writes: "Brilliant, tragic Victor Frankenstein: He dared to usurp the role of God, galvanizing a haphazard assortment of body parts into a creation of his own. Obviously, he did not think this through very carefully. Frankenstein paid dearly for his hubris, not only during the course of Mary Shelley's novel, but forever after. Nevertheless, the story of the scientist who used electricity to animate inert matter is still fascinating. In honor of Mary Shelley's birthday on August 30, here are a few books that build upon her imaginative story."...

YALSA The Hub, Aug. 30



## YA books and the maker movement

Ellen Snoeyenbos writes: "Any YA lit reader who's visited a library recently may be aware that the maker movement is taking the library world by storm. Librarians everywhere are building with cardboard, doing circuitry workshops, and planning do-it-yourself programs for children, teens, and adults. Looking for books that encapsulate the spirit of the makerspace movement? I have a few



suggestions."...  
YALSA The Hub, Sept. 3

## 75 vintage dust jackets

Jason Diamond writes: "Looking at a beautifully designed book cover is one thing, but if you only get the front, you aren't getting the whole story. Older book covers served as windows into what people used to read, thanks to the catalog selections a lot of publishers put on the backs of their books, as well as showing even more beautiful art on the back. And that's why going through a site like [Facsimile Dust Jackets](#) is such a treat."...

Flavorwire, Aug. 29



## Authors who wrote advice on their hands

In preparation for its Shared Worlds 2013 writers' camp, Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, asked some of speculative fiction's finest artists, editors, and writers to write advice on their own hands and send them a picture. Shared Worlds Codirector Jeremy L. C. Jones advises: "Sort through these images and read through the text. Bounce this advice off your own writing experiences. Connect these words of wisdom like puzzle pieces."...

Shared Worlds, Wofford College



## 17 problems only book lovers will understand

If you're a self-proclaimed bookworm (or a bibliophile in denial), you can probably relate to these 17 problems. For example, when someone you like tells you they don't like to read; when an author stops writing mid-series; or when a book makes you cry hysterically in public and everyone thinks you are crazy....

Buzzfeed Books, Aug. 16



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## Tips & Ideas

### The public library is the digital bridge

Sarah Houghton writes: "On August 26, the Pew Internet & American Life Project released its [survey results](#) about broadband adoption in the United States. It shows that there is still a whopping 17% of the US population that does not have any kind of independent, personal internet access at home. So who's left to provide internet access for the 17%? The public library. If you ever doubt that offering computers and internet access in your library is a worthwhile service, read this report again."...

Librarian in Black, Aug. 29

### A librarian's guide to boosting the maker movement

Phil Shapiro writes: "Here's a goal for all of us who support the maker movement. Let's try to raise public awareness of *Make* magazine and the maker movement such that 20% of the population is in



the know. That's a lofty goal, but it's achievable if we each do our part. The following suggestions are just some ways of working toward that goal."...

Make, Aug. 28

### **Craft tips for programs**

Lisa M. Shaia writes: "Over the years of doing crafts with all ages, I've learned a thing or two. Here are some tips you can incorporate into your storytimes, after-school programs, and outreach programs. I always set up the craft before the children enter the room. I divide the room into two: one side for sitting on the floor and listening to a story, the other with tables and chairs for an activity. If you don't have separate space, I suggest putting the craft in baggies or lunch bags, or layering in paper plates, and then distributing."...

ALSC Blog, Sept. 3



### **Field-testing the math apps**

Lisa Guernsey writes: "Six software developers and designers from WGBH, the Boston public television station, descended on a child care center in Lawrence, Massachusetts, bearing a fleet of rubber-cased iPads. Their mission was to test prototypes of math apps they had been working on for months—tools designed with the help of researchers in child development and cognitive science—and to learn from pupils. Would they understand how to play the games? Would they like them? Would they learn anything?"...

New York Times, Sept. 2



### **How to add special effects to Vine and Instagram videos**

Taylor Casti writes: "Anyone can become 'Instafamous' by adding a filter or a few hashtags to a cool selfie. The real pros live on video. One of the most impressive types of videos on Vine and Instagram is the special-effect video. Hands-free, reflection, and cloning videos are among the most liked and shared. Here's a rundown of how to create some of our favorite special effects."...

Mashable, Sept. 4



### **Pay attention!**

Mary Kelly writes: "A while back I was talking with some librarians about the recent problems at the Urbana (Ill.) Free Library, concerning the weeding of a major portion of the collection. I was surprised that no one in my group had heard about this, as it dominated my newsfeed, Twitter, and Facebook. Reading professional literature should be a daily job function. When I say 'pay attention,' I don't mean you have to be an expert, but you have to be aware of the issues, events, and landscape of modern library practice."...

Library Lost & Found, Sept. 4; *Champaign (Ill.) News-Gazette*, June 14

## **Admitting our agendas**

Barbara Fister writes: "Chris Bourg, assistant university librarian for public services at Stanford University, recently wrote an interesting [blog post](#) about her agenda for libraries. It's a queer and feminist agenda, which might startle some librarians—but she points out that everyone has agendas. They just aren't always acknowledged. This is the kind of thing you rarely hear from librarians."...

*Inside Higher Ed*: Library Babel Fish, Aug. 29; *Feral Librarian*, Aug. 25

## **Children and families of parents in prison**

Megan Sullivan writes: "In part because prison and jail authorities have no mechanism to identify children, and in part because no agency is tasked with tracking them, millions of minor children of incarcerated parents often remain invisible in our communities. Because of the stigma of incarceration, families are reluctant to out themselves. Yet public libraries are in a unique position to provide a safe haven. They can quietly provide books, media, and other resources that children and families can discover on their own, and they can offer events or opportunities for family and community learning."...

*Public Libraries Online*, Sept. 3



## **So you want to be a law librarian?**

Janelle Beitz and Mari Cheney write: "You may have heard how the legal job market has tanked, which has a direct effect on law schools. Enrollment is down across the country, which means there is less money for law libraries. Law librarians are expected to do more with less. We'll never be rolling in money as law librarians, but the job has many perks that make up for that. Interactions with patrons make this job absolutely worthwhile. If you're trying to decide whether law librarianship is for you, we highly recommend that you engage in some informational interviews."...

*Letters to a Young Librarian*, Aug. 29



## **Make the transition from librarian to doctoral student**

Abigail Phillips writes: "How do you know if you really want to get a PhD? If you are working as a public librarian or school media specialist, how do you know if academia is a good fit for you? What follows are some suggestions, tips, and advice from an ex-librarian turned academic for those thinking about entering a PhD program. Although my focus in this post is on potential doctoral students in information studies, this advice can be applied to any doctoral program."...

*Hack Library School*, Sept. 3

## **The dame of dictionaries**

Daniel Krieger writes: "About 20,000 books reside in Madeline Kripke's two-bedroom loft on Perry Street in Manhattan's West Village—mostly dictionaries and books about dictionaries and language. When she moved in 13 years ago, her collection, by some accounts among the foremost in the world, was a little more than half



its current size. At first, the dictionaries she kept on hand for work were simply tools of the trade that took up a few shelves. But a funny thing happened—she became fascinated with these repositories of words and started to fall in love with them."...

Narratively, Aug. 15

## **Do our brains work like dictionaries?**

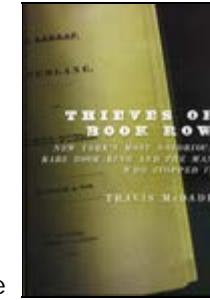
A mathematical analysis of the connections between definitions of English words has uncovered hidden structures that may resemble the way words and their meanings are represented in our heads. As every word in a dictionary is defined in terms of others, the knowledge needed to understand the entire lexicon is there, as long as you first know the meanings of an initial set of starter, or "grounding," words. Finding this minimal set of words and pinning down its structure might shed light on how human brains put language together....

New Scientist, Aug. 29

## **Book thieves and other library scoundrels**

John Lubans writes: "Travis McDade's engaging new book, *Thieves of Book Row: New York's Most Notorious Rare Book Ring and the Man Who Stopped It* (Oxford University) set me reminiscing about the book crooks I've run into during my library career. While *Thieves of Book Row* is about the booming used-book trade in Depression-era New York City, the book provides antecedents to current skullduggery and book thievery in libraries. Librarians are today more vigilant and diligent than ever, but the book thief is still at large and doing his mischief."...

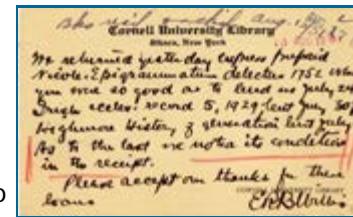
Leading from the Middle, Sept. 4



## **1931 postal card to the Library of Congress**

Larry Nix writes: "One of my favorite categories of postal librana is pre-stamped government-issued postal cards. Libraries made heavy use of these cards to conduct library business, and they provide an interesting look at library procedures of the past. The postal card (right) featured in this blog post concerns interlibrary loan and was mailed to the Library of Congress by the Cornell University Library on August 14, 1931."...

Library History Buff Blog, Sept. 3



## **Hidden fore-edge paintings in 19th-century books**

Christopher Jobson writes: "Colleen Theisen, outreach and instruction librarian at the University of Iowa Special Collections and University Archives, created an [animated gif](#) that demonstrates fore-edge painting on the edge of the pages of an 1837 book titled *Autumn* by Robert Mudie." The other three books in Mudie's series also have fore-edge paintings that can only be seen when the pages are fanned....

Colossal, Sept. 2



## **Demand is high for museum passes**

Su Epstein writes: "I truly believe that one of the best services the public library offers is lending museum passes. My library offers 16

passes, some funded by the Friends of the Library and many offered freely by the museums and state parks. In the summer particularly, the passes fly off the shelf. Demand is so high that we have acquired multiple passes for certain locations and also had to devise a reserve system and related policy."...

Public Libraries Online, Sept. 3

### [Chicago before the fire](#)

This 1868 pocket map of Chicago, published by Rufus Blanchard, shows the city in full-blown expansion, a mere three years before the infamous blaze. The Smithsonian has placed a view-finding lens showing the 1868 map on top of a current satellite view so that you can compare the cartographies. Two of the most interesting comparisons: the extent of the current lakeshore that is made up of landfill, and the number of railroads that no longer exist. There are also similar maps for [San Francisco](#), [New York City](#), [Washington](#), [Los Angeles](#), and [Denver](#)....

*Smithsonian*



### [Ode to librarians](#)

Flocabulary has posted an [Ode to Librarians](#) (3:31). The song teaches students about the library media specialist at their school. What do librarians do? How can they help you research? Learn all that and more with this educational rap ode. The website provides lyrics and activities. "You know us, the librarians at your school, / Media specialists, there's so much we can do."...

Flocabulary, Aug. 15



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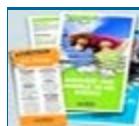
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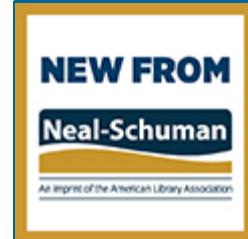
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### Digging into databases

Next up on American Libraries Live: On September 12 at 1 p.m. Central time, Marshall Breeding will lead our expert panel in a discussion of how databases are changing and shaping the present and future of libraries. This interactive discussion will incorporate live audience questions and comments and cover a variety of topics, including how libraries are addressing databases and electronic resources in the wake of budget cuts. Register [here](#), or just come to the [AL Live site](#) at the time of the episode....

*American Libraries*, Sept. 10



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### Newsmaker: An interview with Sylvia Knight Norton

Sylvia Knight Norton (right) has been appointed executive director of AASL, effective September 30. She comes to ALA from the School of Library and Information Studies at Florida State University in Tallahassee, where she has been school library media internship coordinator and instructor since 2011.

*American Libraries* caught up with Norton to find out about her priorities for the division....

*American Libraries* feature



### New vistas for print-disabled readers

Jonathan Band writes: "On June 25, a diplomatic conference of the World Intellectual Property Organization held in Marrakesh, Morocco, adopted the 'Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.' The treaty is designed to achieve the



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objective spelled out in its title by obligating the countries that sign it to make exceptions in their copyright laws for the creation and distribution of accessible-format copies both domestically and across borders."...

*American Libraries* feature

### [Another Story: Exiled by iTunes](#)

Joseph Janes writes: "If you're like me, you've completely lost track of the number of times you've clicked the little 'I agree' button—on software, upgrades, or website registrations. We know that they probably mean something, sorta, and we have that microscopic pang of guilt—or more appropriately, misgiving—about not having read what we've just agreed to, before barreling on to the much more interesting and immediate thing we wanted to do/see/read before we completed the involuntarily voluntary agreement."...

*American Libraries* column, July/Aug.

I Agree

### [President's Message: Hold a signing ceremony](#)

Barbara K. Stripling writes: "Effective advocacy must go beyond connecting our goals to those of the constituencies we serve; we must take the next step and move others to take action. What will enable the library community to think and act in a new way and move our communities to action? I hope the [Declaration for the Right to Libraries](#) becomes the powerful advocacy tool we need to inspire us to act. Hold a signing ceremony in your library. You will be changing lives."...

*American Libraries* column, Sept./Oct.



### [Editor's Letter: Moving along](#)

Laurie K. Borman writes: "Each year, ALA Annual Conference hovers like a beautiful and tempting hot air balloon, ready to take us off on an amazing ride, filled with excitement, ideas, and a chance to see old friends and meet new ones. I observed ALA Council sessions this year, met with advertisers, and perused new products in the Exhibit Hall. I laughed with Steven D. Levitt, Ann Patchett, and Olivia Spencer. I've already started reading Ann's recommended list, and I swear she knows my taste in novels. My one tradeoff: missing the Friday Blackhawks victory parade."...

*American Libraries* column, July/Aug.

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## ALA News

### [Bundle registration is open](#)

[Bundle registration](#) for the 2014 Midwinter Meeting and the 2014 Annual Conference is now open. The conversation starts January 24–28 in Philadelphia at the ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits and continues as we work on "Transforming Our Libraries, Ourselves" at the ALA Annual Conference June 26–July 1 in Las Vegas. Bundling the registration for both conferences saves up to \$140 and offers the opportunity to book housing for Midwinter

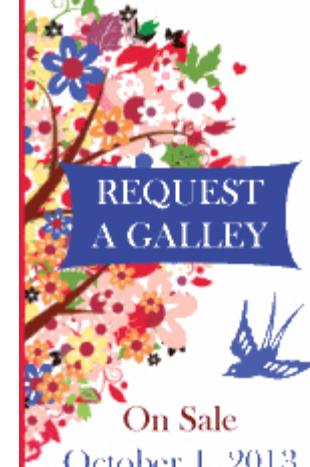


## Thursdays IN THE Park



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—*Daily Telegraph*

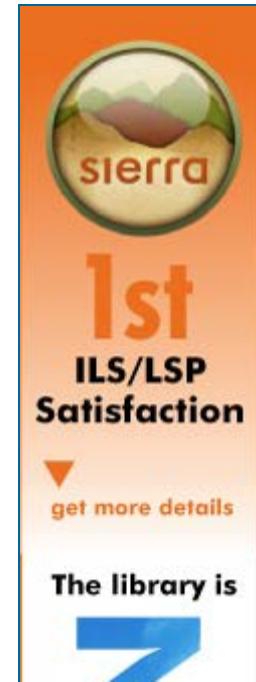
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Conference Services, Sept. 9

## Ishmael Beah, Arthur Curley Memorial lecturer

ALA Midwinter attendees can hear inspiring human rights advocate and bestselling author Ishmael Beah (right) at the 2014 Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture on January 25. Beah's first book, *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*, has been published in more than 30 languages and helped shine an international spotlight on his story and thus on critical issues related to children and war....

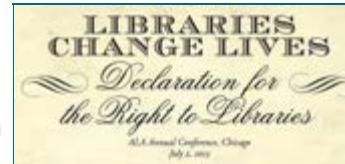
Conference Services, Sept. 10



## "Declaration for the Right to Libraries" webinar

Join ALA President Barbara Stripling and 2012–2013 ALA President Maureen Sullivan as they discuss the [Declaration for the Right to Libraries](#) and Stripling's overarching "Libraries Change Lives" campaign on September 23. The webinar will provide an overview of Stripling's vision for the declaration, practical uses of the declaration as a means to spark community conversation, and some of the declaration successes to date. [Register](#) online....

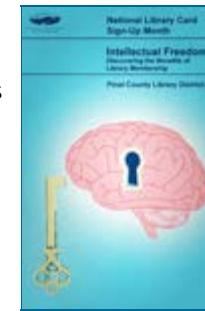
Office for Library Advocacy, Sept. 9



## The benefits of a library card

September is [National Library Card Sign-Up Month](#). In order to celebrate the numerous perks of library cards to communities and individuals, Pinal County (Ariz.) Library District has compiled a list of 30 unique benefits of library membership. The graphics were inspired by the colorful, minimalist, and retro [design style](#) of Penguin and Pelican classic paperback novels. All the graphics were designed by Emerging Technologies Librarian Ann Leonard....

Pinal County (Ariz.) Library District



## Public Innovators Lab in October

A three-day Harwood Institute Public Innovators Lab designed especially for libraries will kick off a year of coaching and webinar support as part of ALA's [Promise of Libraries Transforming Communities](#)

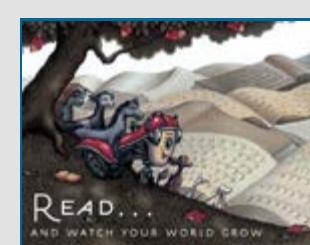
initiative. The three-day immersion in the Harwood practice, October 28–30 at the District of Columbia Public Library's Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, will be followed by one year of scheduled coaching support for library teams from a Harwood-certified coach, plus six live webinars to support and reinforce the learning from the lab. Participants must [register](#) by September 30....

Public Programs Office, Sept. 4



## The role of academic libraries in financial literacy

ACRL President Trevor A. Dawes will lead a discussion on the need for academic libraries to get involved in financial literacy education in a special one-hour webinar on September 30. Current successful efforts from across the country will be highlighted, including a presentation from Shana Gass, Towson University, on how academic libraries can



New York Times bestselling author and illustrator Loren Long has created original art for ALA Graphics to celebrate the selection of *Otis* as the official book for 2013 Read for the Record. Use this [poster](#) and [bookmark](#) throughout the year, especially to highlight October 3, when millions of kids and adults will read *Otis* together in

participate in Money Smart Week @ your library, April 5–12, 2014.  
Register [online](#)....  
Chapter Relations Office, Sept. 11

## [\*\*Seeking video footage from innovative libraries\*\*](#)

If your library uses federal funding to provide robust library services, ALA wants to hear from you. The ALA Washington Office is producing a series of videos that will educate legislators and policymakers about the benefits of federal funding programs, such as the Library Services and Technology Act. The deadline to submit videos is November 15. Please send all videos to [Jazzy Wright](#)....

District Dispatch, Sept. 10

## [\*\*Take the Digital Inclusion Survey\*\*](#)

ALA encourages public librarians to participate in the first [Digital Inclusion Survey](#). The survey will take the pulse of public library service in the areas of digital literacy, economic and workforce development, civic engagement, educational support, health information, and public access to the internet. It is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and conducted by the ALA Office for Research and Statistics and the Information Policy and Access Center at the University of Maryland. The survey will be [open](#) through November 15....

Office for Research and Statistics, Sept. 10



## [\*\*ALA-APA recognizes Spokane Falls\*\*](#)

The ALA-Allied Professional Association has completed an agreement with Spokane (Wash.) Falls Community College that will allow its graduates, who meet the established criteria from its Library and Information Services Program, to receive the Library Support Staff Certification designation. To receive the LSSC, candidates from SFCC must have the required one year of recent library experience or meet that requirement within four years....

ALA-APA, Sept. 5



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

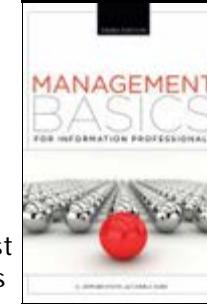
For 50 years, People to People's Citizen Ambassador Delegations have been providing rewarding professional opportunities by taking careers out of the office and into the world. [People to People](#), in collaboration with ALA, is now offering a custom-designed library and information services delegation to Costa Rica, November 30–December 7, led by former ALA president Camila Alire. It's not too late to [join or add a friend](#)....

International Relations Office, June 3



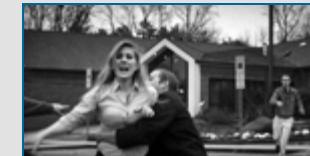
## [\*\*Management basics\*\*](#)

Reflecting the rapidly changing information services environment, the third edition of the bestselling [Management Basics for Information Professionals](#), by G. Edward Evans and Camila A. Alire, offers updates and a broader scope to make it an even more comprehensive introduction to library management. Addressing the basic skills good library managers must exercise throughout their careers, this edition includes a completely new chapter on management ethics....



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## [\*\*Libraries on Film\*\*](#)



### [\*\*Vault of Darkness\*\*](#)

(2009). The "Its Hour Come Round" segment features Christina Cupo as Alma, a librarian who has some terrifying moments.



### [\*\*Vera\*\*](#) (1986, Brazil).

Ana Beatriz Nogueira as teenage orphan Vera Bauer finds a job in a library after she gets out of juvenile prison. She falls in love with Clara (Aida Leiner), who works in the video department. Abrahão Farc plays a librarian.



### [\*\*Verification \[Weryfikacja\]\*\*](#) (1987,

Poland). Anna Kazmierczak plays librarian Dorota Marcelówna.

ALA Neal-Schuman, Sept. 9

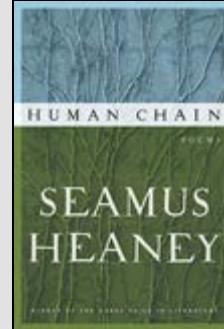
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# Booklist ONLINE

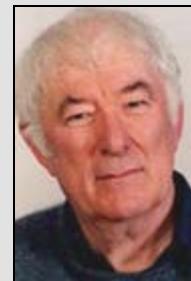
## [Featured review: Adult poetry](#)

Heaney, Seamus. *Human Chain*. Sept. 2010. 96p. Farrar, hardcover (978-0-374-17351-7). Nobel laureate Heaney (1939–2013) was an earthy and mythic poet who channeled the music and suffering of Ireland and, beyond that, the spiral of cultivation and destruction that sustains and endangers humankind. These are loamy, time-saturated poems, at once humble and exalted, taproots reaching into the underworld, flowers opening to the sun. Heaney writes of summer frolicking, hay baling, the death of a child, a hunger striker, berries, eels, and coal. Fluent in the classics, Heaney offers a redolent variation on the *Aeneid* titled "Route 110," in which the world of paved roads and motor vehicles is revealed to be but a thin veneer....



## [R.I.P., Seamus Heaney](#)

Donna Seaman writes: "Why are poets only in the news when they die? How I wish I heard the name Seamus Heaney on August 30 on the air waves because he had a new book coming out, or because he was reading poems at the United Nations, trying to bring some sense and sensibility to world affairs. Alas, the great Irish poet, successor to Yeats, made the news with a death too early."...



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## Division News

### [AASL selects book for One Book, One Conference](#)

The AASL National Conference Committee has named *18 Minutes: Find Your Focus, Master Distraction, and Get the Right Things Done* as the One Book, One



### [A Very Good Young](#)

[Man](#) (1919). Ruth Douglas (Helene Chadwick) turns down a marriage proposal from an assistant at the public library (Bryant Washburn as LeRoy Sylvester) because her mother has convinced her that he is too morally faultless. He sets out to sow some wild oats.

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](#).



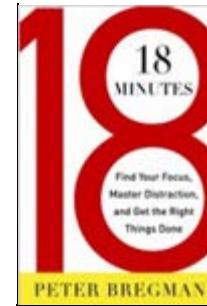
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Conference read for its 16th National Conference and Exhibition, in Hartford, Connecticut, November 14–17. Written by Closing General Session speaker Peter Bregman, the book outlines a three-step process for prioritizing a nine-hour workday that takes only 18 minutes. The in-person discussion on the book will take place in Hartford on November 15; an [online discussion](#) began September 9.... AASL, Sept. 5



### **Registration open for PLA 2014**

Housing and registration for [PLA's 2014 Conference](#), March 11–15 in Indianapolis, are now open. Keynote speaker Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, will welcome attendees at the Opening Session, while David Sedaris will send them off from the Closing Session. In between, more than 150 educational programs, author events, and the exhibits floor will keep attendees busy.... PLA, Sept. 5



### **The early bird gets the LITA Forum savings**

There's still time to save up to \$50 on registration for the 2013 LITA Forum, "[Creation, Collaboration, Community](#)," to be held November 7–10 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown in Louisville, Kentucky. [Register](#) through September 15 to take advantage of early-bird rates.... LITA, Sept. 10

### **The best of YA-YAAC**

Young adult services practitioners from around the world coalesce on YA-YAAC, a YALSA discussion list. [Practical Programming: The Best of YA-YAAC](#), provides librarians and library workers with a wealth of tried and true programming ideas for teens. Author Monique Delatte Starkey culled the best ideas and compiled them into this easy-to-read resource. Highlights include examples and how-to guides for active programs, educational and technological programs, pop culture programs, culinary programs; and new ideas for marketing, outreach, and collaboration.... YALSA, Sept. 9



### **LLAMA webinar focuses on online fundraising**

When fundraising for your library, how do you effectively reach donors online? In "A Conversation about Websites for Library Fundraising: Perspectives from Duke University and the University of Texas," presenters Thomas Hadzor of Duke and Gregory Perrin of the University of Texas will explain the connection between the library's website for fundraising and institutional fundraising, among other issues. [Registration](#) is open for the September 25 webinar.... LLAMA, Sept. 10

### **Join the next CODES Conversations**

Adult services librarians are invited to the next CODES Conversations, a discussion list-based thread to be held September 24–25 by RUSA's Collection Development and Evaluation Section. To participate in

### **Associate Librarian—Metadata Librarian,**

University of California, Santa Cruz. Reporting to the head of technical services, the metadata librarian works collaboratively to provide leadership and direction in metadata and metadata practices in cooperation with a wide range of stakeholders. The metadata librarian serves as the library's primary resource for non-MARC metadata design, structure, and standards. This new position will play a major role in the library's efforts to develop and coordinate best practices in providing a holistic approach to metadata practices, working to ensure the interoperability and sustainability of metadata in bibliographic systems within the library as well as metadata contributed to California Digital Library services and other external sources....



### **Digital Library of the Week**

"Form-Based RA: What Asynchronous RA Can Teach All of Us (even those not offering such an option) about Service, Appeal, and Working with Readers," [subscribe](#) to the CODES Conversation email list and download the resource guide ([PDF file](#))....

RUSA, Sept. 10

## [United for Libraries welcomes Kansas libraries](#)

The State Library of Kansas has purchased United for Libraries divisional membership for all 328 of the libraries in the state. Kansas libraries will receive membership for both their boards of trustees and their Friends groups or foundations. Statewide purchases include full access to the Trustee Academy, a series of online courses to help trustees become proficient in their roles....

United for Libraries, Sept. 10

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## Awards & Grants

### **ALCTS seeks awards nominations**

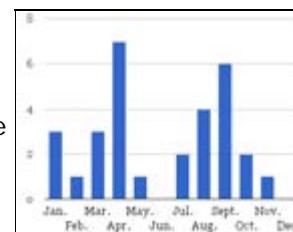
Nominations are being accepted for the 2014 ALCTS awards for [innovation](#), two awards that honor achievements and leadership in collaboration and innovation. Nominations are also sought for three awards for [professional achievement](#), two [publication](#) awards, two awards for [continuing resources](#), three [preservation](#) awards, and the [Ross Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award](#). If you are interested in nominating a candidate for any of these awards, contact the chair of that award jury. The deadline for nominations and supporting materials is December 1 (except the Atkinson award, which is November 15)....

ALCTS, Sept. 10

### [So you want to win the Newbery?](#)

Travis Jonker writes: "The only way to win the Newbery Medal, of course, is to write the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children and then sleep with *The Story of Mankind* under your pillow until the winner is announced (some people do weird things to bring good luck). But what else? Let's take a look at two factors that have no bearing on which book will win, but are fun to pick apart in hindsight: publication month and [starred reviews](#)..."

*School Library Journal: 100 Scope Notes*, Sept. 3-4



### [Apply for a 2013 Carnegie-Whitney Grant](#)

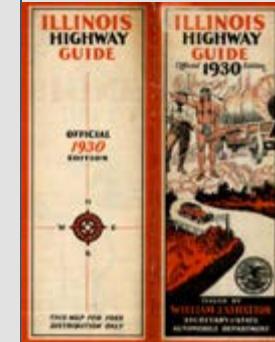
The ALA Publishing Committee provides a grant of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library. [Applications](#) must be emailed to [Mary Jo Bolduc](#) by November 1....

ALA Publishing, Sept. 10

### [Apply for an ALA scholarship](#)

ALA has more than \$300,000 for students who are studying library science or school library media at the master's degree level. Scholarships typically range from \$1,500 to \$7,000 per student per year. The [application and instructions](#) are available online. The deadline is March 1....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Sept. 10



The [Illinois Digital Archives](#) was created in 2000 as a repository for the digital collections of the Illinois State Library and other libraries and cultural institutions in Illinois. The IDA includes photographs, manuscripts, oral histories, government documents, postcards, posters, videos, newspapers, and maps. Its many collections cover Abraham Lincoln, the Illinois State Fair, Art Institute of Chicago exhibition catalogs, local histories, highway maps, O'Hare Airport, World War II, and the Chicago Botanic Garden.

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

### Noted and Quoted

## 2013 TEAMS Awards

Reference publisher Gale and *Library Media Connection Magazine* announced the three winners of the TEAMS Award (Teachers and Media Specialists Influencing Student Achievement). The 2013 winners are Draper Elementary School in Eden, North Carolina, for its digital book project, "[We Are Endangered](#)" (right); Constable Neil Bruce Middle School in West Kelowna, British Columbia; and Branford (Conn.) High School. The award was created to recognize the collaboration between teachers and media specialists in promoting learning and increasing student achievement....

Cengage Learning, Sept. 10

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Endangered:  
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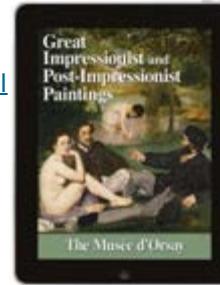


"Instead of a cautionary warning to drivers, there's an image of a stern-looking man, peering over his glasses, a sort of librarian of the street, if you will, telling you to keep it down."

## Benjamin Franklin Digital Awards

The Independent Book Publishers Association has revealed the winners of the [Benjamin Franklin Digital Awards](#), an annual series to "honor innovation in electronic book publishing" for both ebooks and enhanced ebooks. The winner in the ebook category is Tony Northrup's *DSLR Book: How to Create Stunning Digital Photography* (Amazon; iTunes), and the winner in the enhanced ebook category is *Great Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Paintings: The Musée d'Orsay* (iTunes)....

GalleyCat, Sept. 6



## OverDrive Digital Library Champions

Dozens of entries for OverDrive's Digital Library Champions contest were submitted from library and school partners all over the world and 12 semifinalists were selected. The final winners were handpicked by members of the editorial staff at *Library Journal*, who partnered to find the best of the best for this year's contest. The Kenton County (Ky.) Public Library won the Grand Prize for its [new mascot](#) that represents their digital resources....

OverDrive Digital Library Blog, Aug. 8



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## Libraries in the News

[Miami-Dade avoids layoffs, maintains hours](#)

## Calendar

**Sept. 9–15:**  
[National Lifeline Awareness Week](#),

Federal Communications Commission.

**Sept. 21–22:**  
[Library of Congress National Book Festival](#), National Mall, Washington, D.C.

**Sept. 28–29:**  
[Vancouver Book Fair](#), UBC Robson Square, Vancouver, B.C.

**Oct. 24–26:**  
[Academy of American Poets](#), seventh annual Poets Forum, The New School and New York

In a surprise last-minute move, Miami-Dade commissioners decided in the early hours of September 11 to [raid rainy-day reserves](#) to avoid laying off 169 library workers and slashing library hours in the coming budget year. Though the action will save the jobs of employees who turned out in force to a [public hearing](#) that began September 10, it will create a whopping \$20 million budget hole next year to fund the county's 49 branches at the same level as this year....

*Miami Herald*, Sept. 11; WLRN-FM, Miami, Sept. 11; WTVJ-TV, Miami, Sept. 11



### [\*\*Fairfax County puts library "revamp" on hold\*\*](#)

At a Fairfax County (Va.) Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss the outcry over [proposed changes](#) to the county library system, the vice-chair of the library board of trustees said September 10 that "the entire matter of these changes will be put on hold" until the library board can get more input from library staff and customers. The board this summer adopted a Strategic Plan ([PDF file](#)) that would reduce staff, eliminate MLIS degree requirements, and require other changes that brought heavy criticism....

*Washington Post*, Sept. 9, 11

### [\*\*NYC mayoral candidates talk libraries\*\*](#)

Christian Zabriskie writes: "New York City public libraries are an invaluable public asset. Brooklyn Public Library, New York Public Library, and Queens Library are recognized leaders in the field and despite years of budget pressure remain cutting-edge public institutions. The next mayor will have a chance either to leverage incredible assets by supporting libraries or to limit these incredibly cost-effective public resources through budget choices. Here is what four of the candidates had to say..."...

*Huffington Post Blog*, Sept. 9



### [\*\*Public libraries add multimedia\*\*](#)

Nora Fleming writes: "During the past two decades, libraries have steadily added technology services, but those tended to be along the lines of providing free internet use. However, limited budgets and the growing need to prepare students for the 21st century have pushed them into new roles. They are teaching technology-driven workshops for middle- and high-school students, providing hands-on activities for young children, and bringing their best practices into school classrooms and other institutions to share."...

*Education Week*, Sept. 4



### [\*\*The hidden history of New York's Central Library plan\*\*](#)

Scott Sherman writes: "On February 1, Anthony Marx, president and CEO of the New York Public Library, met with a group of business and political leaders who had assembled in a majestic room inside the



University, New York City.

### **Oct. 25:**

[Open Access Un/Conference](#), King Library, San José State University, San José, California. [Register](#) online.

### **Oct. 29:**

[The 5th Information Literacy Research Symposium](#), Purdue University West Lafayette Campus, Indiana. "Toward Informed Learning in Professional Practice."

### **Oct. 29–**

[Nov. 2: Association for Educational Communications and Technology](#), International Convention, Anaheim, California. "Innovate! Integrate! Communicate!"

### **Nov. 1:**

[Brick and Click Libraries Symposium](#),

Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville.

### **Nov. 1–6:**

[Association of Academic Health Science Libraries / Association of American Medical Colleges](#), Annual Meeting, Philadelphia. "Learn, Serve, Lead."

### **Nov. 12:**

[CENDI / NFAIS / Federal Library Information Network](#), Workshop, Library of Congress, Washington, DC. "Open

42nd Street library. Near the end of his spirited presentation, Marx asked his audience to buy commercial real estate in the vicinity of Fifth Avenue and 40th Street—the location of the Mid-Manhattan Library, which the NYPL is determined to sell under its [Central Library Plan](#), the core of which envisions a colossal, \$300 million+ transformation of the 42nd Street library by the architect Norman Foster."...

*The Nation*, Sept. 16

### [Madison's new Central Library](#)

Welcome to the new Madison (Wis.) Public Library. Not just a downtown institution that's been renovated, renewed, and expanded to the tune of \$30 million, but a whole new concept in libraries. Built on the site of the former 1965 central branch, Madison's new [downtown library](#) was designed by architects Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle of Minneapolis and Potter Lawson of Madison. The new facility will be dedicated and opened to the public on September 21....

*Madison Wisconsin State Journal*, Sept. 8



### [Yale's Sterling Library is getting a makeover](#)

Yale University's Sterling Memorial Library is getting a much-needed touch up. The library is in the midst of a complete restoration of its nave—the church-like expanse that awes visitors with its high archways, intricate stained glass, and eye-catching stonework. When the project is completed in 2014, officials say, it will return the library to its former splendor while updating its functionality for today's students and scholars....

*New Haven (Conn.) Register*, Sept. 7



### [Late librarian's gift enriches children's services](#)

When the ceremonial shovels broke ground for Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library's new Whitehall branch September 10, Susan Snowden was smiling for her big sister Carol, who had devoted most of her 57 years to kids. Few knew before Carol Snowden's death five years ago that she had saved more than \$1 million, and [left \\$750,000](#) for children's services. It is being used for a larger children's-teens area that will include a small, sound-proof recording studio....

*Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch*, Sept. 10; WBNS-TV, Columbus, Aug. 27



### [Military libraries remain centerpieces of morale](#)

Donna Miles writes: "During World War I, troops deployed to Europe found they wanted more than just beans and bullets. The ALA stepped in, delivering books and magazines paid for through the war bond program to entertain and give them a slice of home. In the process, it laid the foundation for the Defense Department's first and longest-running morale, welfare, and recreation program. Last year alone, the services spent \$12 million for digital library materials. The return on investment is about \$60 in value for every dollar spent."...

American Forces Press Service, Sept. 5



Science: Driving Forces and Practical Realities."

### **Nov. 20–22:**

#### [Michigan Association for Media in Education](#)

Annual Fall Conference, Kalamazoo Radisson Plaza Hotel, Kalamazoo. "School Librarians @ the Core."

### **Nov. 21–24:**

#### [National Communication Association](#)

Annual Convention, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel and the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

### **Dec. 6:**

#### [2013 ACRL/NY Annual Symposium](#)

The William and Anita Newman Vertical Campus Conference Center, Baruch College, New York City. "The Library as Knowledge Laboratory."

### **Dec. 6–7:**

#### [4th Annual Symposium on Computing for Development](#)

University of Cape Town, South Africa.

### **Dec. 9–10:**

#### [Coalition for Networked Information](#)

Fall Meeting, Capital Hilton, Washington, D.C.

### **Dec. 15–18:**

#### [Association for Information Systems](#)

International Conference on Information Systems, Milan, Italy. "Reshaping Society Through Information Systems Design."

## [Worcester Public Library expanding into schools](#)

Leaders of the [One City, One Library](#) initiative, a collaboration of the city, schools, public library, and community organizations, hope to open a refurbished library at Roosevelt School in mid-October, said Christina Andreoli, executive director of the Worcester (Mass.) Public Library Foundation. Similar libraries at Goddard School of Science and Technology and Tatnuck Magnet School, whose Parent Teacher Organization [already started a library](#), should follow in November. A handful of Worcester elementary schools still do not have libraries, and all but three elementary schools lack a librarian.... *Worcester (Mass.) Telegram*, June 18, Sept. 6



## [Library gets back stolen painting in the mail](#)

Alizey Khan had little hope she'd ever see one of her cherished paintings ever again after it was [stolen](#) July 30 from the Saul Alexander Gallery of Charleston County (S.C.) Library's Main Library. But the artist got a surprise when a library official called her September 6 to give her the good news: The painting was mailed back to the library anonymously from Rock Hill, South Carolina. Khan had already recovered two other paintings allegedly stolen by Robert Wayne Russell, who police arrested on the day Khan's exhibited works were stolen....

*Charleston (S.C.) Post and Courier*, Aug. 1, Sept. 6



## [USF restores library hours after student protests](#)

After a hotly contested reduction in library hours, University of South Florida administrators announced September 5 that the Tampa campus library will [return](#) to a schedule of being open 24 hours a day, five days a week, on September 15. The decision came after days of student letter-writing and camp-out protests. University leaders said they will cut the budget elsewhere to make up for the expense, but they had not settled on exactly where....

*St. Petersburg (Fla.) Tampa Bay Times*, Sept. 5; *USF The Oracle*, Sept. 10



## [Reference librarian adopts UCLA's feral library cat](#)

A feral tuxedo cat who spent her time watching music performances in UCLA's Powell Library rotunda has found a permanent home with a librarian. Vicki Steiner, reference librarian at the UCLA Law Library, remembers how difficult it was to catch Midgley (right), a feral cat she adopted after it kept sneaking into the Powell Library. It took a six-week nightly stakeout and fiber-optic cameras to catch the savvy library cat....

*UCLA Daily Bruin*, Sept. 9



## [School workers, librarians involved in textbook scam](#)

Los Angeles County prosecutors have charged 13 employees in four of

**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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*Los Angeles Times*, Sept. 5

## [\*\*Digging up Canada's first national library\*\*](#)

Caitlin Bailey writes: "The discovery, on August 23–26, of the remains of roughly 12 books from an [archaeological dig](#) at Pointe-à-Callière in the Old Port of Montréal may be all that remains of the library of nearly 24,000 original source documents and books held in the library of the first Parliament building of Canada, which was burned to the ground April 25, 1849, after a riot. The current dig has been in progress since 2011, though this is the first discovery of any kind of paper in the layers. The books have been taken to the Canadian Conservation Institute for refrigeration treatment." Watch the [video](#) (2:27)....

Fine Books Blog, Sept. 6; Pointe-à-Callière, Aug. 26; Global News, Aug. 28



## [\*\*A bookmobile for the tsunami-stricken\*\*](#)

During the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011, the Rikuzentakata municipal library was destroyed. However, that July, with a donated bus and volunteer staff, a mobile library was opened for business. Now there are two bookmobiles that make the rounds to 42 locations within the city every month. In December, a long-awaited temporary library also opened....  
*Asahi Shimbun* (Japan), Sept. 8



## [\*\*Bahrain funds Palestinian library\*\*](#)

Work on a new Bahrain-funded library in East Jerusalem will be completed in 2014. The facility will serve thousands of residents and will be electronically linked to Bahrain's National Library in a bid to give Palestinian schoolchildren easier access to reading material. The library is funded by King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa after an agreement was signed between the Royal Charity Organisation and the United Nations Development Program on August 20....  
*Gulf Daily News* (Bahrain), Sept. 7

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## [What Melvil Dewey can tell us about obsessive CEOs](#)

Joshua Kendall writes: "Today's technology-focused obsessives are not a new phenomenon. They belong to a long line of American icons who innovated in everything from ketchup to makeup. But perhaps the obsessive to beat all obsessives was librarian Melvil Dewey (1851–1931, right). For many, however, Dewey's name may not necessarily ring a bell, since his system has been replaced by Google. Which is a bit ironic because Dewey was arguably the Sergey Brin and Larry Page of the 19th century: He, too, created a pioneering search engine."...

*Wired*, Sept. 2



## [Judges hear arguments on net neutrality](#)

The Federal Communications Commission and Verizon squared off September 9 in two hours of oral arguments over whether the web should remain free and open. As Verizon pushed for the authority to manage its own pipes, the government argued that creators of legal content should have equal access to internet users, lest big players gain an unfair advantage. But two judges appeared deeply skeptical that the FCC had the authority to regulate the internet in that way....

*New York Times*, Sept. 9

## [Public art and fair use](#)

Kevin Smith writes: "A couple of weeks ago I was asked a question that set me thinking and required a bit of research. The question involved the use, in a planned publication, of a photograph of a piece of public art. In Durham we have several murals, painted on walls in public spaces, of Pauli Murray, one of our prominent citizens. Could an author use a photograph of one of those murals in an upcoming article?"...

Scholarly Communications @ Duke, Sept. 9

## [The cost of censorship in libraries: 10 years of CIPA](#)

Rainey Reitman writes: "This year marks the 10-year anniversary of the enforcement of the Children's Internet Protection Act, which brought new levels of internet censorship to libraries across the country. The law is supposed to encourage public libraries and schools to filter child pornography and obscene or 'harmful to minors' images from the library's internet connection in exchange for continued federal funding. But as ALA's Deborah Caldwell-Stone explains in '[Filtering and the First Amendment](#),' aggressive interpretations of this law have resulted in extensive and unnecessary censorship in libraries."...

Electronic Frontier Foundation, Sept. 4; *American Libraries* feature, Mar./Apr.



## [How government can use metadata right now](#)

Jim McGann writes: "The government's use of metadata has been thrust into the spotlight with the NSA's attempt to thwart terrorism by tracking habits and connections of suspects on watch lists. But the value of metadata goes beyond the NSA. Through similar use of this information, local, state, and federal organizations can comply with and reduce costs associated with a number of regulations that would otherwise take too long and be too expensive, not to mention nearly impossible, to comply with."...

*Government Technology*, Sept. 5

## Anonymity, privacy, and security online

A new Pew Research Center survey ([PDF file](#)) finds that most internet users would like to be anonymous online, but many think it is not possible to be completely anonymous. Some of the key findings: 86% of internet users have taken steps online to remove or mask their digital footprints—ranging from clearing cookies to encrypting their email. 55% of internet users have taken steps to avoid observation by specific people, organizations, or the government....

Pew Research Center, Sept. 5

## New roles for new times

The Association of Research Libraries has released *Transforming Liaison Roles in Research Libraries* ([PDF file](#)), the third report in its New Roles for New Times series. This series highlights the transformation of the library workforce to address new challenges for research libraries in serving 21st-century students, educators, schools, and researchers. The new report, written by Janice M. Jaguszewski and Karen Williams, presents research into current trends in liaison librarianship, surfacing several challenges to the established, overarching liaison structure....

Association of Research Libraries, Sept. 6



## Curating learning experiences: A future role?

Brian Mathews writes: "A professor I'm working with uses blogs in her courses but wants to push the experience further. I'm hearing this more often as faculty express interest in a more flexible and personalized learning environment as opposed to the LMS model. Sakai, Blackboard, and similar tools are seen as utilities rather than virtual communities. I think we're seeing a shift occur."...

*Chronicle of Higher Education: The Ubiquitous Librarian*, Sept. 5

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## Tech Talk

### iPhone 5S vs. Galaxy S4: Spec showdown

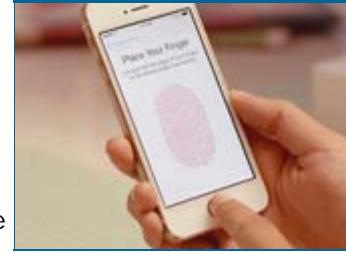
Jamie Lendino writes: "On September 10, Apple announced its newest flagship smartphone, the iPhone 5S, and already the commentary is flying. Did Cupertino do enough with the new model? How is that fingerprint sensor going to work in real life? And most importantly—how does the iPhone 5S compare to current leading smartphones? We can help out a bit with the latter question."...

*PC Magazine*, Sept. 10



### The cloud is no longer a selling point

Jonny Evans writes: "You got to hand it to the NSA for killing cloud-based services: Apple introduced new biometric security (see [video](#), 3:02) within its new iPhone 5S amid the promise that your fingerprints are not sent into the cloud; meanwhile Google and others are telling US authorities that the snooping revelations have damaged their business. Apple's promise underlines just how



much damage the NSA has done with its actions." But even fingerprint security is [unclear](#) at this point....

Computerworld: Apple Holic, Sept. 11; YouTube, Sept. 10; Ars Technica, Sept. 11

## [\*\*The best and worst internet connections in the US\*\*](#)

Reuben Fischer-Baum writes: "In the digital age, access to high-speed internet is fundamentally important. But some regions of the country are still left out in the cold. We took a look at where you can get the best and worst internet in the US. This map shows relative download speeds (by congressional district) across the contiguous US, based on January through July data from more than 5,600 cities and towns. Blue means a faster download speed than the national average of 18.2 Mbps, while red means a slower download speed."...

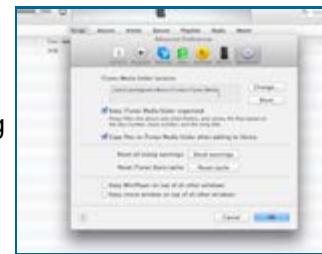
Gizmodo, Sept. 5



## [\*\*Five Dropbox tips\*\*](#)

Jill Duffy writes: "Dropbox was one of the first big-name file-syncing services, and as a result, many people use it. But are you using it in an efficient way to keep your files organized, your photos sharable, and your music accessible to you from different computers? These five tips are simple and straightforward ways to keep yourself better organized through your Dropbox account's capabilities." Watch the [video](#) (1:46)....

PC Magazine, Sept. 9; YouTube, Sept. 9



## [\*\*How to get photos off your Android phone\*\*](#)

Nick Mediati writes: "If you're anything like me, you probably have hundreds—if not thousands—of photos on your phone. Getting those photos off your phone isn't always entirely obvious, but you have a number of options at your disposal."...

TechHive, Sept. 11

## [\*\*You can now stream video from Android to Roku\*\*](#)

Jamie Condliffe writes: "Roku has updated its Android app with a new feature: You can now stream video from your Android handset to the media box (right). All you need is the [Roku Remote app](#), which is available from the Google Play store. Then you will be able to sling video to your TV in much the same way as using Apple's Airplay."...

Gizmodo, Sept. 10



## [\*\*How to clean game control pads\*\*](#)

Luke Plunkett writes: "Control pads are things that gamers rest their hands on for hours at a time, sometimes every day, sometimes every day for weeks. There are a few ways you can go about cleaning them.

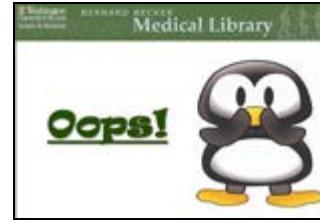
Hot water and a cloth is the easiest and cheapest, though you'll see other people get extreme and start recommending things like rubbing alcohol and taking your controller apart. I'm going to recommend a nice, easy middle ground. Here's what you will need."...

Kotaku, Sept. 10



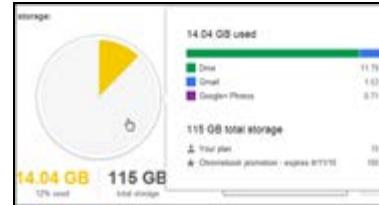
## [404 page best practices](#)

Brad Miller writes: "Mistakes will always happen. Whether it's because someone has mistyped your URL or you forgot to change an old link, at some point, one of your users will land on a 404 error page. The 404 page is rarely given the consideration and importance it deserves. There are many different considerations that, if neglected, could have a significant negative effect on the performance of your site. So, how should you approach 404s?"...  
Search Engine Watch, Sept. 11



## [Free up storage space on your Google account](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "Google accounts now use a shared pool of storage. Every account gets 15 GB of free space, which is shared across your Gmail, Google Drive, and Google+ Photos. But certain types of files don't count towards your storage quota. Luckily, the shared pool of storage means that there's now no point in using hacks that allow you to store personal files in Gmail. You can now take advantage of all your Gmail space for files and photos."...  
How-To Geek, Sept. 7



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## E-Content

### [Oyster intends to be Spotify for ebooks](#)

Jeremy Greenfield writes: "Oyster, a highly anticipated, venture-backed ebook subscription platform for iPhones, [launched](#) September 5. The app will soon be available on other platforms, including the iPad. The company is launching with 100,000 ebook titles available from such publishers as HarperCollins, Workman, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, and Smashwords. The service will cost \$9.95 a month to read an unlimited number of books." Interested subscribers can [request an invite](#). Andy Woodworth [observes](#) that publishers' interest in Oyster is "the value of user data related to reading habits." Juli Monroe is [cautiously skeptical](#). Jason Boog lists the [15 most popular books](#) on Oyster so far....  
Digital Book World, Sept. 5; Oyster HQ Blog, Sept. 5; Agnostic, Maybe, Sept. 9; TeleRead, Sept. 10; GalleyCat, Sept. 11



### [Judge sets restrictions for Apple on ebooks](#)

As punishment for engaging in an ebook price-fixing conspiracy, Apple will be forced to abide by new restrictions on its agreements with publishers and be evaluated by an external "compliance officer" for two years, a federal judge has ruled. But the judge, Denise L. Cote of Federal District Court in Manhattan, rejected ([PDF file](#)) some of the measures sought by the Justice Department, including extensive government oversight over Apple's App Store. More [details](#) at Ars Technica....  
New York Times, Sept. 6; Ars Technica, Sept. 6

### [Google submits patent for triggered sounds in ebooks](#)

Michael Kozlowski writes: "Google has just filed for a [new patent](#) that would make ebooks come alive with sounds. The sounds would be triggered by events within the book, such as lapping waves, an ominous crescendo, or maybe an outdoor market. The new application would have the sounds stored on a server and would be pushed out to the ebook users are reading at the time. Text to Speech could actually benefit from this new patent."...

Good e-Reader, Sept. 11

## **[OITP submits comments on e-reader coalition petition](#)**

Carrie Russell writes: "ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy submitted comments ([PDF file](#)) September 3 to the FCC in response to the Coalition of E-Reader Manufacturers [petition for class waiver](#) of Commission's Rules for Access to Advanced Communications Services and Equipment by People with Disabilities. The coalition (Amazon, Sony, and Kobo) asserts that their e-readers were manufactured for the *sole purpose of reading text*; therefore they should not be required to comply with FCC regulations that e-readers be accessible. After all, people with print and other disabilities don't read, right?"...

District Dispatch, Sept. 4

## **[Subscription streaming services for kids](#)**

Laura Hazard Owen writes: "Kids' streaming services with a set monthly subscription price for all-you-can-consume content could offer parents some peace of mind. In recent months, a bunch of these services—offering unlimited access to ebooks, videos, and other types of entertainment for kids—have launched. I took a look at subscription services for kids in two categories (ebooks and video) and compared them by the number of titles offered, cost, age range, platform, and titles and brands available."...

paidContent, Sept. 6



## **[Hack Library School ebook](#)**

The Hack Library School bloggers have completed their first ebook, *The HLS Guide to Library School*. The ebook includes 328 pages of content, both old and new posts, written by current and alumni hackers (and a few guest writers). To learn more about their motivation for compiling an ebook, you can read the [introduction](#). It is available in both [HTML](#) and [PDF](#) formats....

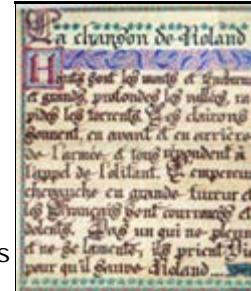
Hack Library School, Sept. 9

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# **Books & Reading**

## **[The 20 greatest epic poems of all time](#)**

Few have better expressed the tumultuous rise and fall of civilizations better than the great epic poets of ancient and modern times. By combining elevated language with war, betrayal, romance, adventure, and much reflection, these 20 lengthy tomes have captured the essence of whole peoples in single (albeit gigantic) works, ranging from semifictional accounts of war to satirical mockeries of misguided



heroism....  
Qwiklit, Sept. 10

## What Shakespeare plays originally sounded like

Chris Higgins writes: "In this [video](#) (10:22) from The Open University, we learn about the Globe Theater's experiments with Original Pronunciation (OP), which is English as it was pronounced at the time Shakespeare's plays were written and first performed. Unsurprisingly, OP is quite different from modern pronunciation, and often changes the lines dramatically. Lines often rhyme in the OP accent, but not in a modern accent. David and Ben Crystal (above) are your pronunciation guides."..."

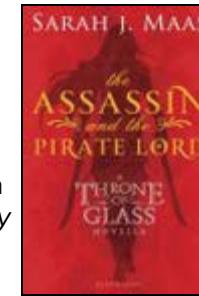
Mental Floss, Sept. 10; YouTube, Oct. 17, 2011



## Ebook extensions

Sharon Rawlins writes: "Do you want to read more about Cassandra Clare's intriguing character Magnus Bane from both her Mortal Instruments and Infernal Devices series? Are you dying to know more about gorgeously evil Warner, the guy Juliette loves/hates in Tahereh Mafi's book *Unravel Me* and its sequel *Destroy Me*? If so, you're in luck because many popular authors have written e-novellas, e-novelettes, or e-short stories for you to read while you wait for the next print book in the series to be published."..."

YALSA The Hub, Sept. 9



## Identity crisis: A booklist for teens

Andrea Lipinski writes: "As your summer vacation ends and the new school year begins, it's time to consider: Who are you? Who are you now, who do you want to be, and will you / can you / should you try to reinvent yourself? Here's a list of 20 fiction books for teens that deal with the topic of identity, from realistic fiction to fantastic fiction and beyond. For example, *Slated* by Teri Terry: Can you know the truth if your memory has been erased?"..."

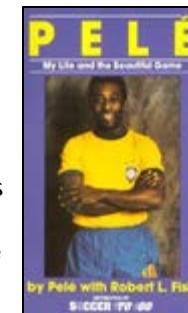
New York Public Library Blogs, Sept. 9



## Brazilian books for teens

Hannah Gómez writes: "On September 7, 1822, Brazil became an independent nation, and ever since then it has dazzled people. Or, it's dazzled me at least. If you don't speak Portuguese, it can be hard to find fiction from Brazil, especially for kids and young adults. Teens may be interested in some Brazilian authors who write for adults, like Paulo Coelho or Jorge Amado, but there isn't much original YA getting translated into English. If Brazil is one of your favorite countries as well, or if you're looking to make it so, here are some ways to get to know it a bit better."..."

YALSA The Hub, Sept. 7



## Top 32 adventure novels of the 19th century

Joshua Glenn writes: "Over the summer, I drew up a list of my favorite adventure novels without regard to

sub-genre: espionage, crime/detection, hunted-man, swashbuckling, fantasy, science fiction, YA, I didn't discriminate. That part was easy—I just toured my own bookshelves. What turned out to be difficult was ranking the books qualitatively; so I decided to list them instead by sociocultural decade."....

HiLoBrow, Sept. 9



### Literary analysis: It's all about context

Teen blogger Cory C. writes: "I never really thought that the ongoing debate on whether or not authorial intent is important in the interpretation of a piece of literature would ever affect my daily life. I thought it was an interesting topic that I could discuss with some friends on a misty October morning over a cup of tea, but I wasn't expecting it to come right up and slap me in the face. What kind of theoretical question does that? Just three weeks ago, however, I found out."....

YALSA The Hub, Sept. 2



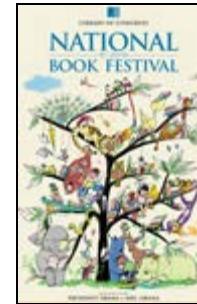
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## Tips & Ideas

### 2013 National Book Festival

Jennifer Gavin writes: "With the [Library of Congress National Book Festival](#) just days away (September 21–22, free of charge on the National Mall) we have a lot to share in addition to more than 100 [bestselling authors](#) for readers of all ages. One of the great stops at this year's festival will be the Library of Congress Pavilion. It's your opportunity to sample our 'universe under the dome with the torch of knowledge on top,' appetizer-style."....

Library of Congress Blog, Sept. 10



### Sandra Hirsh elected ASIS&T president

Sandra Hirsh (right), director of the School of Library and Information Science at San José State University, has been elected president of the Association for Information Science and Technology. Hirsh will start her term as president elect during 2014, and will serve as ASIS&T president in 2015. She currently serves as chair of the *American Libraries* Advisory Committee....

Association for Information Science and Technology, Sept. 6



### One tip for beginning library school

Ruth Tillman writes: "I'm in my seventh and final semester of library school and I suddenly have a piece of advice for people who are just starting library school: Buy a tablet. Ideally, buy a 10-inch tablet. It doesn't have to be an iPad; there are a few similarly-sized tablets out there, including a Galaxy model. After just a week being back at school, I've realized how lovely it is reading my library school PDFs on my refurbished iPad and how I can now read them at work or on the

train."...

Ruth Kitchin Tillman, Sept. 6

## [How I started liking discovery layers](#)

Joe Hardenbrook writes: "My library just implemented a discovery layer, [Primo](#) from Ex Libris, to combine catalog records, articles, and other resources from our databases. Frankly, I wasn't excited about it at first. It had nothing to do with the product itself. It just seemed like we were getting something that we weren't asking for. And this is when I had to teach myself to stop thinking so much like a damn librarian."...

Mr. Library Dude, Sept. 10



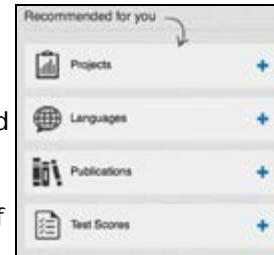
## [What to do if your Twitter account is hacked](#)

Lincoln Spector writes: "You have to fix this immediately. When someone else is sending out tweets and DMs under your name, you're in danger of losing your credibility. The first thing you need to do is try to log onto Twitter. If you can do that, change your password. This will stop the Twitter thief in his or her tracks, and regain you control of your account—if the thief hasn't already changed the password and locked you out."...

PC World, Sept. 9

## [How to get more out of LinkedIn](#)

Dan O'Halloran writes: "You have your LinkedIn profile written up listing your work history, your goals, and what you're looking for next. You send connection requests with personalized messages and respond promptly to the ones you receive. So what else can you do to grow your network of connections and let everyone know you're out there (without bothering them)? There are many new site features you can take advantage of in your quest to advance your career."... Techlicious, Sept. 3



## [Print a storyboard for any YouTube video](#)

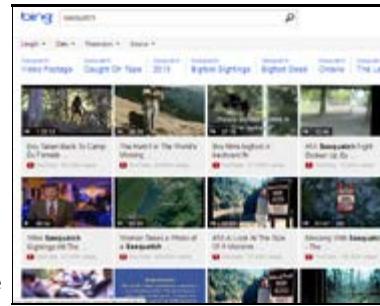
Amit Agarwal writes: "When you are watching any video on the YouTube website, the storyboard for that video is automatically downloaded in the background. Our Print YouTube bookmarklet stitches all these storyboard frames as one large poster as shown in the [demo](#) (1:40). To get started, drag the bookmarklet to your bookmarks toolbar."...

Digital Inspiration, Sept. 4; YouTube, Sept. 4



## [Bing redesigns video search](#)

Ryan Becker and Ting Sun write: "Today we are releasing a completely re-imagined search experience for video on Bing. Designed from the ground up, the new experience includes streamlined navigation showcasing larger and higher-resolution previews so you can quickly browse, discover, and view videos on the web. On Bing you can not only find great videos from YouTube, Hulu, and Vimeo, but also content from

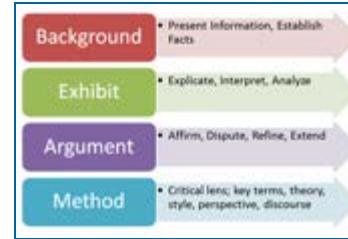


Dailymotion, Vevo, MTV, CBS, and MSN."...  
Bing Search Blog, Sept. 4

## The art of using sources correctly

Meredith Farkas writes: "I often wonder if students really understand the purpose of evidence in a research paper. We talk so much about 'sources' and having a certain number or type, when really we tend to skip the part where we ask 'what evidence do you need to make your case or answer your question?' I've started using the BEAM model (right) for teaching sources because it's focused more on how sources are used."...

Information Wants to Be Free, Sept. 10



## Comparing search effectiveness (PDF file)

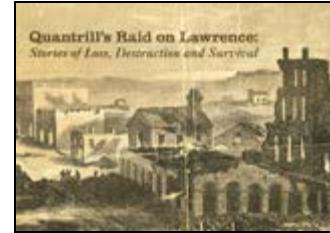
In 2011, researchers at Bucknell University and Illinois Wesleyan University compared the search efficacy of Serial Solutions Summon, EBSCO Discovery Service, Google Scholar, and conventional library databases. Regardless of the search system, students exhibited a marked inability to effectively evaluate sources and a heavy reliance on default search settings. This article describes these results and makes recommendations for libraries considering these tools....

*College and Research Libraries* 74, no. 5 (Sept.): 464–488

## KU puts Quantrill's Raid on exhibit

The University of Kansas Libraries are hosting an exhibit of photos and documents in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Quantrill's Raid, a Confederate guerrilla attack in which most of Lawrence (the home of KU) was burned to the ground on August 21, 1863. The exhibit and its [online component](#) includes materials from the Spencer Research Library's Kansas Collection and will be open through early November....

KU Libraries, Aug. 14



## 35 cloud tools for librarians

Reuben Yonatan writes: "One question facing librarians today is how to connect with today's tech-savvy populace and keep content accessible despite budget cuts. Interestingly, harnessing the cloud may be the solution to both problems. Here are 35 ways librarians can use the cloud to improve services, streamline their jobs, and do more with less."...  
Get VOIP, Aug. 13



## But the Cheetos bag said they were healthy

Bonnie Swoger writes: "On the Cheetos package are the words '0 grams trans fat.' They must be healthy, right? Some information sources provide basic facts about food items, while other sources aim to influence our philosophical and moral attitudes towards food and food production. Evaluating all of this information can be tricky. Luckily there are some general things that can guide us in our search for credible, useful, and reliable information about diet and nutrition."...  
*Scientific American: Information Culture*, Sept. 4



## Librarian laffs

Lisa Taylor writes: "A patron asked the librarian why *Tales of Robin Hood* had been withdrawn from the children's collection. The librarian replied, 'Too much Saxon violence.' Ever wonder where librarians lark about on the internet? If you're in need of a laugh, here are some great sites to put a smile on your face. It's all in good fun. Enjoy."...  
ALSC Blog, Sept. 10

## Make your principal your ally

Doug Johnson writes: "Librarians, you cannot afford to have an adversarial relationship with your principal. You cannot even afford principals who are 'agents of benevolent neglect.' You need an administrator who actively supports you and your program. And it will be up to you, not your principal, to create this alliance. Here are some concrete ways you can do so."...  
Blue Skunk Blog, Sept. 10

## A head start on lice prevention

Laura McNulty and Ginny A. Roth write: "New backpack? Check. New pencils, pens, and notebooks? Check. Lice comb? Yes, it is that time of year again. Kids are going back to school, parents are reaching into the depths of their memory banks for knowledge to assist the little ones with their homework assignments, and head lice are getting ready to make things more itchy.  
September is [National Head Lice Prevention Month](#).

This poster (right) has some prevention tips."...  
Circulating Now, Sept. 10



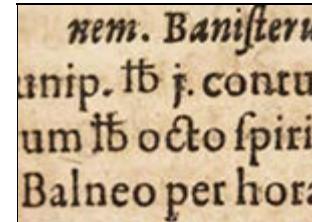
## Dealing with dust

Christina Duffy writes: "Dust is one of the most ubiquitous substances in the workplace and nearly impossible to eradicate entirely. It can cause a range of problems to objects and collections, depending on its nature. The Preventive Conservation team in Collection Care works across all areas of the library, putting measures in place to protect the collections from harm, to inhibit the progress of existing damage or deterioration, and to prevent new damage from occurring."...  
British Library: Collection Care Blog, Sept. 9



## The ancient roots of punctuation

Keith Houston writes: "The story of the hashtag begins sometime around the 14th century, with the introduction of the Latin abbreviation 'lb' for the Roman term *libra pondo*, or 'pound weight.' Like many standard abbreviations of that period, 'lb' was written with the addition of a horizontal bar, known as a tittle or tilde (an example is shown above, in Johann Conrad Barchusen's *Pyrosophia*, from 1698)."...  
*The New Yorker*: Page-Turner, Sept. 6



## When books were shelved backwards

Stephanie Sylverne writes: "It may seem counterintuitive to us, but books were not always shelved to show the spine. In the 15th

and 16th century, libraries often chained their books to shelves or lecterns, the medieval equivalent of the electronic security devices our libraries use today. The chains were connected to clasps that kept the books shut. It made sense to organize them with the clasps facing out so they could be pulled from the shelf."...

Ephemeris, Aug. 29



## Medieval manuscripts in America

Julie Somers writes: "Many collections in America have works that range from the 9th through the 16th centuries. The collections include Bibles, psalters, graduales, commentaries, books of hours, charters, and many other medieval texts. Various museum, university, and public libraries can provide access to the real thing. Plus, many have an added bonus of images available online." Indeed, Lisa Fagin Davis and Melissa Conway have embarked on a [Manuscript Road Trip](#), "a state-by-state tour of medieval manuscripts in the lower 48, focusing on less-well-known collections."...

medievalfragments, Aug. 30; Manuscript Road Trip



## The Riga Story Tower

Jeff O'Neal writes: "When their local library closed temporarily for renovation, students at Riga Technical University in Latvia built the Story Tower, a temporary place to house and discover books from the library's collection. Built with reclaimed local materials, the Story Tower has more than 2,000 exterior shingles and is over 20 feet tall. Only the bottom few layers have books, but the structure is as much a space as it is a library."...

Book Riot, Sept. 5



## 19 literary manicures

You've got your sweaters lined up, a pair of so-hot-right-now boots, and your scarves are ready. Just add these book-smart manicures and people will think you're heading to fashion week instead of the library. For example, *Fahrenheit 451* (right) by Honeymunchkin, or *The Catcher in the Rye* by Dressed Up Nails....

Buzzfeed, Sept. 6



## Another record-breaking book domino chain

It's not official yet, as the attempt needs to be verified by Guinness World Records, but on August 27 the Open Book festival, in partnership with Cape Town Central Library in South Africa, toppled a domino line of 2,586 books, the longest ever. The previous record was set May 31 by the Seattle Public Library at 2,131 books ([video](#), 3:01). The first attempt only went half-way, but staff and volunteers refused to give



up and were successful on the fifth try (after some seven hours of work)." Watch the [video](#) (2:10)....  
Books Live, Aug. 27; YouTube, June 3, Sept. 2

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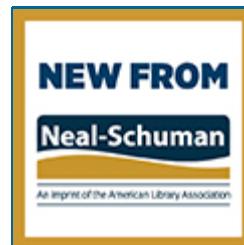
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## American Libraries Online

### [Bexar County's new BiblioTech](#)

Megan Cottrell writes: "What's a library without books? That's the question many people were asking even before Bexar County, Texas, opened its all-digital [BiblioTech](#) on September 14. The bookless facility serves an unincorporated area outside of San Antonio, offering more than 10,000 titles available for digital download and 100 e-readers on loan, as well as 48 iMac desktop computing stations, digital literacy classes, and a coffee shop." The facility is [also equipped](#) with 200 enhanced e-readers preloaded for children, nine Mac laptops, 40 iPads, four interactive touch-screen tables, and an Xbox gaming system hooked up to two large screens. Ebooks are available through the 3M Cloud Library and Project Gutenberg. Watch the [video](#) (1:02)....

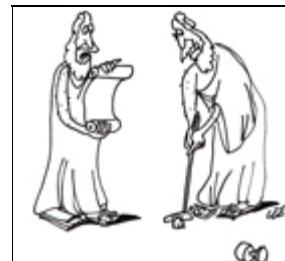
American Libraries feature; *San Antonio (Tex.) Express-News*, Sept. 14; GeoBeats News, Sept. 17



### [Will's World: Par for the course](#)

Will Manley writes: "I am a firm believer in the value of libraries because I have always enthusiastically accepted the axiom that you can learn how to do anything from a book, even the most difficult of all human endeavors: how to swing a golf club. At the public library, I would find a seemingly endless collection of 'how to' golf books and videos. It was just a matter of finding the right one. It all reminded me of my career in management. Like any good librarian, I had to keep up with the times and read the management book du jour."...

American Libraries column, July/Aug.



### [In Practice: Libraries as publishers](#)

Meredith Farkas writes: "It seems only natural that libraries are examining how to make scholarly publishing accessible to content



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### [2014 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits.](#)

Philadelphia, January 24-28. Don't forget that [Bundle Registration](#) for 2014 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is open, but only until September 30. You save up to \$140, can book Midwinter housing immediately, and be in a position to get the best networking, professional development, and fun events.

creators and consumers alike. Through activities such as educating patrons about new publishing paradigms, archiving the work of faculty and students, offering self-publishing platforms, and becoming an actual publisher, libraries are helping to disrupt traditional publishing and make their communities' intellectual products more accessible."... *American Libraries* column, July/Aug.

## **Did you miss last week's AL Live?**

Watch the archived episode of "Digging into New Databases" on the AL Live website....

*American Libraries*: AL Live, Sept. 12

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## **ALA News**

### **Farrell, Feldman seek ALA presidency**

Maggie Farrell (on the left), dean of libraries at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, and Sari Feldman, executive director of the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Public Library, are the candidates for the 2015–2016 presidency of the American Library Association. Farrell and Feldman will engage in a candidates' forum on January 25 during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. Ballot mailing for the 2014 ALA Election will begin on March 19. The election will close on April 25....

Office of ALA Governance, Sept. 17



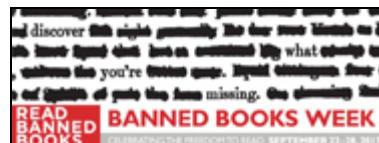
### **Freedom to read still under fire**

Attempts to ban books frequently take place in our schools and libraries.

According to the Office for Intellectual Freedom, there were 464 reported attempts to remove or restrict materials from schools and libraries in 2012 and more than 17,700 attempts since 1990. During this year's [Banned Books Week](#),

September 22–28, Twitter parties will help promote the message. Use the hashtag [#bannedbooksweek](#). The Mansfield Library at the University of Montana is planning a [series of videos](#) featuring UM faculty, administrators, and staff sharing their favorite banned books and why students should read them. A new video will be posted to the [UM library website](#) each day of Banned Books Week....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, Sept. 17; University of Montana News, Sept. 17



### **Banned Books Week Virtual Read-Out**

Readers from across the US and around the world will demonstrate their support for free speech by participating in a [Virtual Read-Out](#) of banned and challenged books during Banned Books Week, September 22–28. Participants, [libraries](#), and bookstores can upload videos for posting to the Banned Books Week [YouTube Channel](#). Contributors are encouraged to share a reading, discuss the significance of their favorite banned book, or mention a local book challenge....

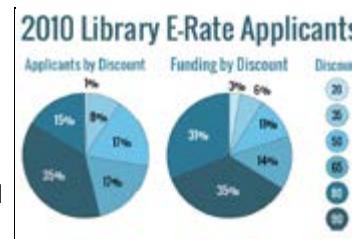
OIF Blog, Sept. 18

**eCourse**

## [ALA calls for a leap forward in e-rate goals](#)

On September 16, ALA provided comments ([PDF file](#)) to the Federal Communications Commission, asking it to accelerate deployment of the high-capacity broadband needed to serve students and learners of all ages through our nation's libraries and schools. ALA also calls for new strategic investments in telecommunications and broadband infrastructure, as well as program changes to improve cost-effectiveness and streamline processes to enable greater participation....

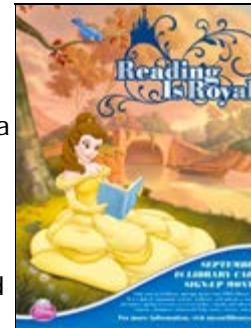
Office for Information Technology Police, Sept. 17



## [Disney Princess Belle celebrates library cards](#)

In September, Disney Princess Belle joins ALA to promote the most important school supply of all: a library card. A free download featuring Belle is available on the Library Card Sign-up Month [website](#). The download promotes reading with the slogan, "Reading Is Royal" and features the princess, known for her love of reading, engrossed in a book. Libraries can download the art for use online or in newsletters....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Sept. 17



## [Forbes Library card video](#)

Brian Herzog writes: "I love this [video](#) (2:24) from the Forbes Library in Northampton, Massachusetts. It's short yet informative, and I bet any patron watching it will be surprised to learn the library offers something they didn't already know about. Plus, Steven Stover (right) has just enough of a strangely idiosyncratic delivery and off-beat humor to make it irresistible to watch all the way through. Nicely done, Forbes Library."...

Swiss Army Librarian, Sept. 18; YouTube, Sept. 5



## [Public innovation training](#)

Continuing the collaboration between the Harwood Institute and ALA on "The Promise of Libraries Transforming Communities Initiative," a three-day [Harwood Institute Public Innovators Lab](#) designed especially for libraries, kicks off a year of coaching and webinar support. The three-day immersion in the Harwood practice, October 28-30 at the District of Columbia Public Library, will be followed by one year of scheduled coaching support for library teams with a Harwood-certified coach, plus six live webinars to support and reinforce the learning from the lab. Participants must [register](#) by September 30....

Public Programs Office, Sept. 17

## [John W. Berry appointed to American Library in Paris board](#)

Former ALA President John W. Berry (right) has been appointed to a two-year term as ALA's non-voting representative to the Board of Trustees of the American Library in Paris. ALA established the library in 1920 with local community support and 30,000 books from ALA's Library War Service effort during



Drupal is an open source content management tool that allows users to build complex websites without extensive programming, making it perfect for library websites. In this introductory eCourse, [Using Drupal to Build Library Websites](#), Drupal expert Ken Varnum will guide participants in building an attractive, functional library website using Drupal. This test website will be hosted on a server for six months after the eCourse, facilitating additional learning.

**NEW! From ALA Editions.**

## [Libraries on Film](#)



[Uttarayan](#) (2005, India). Neena Kulkarni plays Durgi, a lonely librarian in Mumbai who has survived an abusive marriage.



[Va savoir? \(Who Knows?\)](#) (2001, France / Italy / Germany). Sergio Castellitto as Ugo is researching a supposedly lost work by the Italian

World War I. The Association has appointed a representative to the board during most of ALP's history....  
Public Information Office, Sept. 17

## [\*\*ALA Poster Session Committee seeks new members\*\*](#)

The ALA Poster Session Committee is looking for two new members, in particular public, school, special, or community college librarians as well as librarians with enthusiasm for web and social media projects to join the committee responsible for planning and implementing the poster sessions at the ALA Annual Conference. The committee needs a web editor and a member-at-large. Apply to [Melanie Griffin](#) by October 31....

ALA Poster Session Committee, Sept. 11

## [\*\*Librarian oral histories in the ALA Archives\*\*](#)

As part of her 2007–2008 ALA presidential term, Loriene Roy initiated an oral history program for retiring librarians called ["Capturing Our Stories."](#) So far this ongoing program has produced 35 recordings with full transcripts, which have now been added to the ALA Digital Archives and made available to researchers online. Librarians interviewed range from school librarians to public library directors to catalogers, including Sanford Berman (above)....

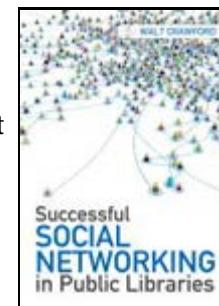
ALA Archives, Sept. 12



## [\*\*Social networking for public libraries\*\*](#)

Most commentaries to date on library use of social networks have focused on a handful of well-funded public libraries with high-profile employees. Now Walt Crawford's [Successful Social Networking in Public Libraries](#), published by ALA Editions, completes the picture, offering for the first time an in-depth look at how a large variety of public libraries are conducting digital outreach and marketing through social networking....

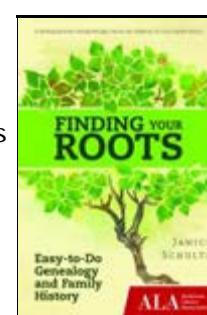
ALA Editions, Sept. 16



## [\*\*Find your roots\*\*](#)

A guide to the joys and rewards of preserving family history for posterity, [Finding Your Roots: Easy-to-Do Genealogy and Family History](#) by Janice Schultz, offers advice and encouragement to anyone eager to uncover family roots. Getting started, research techniques, interviewing tips, and effective use of the library and internet are all discussed in detail in this book that is ideal for beginners....

Huron Street Press, Sept. 16



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playwright Carlo Goldoni in the Library of the Arsenal in Paris. He is helped in his quest by a young blonde student (Hélène de Fougerolles as Do). Claude Berri plays a librarian.



[\*\*Vampiros\*\*](#) (2004, Puerto Rico). Vampire-bite victim Jonathan (played by Jorge Dieppa) goes to a public library to research the undead, but a library staffer refers him to books by Anne Rice and Bram Stoker.



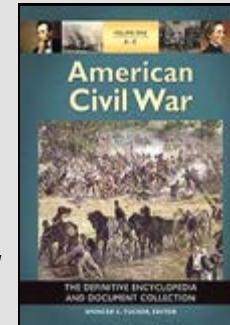
[\*\*Vares: Kaidan tien kulkijat\*\*](#) (2012, Finland). Friendly public library clerk Anna-Liisa Vaara (Heini Kannainen) is found murdered. Merja Larivaara plays head librarian Elisabeth Raappana.

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](#).

# Booklist ONLINE

## Featured review: Adult reference

Tucker, Spencer C., James Arnold (editor), and others. *American Civil War: The Definitive Encyclopedia and Document Collection*. Sept. 2013. 6 vols. 3.189p. Illus., ABC-Clio, hardcover (978-1-851-09677-0). There seems to be no shortage of books on the Civil War, but this work provides a broad, multidisciplinary examination of the time period and fulfills the aim of being a "definitive" set. Noted historian Tucker and his editorial team have assembled nearly 3,000 entries as well as a collection of 172 primary documents. Coverage includes all significant battles, people, places, and weapons; and the work encompasses the social, political, cultural, and economic issues of the time. There is also coverage of Native Americans and their role in the war....



## Story behind the story: *American Civil War*

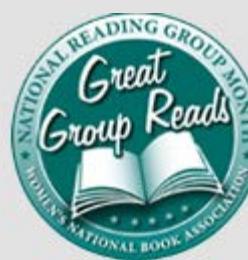
Rebecca Vnuk writes: "Spencer C.



Tucker is a noted military historian, with more than 80 volumes of military-history reference to his name. His latest, *American Civil War*, is a six-volume set that aims to be the definitive resource on an important time period in American history. When *Booklist* had the chance to speak with him about his distinguished career, Tucker was eager to share how his interest in military history began....

## National Reading Group Month 2013

*Booklist* has been selected again as a sponsoring partner for the Women's National Book Association's October National Reading Group Month, including the special Great Group Reads initiative that highlights selected titles. National Reading Group Month celebrates shared reading by promoting reading groups. "Great Group Reads" are a key element of National Reading Group Month, with 21 titles this year covering timely and provocative topics. The popular *Booklist* blog Book Group Buzz, a one-stop resource with original content by expert contributors as well as links to a wide range of free book group-related guides and tips, is again the official partner blog for the month....



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## Division News



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## Career Leads from JobLIST

### Coordinator of Youth Services

Traverse Area District Library, Traverse City, Michigan. Enthusiastic, well-rounded, and technologically savvy professional librarian wanted to serve as Coordinator of Youth Services. The successful candidate will be responsible for the execution of innovative and exciting library services for children from birth through grade five throughout the library district....



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## Digital Library of the Week

## 2013 Women's Leadership Institute

ACRL is collaborating with other higher education associations to offer the 2013 [Women's Leadership Institute](#). This year's institute will be held December 3–6 in Amelia Island, Florida. The discounted early-bird registration deadline for the institute is November 1. Complete program details, cosponsors, and a link to registration materials are available on the institute website....  
ACRL, Sept. 16



## Kate Ganski named ACRL visiting program officer

ACRL has appointed Kate L. Ganski (right) of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as visiting program officer for 10 months in support of the division's Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education Task Force. Ganski will create a communication plan that will help the task force, charged with revising the [ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education](#), reach a wide variety of constituents outside the library profession and across the higher education community....



ACRL, Sept. 16

## More Great Websites for Kids

ALSC has added six more sites to [Great Websites for Kids](#), its online resource containing hundreds of links to exceptional websites for children. Great Websites for Kids features links to high-quality websites of interest to children 14 years of age and younger, organized into diverse subject headings. Each entry includes a brief annotation and a grade-level rating....



ALSC, Sept. 17

## Webinar helps libraries improve security and safety

When a simple "shhh" isn't enough, a knowledgeable approach to library security and safety can be a lifesaver. In "Library Security: The Basics and Beyond," October 23, presenter Sydney McCoy will address theoretical concepts, behavior policies, working with local law enforcement both in and out of the library, library banning policies, staff communication tools, and assessment for dangerous behavior. Strategies for avoiding threatening behaviors will be reviewed.  
[Register](#) online....

LLAMA, Sept. 17

## ALSC fall online courses

ALSC opened registration for its fall 2013 [online courses](#), which begin October 7. The courses cover Common Core State Standards, youth programming, reading instruction, STEM programs, and storytime tools. Detailed descriptions and registration information are available on the ALSC website....

ALSC, Sept. 16

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## Awards & Grants

The [Hawaii State Archives Digital Collections](#) offer a broad and representative sampling of Hawaii's extraordinary history. Collections include photographs, genealogy indexes, passenger manifests, tax ledgers, and World War I service records. The records are a combination of English and native Hawaiian. There is a master [Name Search](#) for searching across multiple collections.

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

## Noted and Quoted

**"Let me spell this out in no uncertain terms: The library is the single most important operation in any school. . . . Whether you point a finger of blame for our sorry school system at negligent parents, corrupt politicians, inner-city violence, or an**

## [Rolling out the red carpet for school librarians](#)

Have you ever heard the expression, "It's an honor just to be nominated," usually gushed by a celebrated entertainer after making the short list for an Oscar or what-have-you? Well, it *is*. Just ask any of the five school librarians nominated for a Bammie ([Body and Mind](#)) Award in the new School Librarian category this year. In the [words](#) of finalist [Jennifer Lagarde](#), the recognition "just helps reiterate the fact that teacher librarians are (wait for it!) *teachers*."...

AL: The Scoop, Sept. 12; The Adventures of Library Girl, Apr. 7



uncaring corporate nation that prefers to raise mindless consumers rather than engaged citizens, there is nothing to debate here. *Libraries are sanctuary*. A school where students are not free to use a library is not a school. It's a multiple-choice indoctrination camp."

—Editorial by Stephen Segal on Philadelphia school library closings, "[Closing School Libraries? This Means War](#)," Philadelphia Weekly, Sept. 13.

@ [More quotes...](#)

## [Win a \\$3,000 National Library Week grant](#)

Libraries seeking to share their stories and raise public awareness are encouraged to apply for the 2014 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant. The library that develops the best public awareness campaign using the National Library Week theme will be awarded \$3,000 to promote its library and library services. All proposals must use the 2014 National Library Week theme, "Lives change @ your library." [Apply](#) by November 8....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Sept. 12

## [Apply for a Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award](#)

ALSC is accepting applications for its 2014 Maureen Hayes Author / Illustrator Award. This \$4,000 award, made possible by an annual gift from Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing in honor of Maureen Hayes, brings together children and nationally recognized authors/illustrators by funding an author/illustrator visit to a library. The deadline for [submissions](#) is November 30....

ALSC, Sept. 13

## [ALSC Summer Reading grant](#)

ALSC is accepting online applications for its 2014 Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant. This \$3,000 grant, made possible by Baker & Taylor, is designed to encourage reading programs for children in public libraries, while recognizing ALSC members for outstanding program development. Applicants must be personal members of ALSC. The deadline for [submissions](#) is November 30....

ALSC, Sept. 13

## [YALSA Summer Reading grants](#)

YALSA is offering libraries the chance to apply for funds that will aid in the implementation of the library's overall summer reading program. Courtesy of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, YALSA will be giving out two types of \$1,000 grants: the Summer Reading Teen Intern Grant and the Summer Reading Resources Grant. [Apply](#) before January 1....

YALSA, Sept. 17

## [Heritage Trust digitization grants](#)

The EMC Heritage Trust Project recognizes and supports the digitization of the world's information heritage in local communities. Libraries are eligible to apply for grants of \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$15,000 towards their digitization efforts. In 2012, the Springfield (N.J.) Free Public Library won a \$10,000 grant. [Applications](#) will be accepted through October 18....

EMC Corporation, Sept. 16

## Calendar

**Sept. 23:**  
[Federal Depository Libraries and the Affordable Care Act](#), WebJunction webinar.

**Oct. 2–4:**  
[Idaho Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Nampa Civic Center.

**Oct. 4–6:**  
[Sidney Literary Festival](#), Sidney, Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

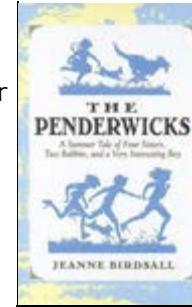
**Oct. 5–8:**  
[Arkansas Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Embassy Suites, Hot Springs.

**Oct. 9–11:**  
[Ohio Library Council](#), Annual Convention and Expo, Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Sandusky. "Connect, Collaborate,

## National Book Festival Summer Writing Contest

The Library of Congress National Book Festival Summer Writing Contest, a program that asks 5th and 6th graders to reflect on a book that has made a personal impact in their lives, has announced its 2013 winners. More than 300 young readers submitted essays to participating public libraries in the Mid-Atlantic region in this second year of the contest. Five finalists per state were chosen in an initial round of judging conducted by members of AASL. The grand-prize judging round was conducted by a panel assembled by the Library of Congress....

Library of Congress, Sept. 13



Community."

**Oct. 9–11:**  
Kansas Library Association, Annual Conference, Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Topeka.

**Oct. 10–11:**  
Minnesota Library Association, Annual Conference, St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center.



**Oct. 11–13:**  
Southern Festival of Books, Legislative Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee.

## Spartanburg County wins preservation award

On August 13, the Spartanburg County (S.C.) Historical Association presented the Peggy T. Gignilliat Award for Historic Preservation to the Spartanburg County Public Libraries, in recognition of its efforts in preserving blueprints, drawings, and plans that document the history of the county's architecture. The award honors Gignilliat's tireless preservation efforts in Spartanburg County....

Spartanburg County (S.C.) Public Libraries

## Mapping the Man Booker Prize

Nick Sidwell writes: "Rural England, what is now Turkey, Kolkata, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, and Tokyo. Not my list of most-want-to-visit places, but these are settings for the six titles shortlisted for the 2013 Man Booker Prize. Perhaps the only surprise is that London doesn't feature on the list. After all, 38 of the 267 books either shortlisted or victorious in the 46 years of the Booker prize since 1969 have been set in the capital. Dublin is the next most popular locale, with nine books, followed by Mumbai, with seven (the same number, incidentally, as the whole of Scotland)."....

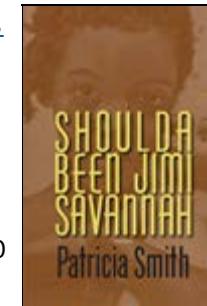
*The Guardian* (UK): Books Blog, Sept. 11



## 2013 Academy of American Poets prizes

The Academy of American Poets has announced its annual series of poetry prizes, awarding over \$200,000 to poets at various stages of their careers. Poet Philip Levine won the \$100,000 Wallace Stevens Award for outstanding and proven mastery in the art of poetry, while Patricia Smith's *Shoulda Been Jimi Savannah* (Coffee House Press, 2012) won the \$5,000 Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize for the most outstanding book of poetry published in the United States in the previous year....

Academy of American Poets, Sept. 12



**Oct. 15–17:**  
Illinois Library Association, Annual Conference, Navy Pier, Chicago. "Ignite!"

**Oct. 16–18:**  
Iowa Library Association, Annual Conference, Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. "Healthy Libraries Build Healthy Communities."

**Oct. 20–23:**  
Pennsylvania Library Association, Annual Conference, Seven Springs Mountain Resort. "PA Libraries: Architects of Change."

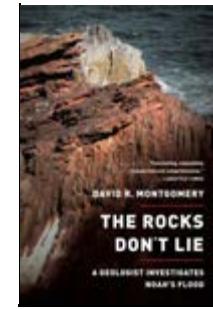
**Oct. 22:**  
North American Serials Interest Group, webinar, "Protect Your Patrons from Predatory Publishers."

**Oct. 22–23:**  
Indiana Library Association, Annual Conference, Indianapolis

## 2013 Washington State Book Award winners

The Washington Center for the Book at Seattle Public Library has announced the winners of the 2013 Washington State Book Awards for six outstanding books published by Washington authors in 2012. This is the 47th year of the program, formerly called the

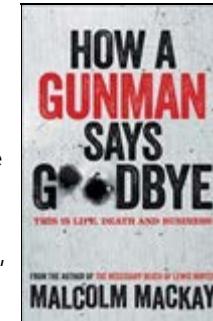
Governor's Writers Awards. The winner in the Fiction category is *The Orchardist* (HarperCollins) by Amanda Coplin, and in the Nonfiction category, *The Rocks Don't Lie: A Geologist Investigates Noah's Flood* (W. W. Norton) by David Montgomery is the winner....  
Seattle Public Library, Sept. 10



## [2013 Deanston Scottish Crime Book of the Year](#)

Malcolm Mackay has been named the winner of this year's Deanston Scottish Crime Book of the Year for his novel *How a Gunman Says Goodbye* (Mantle). The book is the sequel to Mackay's highly praised debut novel, *The Necessary Death of Lewis Winter*. The announcement was made in Stirling on September 14, as part of the Bloody Scotland International Crime Writing Festival....

BBC News, Sept. 14



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A graphic for 'american libraries LIVE'. It features the 'american libraries' logo with a red play button icon between 'libraries' and 'LIVE'. To the right, there is a dark blue rectangular area with white text that reads 'Get the inside scoop on pressing library topics.'

## **Libraries in the News**

### [Philly budget crisis shutters libraries in two top schools](#)

When Philadelphia's Central High School opened its new library, a \$4.5 million research and media hub funded by alumni, in 2005 Apple named it a national model. Masterman School's library (right), also bolstered by fundraising, bustled with students from early morning till late afternoon. Now both libraries—the academic hearts of two of Philadelphia's most prestigious schools—have been shuttered. The district did not fund librarians; so principals at Central, Masterman, and any number of other schools had to cut those positions, along with counselors, assistant principals, and teachers....  
*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Sept. 14



### [Kentucky library lawsuits draw ridicule](#)

Scott Wartman writes: "Lawsuits filed by some Northern Kentucky Tea Party members against [library taxes](#) have drawn attention, puzzlement, and, in some cases, ridicule elsewhere in the country. No other libraries in the country face such challenges, ALA President Barbara Stripling told the more than 100 people assembled in Newport, Kentucky, for a forum on the issue in early September. Those filing the lawsuit maintain that they support libraries, but don't

Convention Center.  
"Everyday Superheroes in the Library."

**Oct. 22–25:**  
[Wisconsin Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Hyatt on Main and KI Convention Center, Green Bay. "Play, Create, Innovate."

**Oct. 22–25:**  
[European Conference on Information Literacy](#), Harbiye Military Museum, Istanbul, Turkey.

**Oct. 26:**  
[Edcamp Online](#). A free, informal conference organized by educators for educators.

**Oct. 28–30:**  
[Harwood Institute Public Innovators Lab](#), Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Washington, D.C.

**Nov. 1:**  
[North Carolina Preservation Consortium](#), Annual Conference, William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

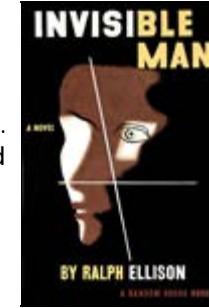
**Nov. 3–5:**  
[California Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Long Beach Convention Center. "Let's Make

believe the library districts have followed the law in raising taxes."...  
USA Today, Sept. 12; *American Libraries* feature

## [Invisible Man will be invisible in Randolph County schools](#)

*Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison has been removed from the library shelves of Randolph County (N.C.) Schools. By a 5–2 margin, the county board of education voted September 16 at its regular meeting to remove all copies of the book. The action stems from the complaint of a parent of an 11th-grade student in Randleman High School that said in part, "This novel is not so innocent; instead, this book is filthier, too much for teenagers....

McClatchy News Service, Sept. 18



## [Railroad engine house lives on as library](#)

A historic former Lehigh Valley Railroad engine house has been saved and adapted for community use. It now houses the White Haven (Pa.) Area Community Library (right) and the White Haven Historical Society. It also serves as a visitor center and its links to history continue. The Canadian Pacific Railroad runs four trains per day past the station, following the right-of-way of the former Lehigh Valley Railroad, and the Lehigh and Delaware National Heritage Corridor Trail is only 30 yards from the building as it meanders northwest....

Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) *Citizens' Voice*, Sept. 16



## [Hulk statue unveiled at Northlake Public Library](#)

A 9-foot statue of the Incredible Hulk was unveiled September 12 at the Northlake (Ill.) Public Library, thanks to a real-life hero who swooped in and saved a fundraising project in distress.

Library officials were about to give up after a campaign to raise money for more graphic novels, comic book-creating technology, and a giant Hulk statue yielded less than a sixth of the \$30,000 needed. Then Steve Williams, owner of L.A. Boxing in Orange, California, heard about the campaign and happened to have a giant Hulk statue he was looking to discard....

Chicago Tribune, Sept. 12



## [Drexel iSchool to be under College of Computing and Informatics](#)

Drexel University President John A. Fry announced September 9 the creation of a new College of Computing and Informatics that will begin admitting students in the fall of 2014. The college will unite the faculty, staff, and students from the iSchool, the Department of Computer Science, and the Department of Computing and Security Technology. It will continue to offer a Master of Science degree in library and information science, as well as master's degree programs in computing, software engineering, and health care informatics....

Drexel Now, Sept. 9



Some Noise!"

## **Nov. 7:** [Taiga Forum: Diversity in Academic Libraries](#)

AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center, Austin, Texas.

## **Nov. 7:** [Amigos Library Services](#), online

conference on MOOCs and mobile technologies and their impact on reference service.

## **Nov. 8–9:** [Hawaii Library Association](#), Annual

Conference, Aulani Disney Resort and Spa, Kapolei, Oahu. "Teaching Library Instruction & Information Literacy: Opportunities, Challenges, and Future Directions."

## **Nov. 12–14:** [Urban Libraries Council](#), Partners for Success Conference, Fairmont Olympic Hotel, Seattle.

## **Nov. 13–15:** [Arizona Library Association](#), Annual

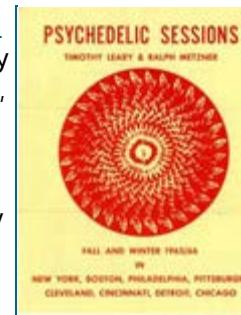
Conference, Radisson Fort McDowell Resort and Conference Center, Scottsdale / Fountain Hills. "Libraries in the eSociety."

## **Feb. 27–Mar. 2:** [Alaska Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Anchorage. "No Safe Passage: Navigating the Shoals of Change."

## [NYPL to release Timothy Leary papers](#)

A trove of Timothy Leary files, much of it previously unpublished, could shed new light on the LSD guru, his controversial research into psychedelic drugs, and the emergence of the 1960s counterculture. The New York Public Library, which acquired the vast archive for an undisclosed sum from the Leary estate in 2011, is making the material available for the first time September 18 to scholars and the public for use within the library. Leary, who coined the phrase "turn on, tune in, drop out," was one of the most polarizing figures of the counterculture....

Associated Press, Sept. 18



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NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, PITTSBURGH,  
CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI, DETROIT, CHICAGO

## [Fairfax County suspends controversial library cuts](#)

The Fairfax County (Va.) Library board voted September 11 to postpone voting until November on a controversial pilot program that would reduce staffing, cut the hours children's librarians are available, and replace degreed librarians with "library customer service specialists." A crowd of more than 200 people attended the meeting at George Mason Regional Library in Annandale and broke out into cheers as the board voted to suspend the entire proposed strategic plan....

Vienna (Va.) Patch, Sept. 12; Washington Post, Sept. 12

## [Library reopens 11 months after Superstorm Sandy](#)

The Brigantine branch of the Atlantic County (N.J.) Library System is reopening September 20, 11 months after Superstorm Sandy flooded out its lower level. The branch had to relocate and develop an "outpost" at the Brigantine Beach Community Center....

Brigantine (N.J.) Beachcomber, Sept. 12



## [La Crosse library board proposes closing its south branch](#)

The La Crosse (Wis.) Public Library board has recommended the South Community branch be closed as a cost-cutting move, Mayor Tim Kabat said. The board voted September 12 to propose shutting down the branch, which has been open since 1922, a move the mayor does not support. All city departments have been asked to look for ways to trim their individual requests to help close up an initial \$700,000 gap in the 2014 budget that's still being developed....

La Crosse (Wis.) Tribune, Sept. 13



## [Librarian gone after reading-contest controversy](#)

Controversy over the kids' reading contest at Hudson Falls (N.Y.) Free Library appears to have been the final chapter in Director Marie Gandron's career there. Trustee President Michael Herman confirmed September 13 that Gandron no longer works at the library, although he would not say if she quit or was fired. The controversy began in mid-August when Gandron's comments that a five-time summer-reading-contest winner should "step aside" this year....

Glens Falls (N.Y.) Post Star, Sept. 13

## [Now Ohio wants \*The Bluest Eye\* gone](#)

Ohio Board of Education President Debe Terhar wants

**Mar. 31–  
Apr. 2:**  
[Oklahoma Library Association](#). Annual Conference, Southern Hills Marriott, Tulsa. "Ring True."

**July 12–15:**  
[International Summit on Accessibility](#), Ottawa (Ontario) Convention Centre. "Making It Happen: From Intention to Action." Deadline to submit [presentation proposals](#) is October 30.

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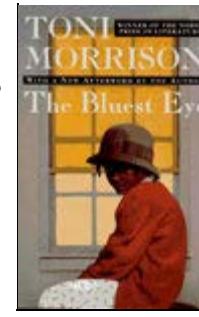
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all mentions of the Toni Morrison novel *The Bluest Eye* removed from state guidelines for schools teaching to the new Common Core academic standards. The book has become a target for some critics of the Common Core, because it describes scenes in which a girl's father rapes her. In August, an Alabama state senator called for the book to be removed from school reading lists and school libraries....

StateImpact, Sept. 11; *Huntsville (Ala.) Times*, Aug. 28



## **Woman leaves Arlington County library \$700,000**

An Arlington, Virginia, resident who died in June gave what's estimated to be more than \$700,000 to the Arlington Public Library in her will. Rosemarie Bowie lived most of her life in Arlington and was 76 when she died June 24. She left her home and half of her residuary estate to the library. Bowie had retired from her career working in the US Patent and Trademark Office and as an attorney....

ARL Now, Sept. 12

## **Jacksonville library may have to close Saturdays**

Jacksonville, Florida's Main Library will close on Saturdays beginning October 5 unless the city council restores funding in the pending 2013–2014 budget. The library trustees in a unanimous vote on September 12 approved the closure, calling it a difficult decision between less-than-desirable options. The potential library closing has dismayed library users....

Jacksonville *Florida Times-Union*, Sept. 12

## **Man assaulted with chair in San Francisco Public Library**

A man was arrested in connection with a bloody assault September 11 after he allegedly struck another San Francisco Public Library patron in the head with a chair. Clifton W. Moore is facing two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault. The victim was using a computer on the first floor of the Main Library when seemingly out of nowhere he was struck by a chair. Several witnesses pointed Moore out to library security as the suspect. SFPL administrators and employees say more guards are necessary to provide a satisfactory level of security....

*San Francisco Examiner*, Sept. 8, 16

## **No electricity or water in Islamabad libraries**

Mazhar Iqbal Jalali, in charge of the Sector F-11 community library in Islamabad, Pakistan, said, "There has been no electricity since the first week in 2010." The number of visitors is nearing 100 a day, but in the unrelenting heat people avoid coming to the library because there is no power. The library had electricity for a few days after it was launched, but a glitch in the nearby transformer soon cut it off. Its six personal computers remain inoperative. The city's Capital Development Authority is supposed to provide maintenance, electricity, and security....

*The Express Tribune* (Pakistan), Sept. 16



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## **Issues**

## The internet is important to everyone

A new infographic and supporting research illustrate the importance of internet access to critical information. "The Internet Is Important to Everyone," developed by OCLC and made possible with IMLS funding, gathers information from a variety of research sources to illustrate the impact broadband has on our daily lives, whether it is in seeking information about health, jobs, education, or government. The infographic also touches on who does not use the internet and why. A web page on [Digital Inclusion](#) offers suggestions for community stakeholders to act and help bridge the digital divide....

OCLC WebJunction, Sept. 18



## Library research and the IRB

Nicole Pagowsky and Maura Smale write: "Understanding how human-subjects research and the Institutional Review Board (IRB) fit into social sciences research can help frame our own perceptions of what we do in LIS research. Practically speaking, what is it like for LIS researchers to go through the process of IRB approval? We've both been through the process, and this is what we've learned."...

ACRLLog, Sept. 16

## Intellectual property: It's not about property

Carrie Russell writes: "One misconception about copyright is the notion that protected works are the property of rights holders. Because of this mistaken belief, you will hear too many authors, creators, and other rights holders say that the public is *stealing* their property. It is particularly aggravating when information users are accused of stealing when what they are doing—let's say making an accessible copy for a blind person—is lawful."...

District Dispatch, Sept. 17

## Authors Guild: Shut down Google scanning

Andrew Albanese writes: "In its final brief before oral arguments, the Authors Guild in mid-September closed by imploring Judge Denny Chin to shoot down Google's book scanning program and let Congress ask questions later. The call for the court to punt on the fair use issue comes in the final round of summary judgment reply briefs in the long-running lawsuit against Google over its library scan plan."...

Publishers Weekly, Sept. 17

## Google knows all your Android Wi-Fi passwords

Gary Cutlack writes: "A new privacy fuss is kicking off around Google's Android mobile OS, with security experts claiming that the software's backup tools mean that a copy of everyone's Wi-Fi password history is now saved to Google's servers. That means it could be legally compelled to hand them out, should government come calling. Google is storing passwords in a way that means it can read them if it wants to."...

Gizmodo, Sept. 16

## Picture passwords are promising

Tim Greene writes: "The security of Windows 8 picture passwords might not be as weak as some recent headlines indicate, and there are ways to maximize how hard they are to crack, researchers say. Unlocking a Windows 8 machine by tapping

points, circling objects, and drawing lines over an image on a touchscreen is no less secure than using a four-digit PIN to secure a cellphone's SIM card, said Sophos researcher [Paul Ducklin](#). "...

PC World, Sept. 15; Naked Security, Sept. 9



## [Heartbeat passwords: Don't miss a beat](#)

Liz Stinson writes: "Karl Martin and his team at Bionym have created the Nymi, a plastic wristband that aims to be the common thread that connects your identity to the smart devices of the future. The device uses a biometric sensor to authenticate identity through a person's unique electrocardiogram. The Bionym team found a way to extract features of your heartbeat that allows them to create a robust biometric template. So if you get nervous and your heart speeds up or you just ran a few miles, the waveform of your heartbeat might appear more condensed, but it's still essentially the same pattern." Watch the [video](#) (1:42)....

Wired Design, Sept. 11; YouTube, Sept. 2



## [How the cops watch your tweets in real time](#)

Nate Anderson writes: "Recent leaks about the NSA's internet spy programs have sparked renewed interest in government surveillance, though the leaks touch largely on a single form of such surveillance, the covert one. But so-called open-source intelligence is also big business—and not just at the national or international levels. Consider [BlueJay](#), which provides real-time, geo-fenced access to every single public tweet so that local police can keep tabs on #gunfire, #meth, and #protest in their communities."...

Ars Technica, Sept. 15



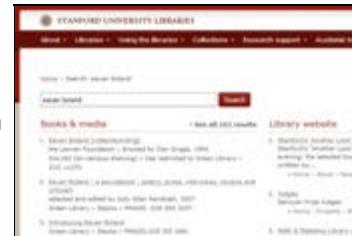
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## Tech Talk

### [Full library discovery](#)

Lorcan Dempsey writes: "The scope of library discovery services continues to evolve. We might characterize the situation we are in now as *full collection discovery*. The model is of a cloud-based, central index, where the goal has been unified results across collection types delivered in a single search box. The full collection includes material from the catalog, journal articles, and sometimes local digital repository material. Several so-called 'discovery layer' products (including WorldCat Local) are now used to provide this functionality."...

Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, Sept. 15



## How to download iOS 7

Jill Duffy writes: "iOS 7, the next major update to Apple's mobile operating system, is out. Okay, so how do you get it? And what do you need to do before you download and install it?" Amazon has a [new Kindle app](#) for iOS 7 too....

*PC Magazine*, Sept. 18; *Digital Book World*, Sept. 18



## Three lessons from Apple's two new iPhones

David Pogue writes: "We can draw three lessons from the arrival of Apple's two new iPhone models, the 5C and 5S. (1) Apple may have set its own bar for innovation too high. (2) The smartphone is mature. (3) If we're reaching a point of diminishing returns in hardware breakthroughs, the software breakthroughs are only just getting under way." [Most reviewers](#) say the 5S is better, with its smarter computing chip and fingerprint scanner....

*New York Times*: Personal Tech, Sept. 17; *New York Times*: Bits, Sept. 18

## Hands-on with Windows 8.1

David Cardinal writes: "Microsoft is betting that Windows 8.1 will be enough to jumpstart stalled sales of new Windows PCs and to coax reluctant Windows 7 users into making the leap. After using Windows 8.1 for several days on several different types of machines, I'm impressed by its many subtle improvements over Windows 8 and Windows 8.1 Preview, but it hasn't addressed any of the fundamental issues slowing Windows 8's adoption."....

*ExtremeTech*, Sept. 13



## Topeka tests Wi-Fi in remote locations

Lisa Coble-Krings writes: "An experiment delivering public library internet access to remote locations is about to get underway. The Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library will test out remote Wi-Fi hot spots to two bookmobile stops and other locations in the county to be determined. Launch is expected by 2014. The four-month pilot project, Kansas K20—Librarians Whitespace Pilot, is coordinated by the Kansas State Library and involves the Kansas City, Lawrence, and Manhattan (Kans.) public libraries."....

Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library, Sept. 11

## How to buy an all-in-one desktop PC

Joel Santo Domingo writes: "For the same amount you would spend on a 17-inch 'boat anchor' laptop that weighs more than 10 pounds, you can get an all-in-one desktop PC, with a 23-inch or larger screen. You'll probably also have a better Windows 8 touch experience on an all-in-one desktop, since some all-in-ones can be used like a huge tablet. Here's what to look for when you're shopping for an all-in-one desktop PC online or in a big-box store." The best all-in-ones are listed [here](#)....

*PC Magazine*, Sept. 12



## Creating screen capture images and videos

Richard Byrne writes: "This evening I received a



question from a reader who was wondering what I use to create the annotated screen capture images that you see in the guides that I produce. I create those images by using Jing which I have installed on my Mac and Windows computers. There are other services that I have tried from time to time. Those services along with Jing are described here."...

Free Technology for Teachers, Sept. 13

## [\*\*Watch a 3D printer print multiple colors\*\*](#)

Signe Brewster writes: "People have [raised suspicions](#) about botObjects' claim that its 3D printer can print in multiple colors. The suspicions are understandable, considering most 3D printers on the market print in only one or two colors. Like an ink printer, botObjects' ProDesk3D mixes colors to produce a wide range of hues. BotObject [just released](#) a new video (1:43) of their prototype printer in action, and the colors look great."...

GigaOM, Sept. 11; CNET Reviews, May 10; botObjects



## [\*\*The hidden world of the typewriter\*\*](#)

James Joiner writes: "There was a time that nearly every home and office had at least one typewriter, ready to tap out letters or lists, invoices, or inspirations. Today, of course, the machines have gone the way of vinyl records, romanticized analog nostalgia. But, also like vinyl records, typewriters have their enthusiasts, cult followers and collectors drawn to their character and to the mystery of all the ideas and dreams that have been poured, or rather pounded, into them."...

*The Atlantic*, Sept. 11



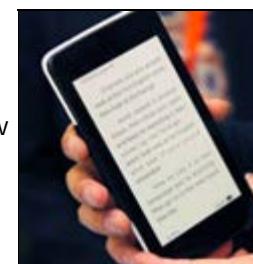
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## **E-Content**

### [\*\*New hope for free e-readers?\*\*](#)

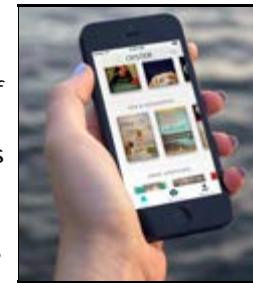
Jeremy Greenfield writes: "Popular only a few years ago, lately the idea of the emergence of a free e-reader has taken a beating. However, a new technology product coming out of the smartphone industry could give the idea a resurgence. Using the latest technology from e-reader display company E Ink, e-reader maker PocketBook and phone manufacturer Alcatel are demoing a [new kind of e-reading device](#) that piggybacks on your smartphone and has the potential to be extremely inexpensive."...

Digital Book World, Sept. 17; Gizmag, Sept. 16



### [\*\*Test driving Oyster\*\*](#)

Linda W. Braun writes: "Is [Oyster](#) set to become the Netflix for ebooks? It has the makings, even if it's not quite there yet. One appeal is that titles are available on demand, meaning that any title is always accessible. There aren't hold lists or problematic download procedures. All it takes to start reading is to find a title of interest and press



'play.' There's no limit to the number of titles subscribers can read simultaneously or during a set time period."...  
*School Library Journal: The Digital Shift*, Sept. 16

### **Twin Cities libraries expanding ebook services**

In the next few months, more than 100 Twin City branches—those in the seven metro county library systems and the St. Paul (Minn.) Public Library—will share ebook titles via the 3M Cloud Library. The regional Metropolitan Library Service Agency plans to spend as much as \$500,000 for a common pool of ebooks stocked with 2,264 of 3M's most popular titles (eight copies of each) with more to come in 2014 if the experiment is successful. A large MELSA purchase of ebooks will help libraries expand their offerings without robbing other parts of their budgets....

*Minneapolis Star Tribune*, Sept. 17

### **Atingo and the Swedish ebook lending model**

Marshall Breeding writes: "Two Scandinavian companies—Publit, a Swedish company involved with ebooks and print on demand; and Axiell, which develops software for libraries and archives—have jointly launched [Atingo](#), a company offering ebook lending products and services to libraries. Though not currently available in the US, the service provides an interesting example of a business and technology model implemented abroad. Atingo is focusing on publishers and libraries in Sweden, but may expand to other countries."...

*ALA TechSource Blog*, Sept. 17



### **Big Data in the humanities**

Alice Meadows writes: "Humanities is an area ripe for exploiting Big Data, enabling scholars to analyze topics more broadly and deeply than ever before, whether in the form of books, artworks, music, or any other digitizable format. In this [Wiley Exchanges](#)



[video](#) (8:46), Amanda Rust (right), assistant head of research and instruction for arts and humanities at the Snell Library, Northeastern University, Boston, talks about her experience of and visions for the use of Big Data and digital humanities."...

*Wiley Exchanges*, Sept. 11; YouTube, Sept. 10

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## **Books & Reading**

### **Librarians' Glitter and Mayhem**

A new speculative fiction anthology, *Glitter and Mayhem* (Apex, 2013), has been edited and collected by John Klima, assistant director at Waukesha (Wis.) Public Library; Hugo Award-winner Lynne M. Thomas (special collections librarian at Northern Illinois University); and her husband Michael Damian Thomas. Lynne Thomas said: "We sought stories that would fit in a roller rink or a club: drugs, sex, glitter, and debauchery, nightlife with an SF/F twist."...

*My Favorite Bit*, Sept. 3

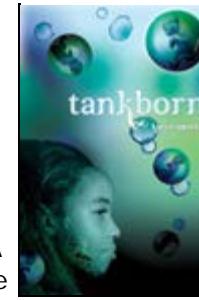


### **Dystopia in color**

B. A. Binns writes: "I saw the movie *Elysium* recently.

This look at a Hispanic main character given the chance to change the world or save his life (he can't do both) was a break from the usual round of science fiction in general and dystopian stories in particular, where the man or woman who rights wrongs and changes society is usually white. A search of recent YA and middle-grade books led me to several that provide readers with a future filled with heroes of different backgrounds, ethnicities, locations, and circumstances."....

YALSA The Hub, Sept. 12



### [More roller derby in YA lit, please](#)

Jessica Lind writes: "Here at The Hub, we often blog about trends in YA that we notice, whether we are happy to see them or not. Today, I want to write about something that I hope becomes a trend in YA literature: roller derby. This year, roller derby is being given another chance through the Roller Girl series by Megan Sparks. Why do I want to see this trend? Because I love stories that portray female characters in situations where they are allowed to be strong, unique, and have great relationships."....

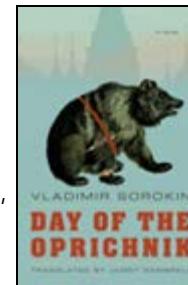
YALSA The Hub, Sept. 18



### [50 excellent works of fiction in translation](#)

Jason Diamond writes: "There's an entire world of literature out there if you just look beyond what was written in your native tongue. Major works in other languages are being translated into English all the time, meaning that there's no time like the present for you to enjoy books from places like Russia, Egypt, or Mexico. If you're looking to get your literary passport stamped, here are 50 destinations to start you off."....

Flavorwire, Sept. 17



### [Reading for pleasure is a good thing](#)

Children who read for pleasure are likely to do significantly better at school than their peers, according to new research from the Institute of Education in the United Kingdom. The study, which is believed to be the first to examine the effect of reading for pleasure on cognitive development over time, found that children who read for pleasure made more progress in math, vocabulary, and spelling between the ages of 10 and 16 than those who rarely read....

Centre for Longitudinal Studies, Sept. 11



### [Celebrate Classical Music Month with YA lit](#)

Anna Tschetter writes: "There are many YA books that feature characters who care deeply about music or are aspiring musicians, but not many of these characters care about classical music. It's a rare book that has a teen waxing rhapsodic over Puccini or Haydn. A few recent books that provide a good primer for getting into classical music are *Virtuosity* by Jessica Martinez, *The Lucy Variations* by Sara Zarr, and while it's not explicitly about music at all, *Daughter of Smoke and Bone* by Laini Taylor."....

YALSA The Hub, Sept. 13

## [An essential punk literature reading list](#)

Jason Diamond writes: "It doesn't take name-dropping Black Flag or writing a scene where a character gets her first mohawk to know that the book you're reading is influenced in some way or another by the punk scene. Jeff Jackson's mesmerizing debut, *Mira Corpora*, which reads like a cross between Bruno Schulz and the backstories of random characters from Penelope Spheeris's 1984 film *Suburbia*, is that kind of book."...

Flavorwire, Sept. 13



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## [Tips & Ideas](#)

### [Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

Hispanic Heritage Month goes from September 15 through October 15.

September 15 is significant because it marks the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Also, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively. The Smithsonian is spotlighting some of its collections that document Latino and Mexican histories, cultures, and the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America....

The Bigger Picture, Sept. 17



### [Policies that help, not hinder](#)

Holly Hibner writes: "I attended an Affordable Care Act seminar today. One of the speakers said something that really stuck in my mind, hours later. He said that before the public comes to public libraries to sign up for (and get help with) health care on October 1 in accordance with the ACA, library staff should take a look at their policies to see in what ways they may help or hinder that process."...

Library Lost and Found, Sept. 12

### [Toronto librarians help first-year students](#)

Janet Rowe writes: "Last fall, first-year student Helen Rudnicki received an email at her brand-new University of Toronto address. Signed by librarian Jacqueline Whyte Appleby, the message welcomed Rudnicki to U of T and offered her something special: personalized help coming to grips with St. George Campus's 42 libraries. First-year students just didn't seem to be using the library, so the university started the [Personal Librarian Program](#)."...

University of Toronto Magazine, Autumn



### [Creating Community Solutions](#)

On January 16, President Obama called for a "national conversation to increase understanding about mental health" and directed Secretary Kathleen Sebelius of the US Department of Health and Human



Services and Secretary Arne Duncan of the US Department of Education to launch a [National Dialogue on Mental Health](#). Libraries can participate in [Creating Community Solutions](#) as an important part of the National Dialogue. Community conversations, convened by local mayors, will be supported by leaders from deliberative democracy organizations....

Creating Community Solutions; ALA Center for Civic Life, Aug. 13

### [\*\*US Constitution Annotated app\*\*](#)

The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the Library of Congress, and the Government Printing Office marked Constitution Day on September 17 by launching a new [iOS app](#) and [web publication](#) that make analysis and interpretation of constitutional case law by library experts accessible for free to anyone with a computer or mobile device. The new resources, which include analysis of Supreme Court cases through June 26, 2013, will be updated multiple times each year as new court decisions are issued....

Library of Congress, Sept. 17



### [\*\*Engaging with games the library way\*\*](#)

Thomas Knowlton writes: "One of the most exciting aspects of International Games Day (this year, it's November 16) is the way in which it promotes game literacy and invites library patrons to join the conversation about games. At Mid-Manhattan Library in New York, the day-long celebration is an opportunity for patrons to experience a new board game they've never played, try out a PlayStation 3 or Steam for the first time, or even discuss synesthesia in video games. This led me to wonder, 'How could the public library provide a forum year-round for exploring and discussing games?'"...

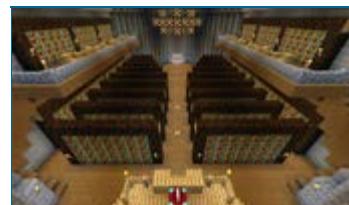
International Games Day, Sept. 15



### [\*\*Minecraft: An obsession and an educational tool\*\*](#)

Nick Bilton writes: "For those who have never played Minecraft, it's relatively simple. Unlike other video games, there are few if any instructions. Instead, the goal of the game is to build structures in 16-bit worlds, and figuring things out on your own is a big part of it. And it's not terribly violent. Obsessed might be an understated way to explain many youngsters' *idée fixe* with the game. Around the world, Minecraft is being used to educate children on everything from science to city planning to speaking a new language." And some people are actually building [Minecraft libraries](#)....

New York Times: Bits, Sept. 15; TeleRead, Sept. 13



### [\*\*Tumblr is a great way to reach teen patrons\*\*](#)

Robin Brenner writes: "Should libraries and librarians use Tumblr? Is it wise to wade into this alluring sea of wacky photos, pop-culture commentary, and GIFs—snippets of moving images—in order to virtually chat about best book lists, library events, title recommendations, and our favorite quotes?



Yes, and here's why."...

School Library Journal: The Digital Shift, Sept. 12

## **Twitter is making kids smarter**

Clive Thompson writes: "There is powerful evidence that digital tools are helping young people write and think far better than in the past. Let's start with some hard data. The only way to tell whether kids today are really less coherent or literate than their great-grandparents is to compare student writing across the past century. Tricky, but precisely what Andrea Lunsford (above), a scholar of writing and rhetoric at Stanford University, managed to do by collecting 877 freshman composition papers from 2006 and comparing their error rates to those in papers from 1986, 1930, and 1917."...



Toronto Globe and Mail, Sept. 13

## **Use Google+ for photo fix-up**

Amit Agarwal writes: "You want the vacation photographs to look awesome before you upload them to Facebook or send them via email. Image-editing tools like Photoshop can help, but they seem like overkill for simple enhancements. There are browser-based image editing apps, but none seem as impressive and intelligent as the photo-editing tools that are built right inside Google+."...



Digital Inspiration, Sept. 17

## **How to find Google Earth files**

Richard Byrne writes: "One of the things that teachers almost always ask me when I introduce them to Google Earth is, 'How do you find all of these files?' Google Earth has many great layers of information built in. Simply open the Layers drop-down menu in Google Earth and select a layer to view it. You can also search online for KMZ and KML files to view in Google Earth. The directions for doing that are included here." Also, Byrne explains how to create [placemarks and tours](#)....

Free Technology for Teachers, Mar. 11, Sept. 15

## **Al-Mutanabbi Street in Tacoma**

On March 5, 2007, in the middle of the Iraq War, a car bomb devastated the literary and intellectual heart of Baghdad, ripping through booksellers, cafés, and tea shops, killing 30 people and wounding more than 100. San Francisco poet and artist Beau Beausoleil and British scholar Sarah Bodman responded to the devastation by asking artists and poets from around the world to create artists' books as a show of solidarity with those slain and injured. Collins Memorial Library at University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, is hosting the national traveling exhibit of some 200 handmade artists' books and single-sheet broadsides through October 31....

University of Puget Sound, Aug. 20



## **Things to consider when applying to library school**

Alison Glass writes: "Making the decision to go back to school can be daunting, let alone deciding which school is right for you. Not all library schools are created equal, and it's important to find the best match for you. Here are a few things to take into consideration as

you narrow down your choices and make your decisions." ...  
Hack Library School, Sept. 16

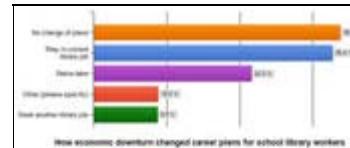
## **Getting published in the library field**

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "Are you wondering how to break into the publishing world as a librarian? If so, here are more than 20 resources to get you started on your journey to publication bliss." ...  
iLibrarian, Sept. 16

## **Survey on retirement plans of library workers**

A [new study](#) published in *Library Leadership and Management* dives into results from a national survey of current library workers regarding their retirement plans, particularly after the economic downturn. Analysis suggests that while more than one-fourth of respondents ages 50–59 and almost three-fourths of respondents in their 60s and 70s plan to retire in the next five years, close to half of all respondents said that the economic downturn would lead them to retire later or stay in their current job....

Library Research Service News, Sept. 18; *Library Leadership and Management* 27, no. 4



## **A few funny things about citations**

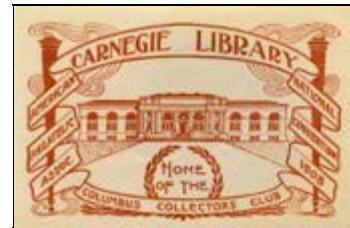
Bonnie Swoger writes: "In honor of the recent [Ig Nobel prizes](#), awarded for achievements that 'first make people laugh, and then make them think,' I present a few funny things about scholarly citations. Occasionally, scientists stray from the jargon-filled, obfuscating prose that makes up most journal article titles and add a touch of humor to the scholarly enterprise. This [excellent post](#) documents scholarly article titles that use movie titles for inspiration, with amusing results." ...

*Scientific American: Information Culture*, Sept. 17; *Scientific American: The Scicurious Brain*, Sept. 12; *Weird Experiments Blog*, Dec. 4, 2010

***Some Like It Haute:***  
Leadership Lessons From France's Great Chefs  
KATHARINA BALAZS

## **Libraries on cinderellas**

Larry Nix writes: "Stamp collectors refer to pseudo-stamps or labels with no postal value as 'cinderellas.' I have a small collection of library cinderellas that are shown here." One is a label (right) featuring the Carnegie Library in Columbus, Ohio, that indicates it is the "home of the Columbus Collector's Club." It probably [dates from 1907](#), the year before the American Philatelic Association changed its name to the American Philatelic Society....  
Library History Buff Blog, Sept. 16; Philatelic Literature and Research, May 3, 2012



## **King County vs. New York City: Book-sorting rivalry**

The New York and Brooklyn public libraries competed September 16 in a battle of the book sorters, teaming up against the King County (Wash.) Library System to see whose staff and high-tech machines could divvy up the most books in an hour. The rivalry had started in 2011. But this time New York lost out: A final count showed they sorted 12,396 items in an hour compared to Seattle's 13,122....

DNAinfo New York, Sept. 17



## Kuzya the Russian library cat

Miss Cellania writes: "A cat walked into the library in Novorossiysk, Russia, and found a home, a job, and stardom. A library or bookstore with a cat is practically an institution in the US, but the cat that came to be named Kuzya has captured the Russian imagination. It wasn't long before Kuzya was promoted to assistant librarian, which meant issuing a certificate. It also means Kuzya has to dress up for work—in a fetching bow tie." Watch the [video](#) (3:09, in Russian)....

Neatorama, Sept. 17; RocketNews24 (Tokyo), Sept. 17; Channel One Russia, Aug. 22



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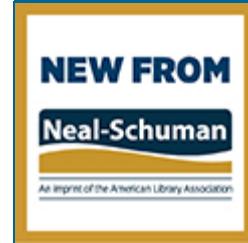
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The e-newsletter of the American Library Association | September 25, 2013



## American Libraries Online

### [Is your library plus-size friendly?](#)

Lori L. Smith writes: "Most libraries are conscientious about providing accessible facilities and services tailored to specific populations, yet some forget the needs of their plus-size patrons. More than one-third of US adults and nearly 17% of children and adolescents were obese in 2009–2010, according to a January 2012 data brief from the National Center for Health Statistics. Those numbers mean that every public service facility in the country—including libraries—should be prepared to meet the needs of plus-size patrons." ...

*American Libraries* feature



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### [Dispatches from the Field: Don't dumb down](#)

Bohyun Kim writes: "In the early days of mobile devices, the mantra for the mobile web was 'Keep it simple,' both in the visual design of a mobile website and in its content. This claim was based on the assumption that mobile device users would be distracted, in a rush, or only engaged in simple tasks. People's behavior on smartphones, however, increasingly challenged this assumption." ...

*American Libraries* column, Sept./Oct.



### [On My Mind: Guide to reading levels](#)



Regina Powers writes: "Technology ensures that readability formulas are here to stay, embedded within the children's book industry. However, since each publisher and each computerized reading software company subscribes to a different set of readability formulas, which are not sophisticated enough to

### [2014 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits](#)

Philadelphia, January 24–28. You only have a few days left to save up to \$140, book Midwinter housing before it opens to all registrants, and sign up for the best networking and professional development in 2014. [Bundle Registration](#) for 2014 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is open through September 30. (Midwinter-only registration and housing will open 9 a.m. Central time on October 1.)

measure the complexity of content, finding an appropriate book to read can get a bit confusing."...  
American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.

### **International digital supplement**

Explore ALA's global impact in *ALA Around the Globe*, the 2013 international digital edition of *American Libraries*. This special issue (in [Zmags format](#) only) presents initiatives, advocacy, issues, and services that affect libraries and ALA members all over the world. In this issue, you'll find an update on RDA, a look at the campaign to save Romania's libraries, digital librarianship in Costa Rica, and an ACRL program in Hong Kong....



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## **ALA News**

### **Censorship and invisibility**

Office for Intellectual Freedom Director Barbara Jones writes: "Over the past few years, hundreds of libraries, bookstores, and community organizations have designed increasingly inventive displays, read-outs, and other activities showcasing [Banned Books Week](#). Yet while we celebrate the deluge of library programming around the world, an upsurge in the censorship of literary classics has challenged the freedom to read. Though books that deal with controversial topics may make some readers uncomfortable, such literature offers a vehicle for true learning and understanding." Jessamyn West has a [nice roundup](#) of Banned Books Week websites. Banned Books Week is now on [Google+](#). ALA President-Elect [Courtney Young reads](#) (3:35) from Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*, which is facing opposition in Ohio and Alabama. See all the [BBW Virtual Read-Out videos here](#)....

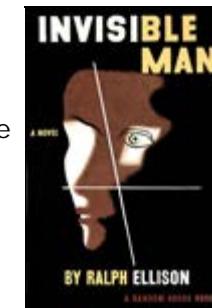
*The Huffington Post*, Sept. 23; librarian.net, Sept. 23; YouTube, Sept. 24



### **Responding to the *Invisible Man* challenge**

Deborah Caldwell-Stone writes: "The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom has sent a letter ([PDF file](#)) to the Board of Education of Randolph County, North Carolina, concerning its recent ban of Ralph Ellison's classic *Invisible Man* from school library shelves. The letter urges the board to reverse its decision to remove the book, citing constitutional concerns and the importance of having a broad range of materials that represent a diversity of views in school libraries." The board, responding to the [national controversy](#) it created, is scheduled to [review its decision](#) on September 25....

OIF Blog, Sept. 24; *Los Angeles Times*, Sept. 24; *Asheboro (N.C.) Courier-Tribune*, Sept. 19



### **Book censors target teen fiction**

Attempts to ban books are increasingly driven by the desire to protect teenagers from tales of sex, drugs, and suicide in young adult fiction. This growing number of attempts to restrict edgy teen fiction is

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emphasized as part of Banned Books Week, September 22–28. A total of 464 complaints were registered by ALA in 2012, and it has recorded challenges to more than 11,300 titles since it first started monitoring in 1982. View the [Top 10 challenged books](#) for each year since 2001 on the *American Libraries* Pinterest site....

*The Guardian* (UK), Sept. 23



### **Why I love Banned Books Week**

Kelly Dickinson writes: "The teenage rebel has become a treasured image in American culture. Every nostalgic conversation among my colleagues or friends includes confessions from each individual's brief past as a teenage rebel. Whether it's skipping school, sneaking out to a party, or simply dressing as bizarrely as possible, practically everyone has a memory of teenage rule-breaking or bending. Even I clearly recall my version of teenage rebellion—perhaps because the experience helped shape my current career."...

YALSA The Hub, Sept. 23



### **Lawrence library revisits Banned Book trading cards**

From the seemingly innocuous *Leaves of Grass* (right) to the oft-maligned *Catcher in the Rye*, the Lawrence (Kans.) Public Library's winning Banned Books trading cards feature a variety of titles. Throw in assorted media to illustrate them—art quilting, crayon, and digital collage—and the spirit of banned books is captured in a well-rounded set. The library announced the winners of its design contest

September 19, surprising the seven people whose designs were chosen from nearly 100 entries....

*Lawrence (Kans.) Journal-World*, Sept. 19



### **It's Banned Websites Awareness Day**

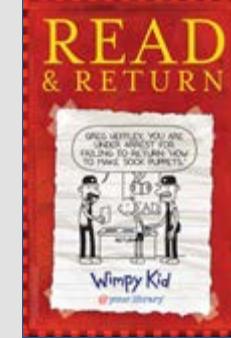
To raise awareness of the overly restrictive blocking of legitimate, educational websites and academically useful social networking tools in schools and school libraries, AASL has designated one day during Banned Books Week as Banned Websites Awareness Day. On September 25, AASL is asking school librarians and other educators to promote an awareness of how overly restrictive filtering affects student learning....

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### **Money Smart Week webinar**

Through Money Smart Week @ your library, April 5–12, 2014, you can join hundreds of other libraries across the country helping individuals to better manage their personal finances. [Sign up](#) for this October 10 webinar that will provide valuable programming and promotion ideas, tips on possible partners, and resources that make it easy for you....



Use the antics of Greg Heffley—the **Wimpy Kid**—as a tongue-in-cheek, cautionary tale reminding kids not only to read, but to return books and other materials to their library. On November 5, Greg Heffley and his family and friends all return in Book 8 of the bestselling Diary of a Wimpy Kid series. The [poster](#) and [bookmark](#) will help ramp up the excitement for this highly anticipated book. **NEW! From ALA Graphics.**

### **Libraries on Film**



[Up the Down Staircase](#) (1967). Frances Sternhagen

Money Smart Week @ your library

## [Libraries celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month](#)



Throughout September libraries across the country have been working hard to remind parents and caregivers that a library card is the most important school supply children and teens can have in achieving academic success. For example, Loudoun County (Va.) Public Library hosts a thematic library card [treasure hunt](#) each year; more than 1,500 children participate annually. Free downloadable tools from ALA are available [online](#)....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Sept. 24

## [Try library card sign-up door-to-door](#)

John Chrastka writes: "I suspect we are missing our key audience when we follow our traditional inbound service model during Library Card Sign-Up Month. I believe we can be much more effective if we take a page out of political campaigns and meet the public door-to-door. I'd settle for event-based sign-ups at the grocery store, bank, train station, or playground. But door-to-door is extremely effective in transforming a contact into a conversation and that conversation into action. And it is rather easy to fix..."

*Library Journal*: Advocate's Corner, Sept. 24

## [Serving families of children with special needs](#)

This newly revised edition of [\*Including Families of Children with Special Needs: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians\*](#) is a step-by-step guide to serving children and youth with disabilities as well as the family members, caregivers, and other people involved in their lives. Authors Carrie Scott Banks, Sandra Feinberg, Barbara A. Jordan, Kathleen Deerr, and Michelle Langa show how staff can enable full use of the library's resources by integrating the methods of educators, therapists, social workers, librarians, parents, and other caregivers....

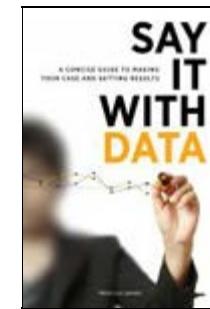
ALA Neal-Schuman, Sept. 23



## [Get results with data](#)

The collection and dissemination of data about library service in a straightforward, convincing manner are integral components of library advocacy. [\*Say It with Data: A Concise Guide to Making Your Case and Getting Results\*](#), published by ALA Editions, addresses front-line librarians lobbying for increased programming or staff, as well as administrators marshalling statistics to stem the tide of budget cuts and prevent library closures. Author Priscille Dando uses a distinctive combination of research-based information and practical applications....

ALA Editions, Sept. 24



## [Bringing the arts into the library](#)

Using a library's facilities to bring arts to the community is not only a valuable service, but it's also a wonderful marketing and outreach opportunity. For [\*Bringing the Arts into the Library\*](#), published by ALA Editions, editor Carol Smallwood combed the country to present examples of programs implemented by a variety of libraries to enrich, educate, and entertain

plays stodgy Calvin Coolidge High School librarian Charlotte Wolf, who insists that books be reshelfed neatly and is horrified that a copy of *Ivanhoe* has been hollowed out.



## [Urban Legend](#)

(1998). Alicia Witt as Pendleton University student Natalie Simon goes to the library to research urban legends and reads a book titled *The Encyclopedia of Urban Legends*. Folklorist Jan Harold Brunvand wrote a book with the same title in 2002 in response to the film. Kay Hawtrey is a library attendant.

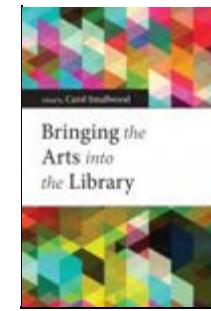


[Urzad](#) (1969, Poland, made for TV). Józef Rosiński plays a librarian in the Vatican.



## [Utah Wagon Train](#)

(1951). During a wagon train recreation on the Colorado Trail, rancher Rex Allen



patrons through the arts—including poetry programs, creative writing, and multicultural arts presentations....  
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# Booklist ONLINE

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

Morsi, Pamela. *Love Overdue*. Sept. 2013.  
400p. MIRA, paperback (978-0-7783-1537-1).

Dorothy Jarrow, aka D.J., leaves her job working for the director from hell to accept a position as director of a small Kansas library. The building, a beautiful Carnegie library, is dark, dated, and disorganized. It comes with a motley crew: Amos, the depressed bookmobile driver; James, a silent young man with Asperger's syndrome who has an unsettling ability to disappear into the stacks; Suzy, a perky clerk; and seriously disgruntled Amelia Grundler. Fortunately, D.J. doesn't have to worry about housing right away because the library board chair, Viv Sanderson, has offered her a room in her home. But Viv has plans for D.J. that have nothing to do with the library....



## [Top 10 romance fiction: 2013](#)



Donna Seaman writes: "Wit and wise comedy are cherished hallmarks of the romance genre, and humor sharp and tender abounds in the 10 best titles reviewed in *Booklist* between September 15, 2012, and September 1, 2013, whether set in Regency England (*A Wedding in Springtime*) or present-day Wyoming (*The Accidental Bride*). Not to say that serious matters of trust, faith, and love aren't also addressed in these captivating tales."...

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(playing himself) climbs a nearby telephone pole and, with a handset secretly borrowed from a telephone lineman, calls the National Library of American History in Salt Lake City just before closing time and learns that the religious Wendover Party was involved in the Gold Rush.

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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## Philadelphia Update

### [Make your case to attend Midwinter](#)

Making the case for time off and support for travel and expenses to attend a conference requires a solid understanding of the potential benefits to your institution, supervisor, and colleagues. And you need to be able to communicate those benefits clearly—especially in times of tight budgets and reduced staff. Use the information here to help support your request to attend the ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits in Philadelphia, January 24–28....

### [The Athenaeum of Philadelphia](#)

The Athenaeum of Philadelphia, 219 South 6th Street, is a special collections library and museum founded in 1814 to collect materials "connected with the history and antiquities of America, and the useful arts, and generally to disseminate useful knowledge." It provides an image-rich portal to historical and architectural information for more than 250,000 structures in the United States, as well as biographies for more than 20,000 architects, builders, contractors, and firms, particularly for the period 1800 to 1945. The building was designed in 1845 by architect John Notman in the Italianate style....

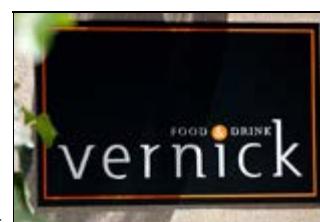
Athenaeum of Philadelphia



### [Best new Philly restaurant](#)

*Philadelphia* magazine selected Vernick Food and Drink, 2031 Walnut Street, as the [Best New Restaurant](#) in the city: "Greg Vernick has gathered ideas from places as far-flung as Qatar and Tokyo, but the best thing about his restaurant is the way it makes you feel at home. His best pal, General Manager Ryan Mulholland, makes everyone who comes through the door feel not so much like an honored guest as a welcome friend." Here is a rundown of other [Philly bests](#) for 2013, ranging from [Best Doughnuts](#) to [Best Red Sauce](#) and [Best Dinner Worth Bragging About](#)....

*Philadelphia* magazine



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## Division News

### [Finalists in AASL 2013 conference daily contest](#)

Four finalists have been chosen in the contest to name the AASL 16th National Conference and Exhibition on-site daily newspaper. AASL members and conference attendees can now [vote](#) for one of the following names: Aloft, Hot Air Highlights, The Hartford Current, or Launch Pad. The conference, themed "Rising to the Challenge," will take place in Hartford, Connecticut, November 14–17. Votes will be accepted through September 27....

AASL, Sept. 24

### [Apply for Information Literacy Immersion 2014](#)

### [Library and College Librarian](#)

Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania. The Director works collaboratively with students, faculty, and administration to enrich the College's culture of learning. The Director has responsibility for all library services and planning, for management of the budget and personnel, and for development of the collections, and should be prepared to contribute to the teaching functions of the library. The Director of High Library reports to the Provost and Senior Vice President. The college seeks a professionally nimble individual, poised for leadership in a rapidly evolving field. This individual should provide vision, strategic direction, and leadership to the library and should demonstrate expertise in developing and implementing technological innovations as well as in managing library operations and budgets....



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### Digital Library of the Week

ACRL is accepting applications for its Information Literacy Immersion 2014 program. Five members of the nationally recognized immersion faculty will lead participants through intensive information literacy training. Immersion 2014 will be held July 20–25, 2014, at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont. The [application](#) deadline is December 6....

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## Awards & Grants

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

The following libraries are winners of the 2013 Library Building Awards, sponsored by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and LLAMA. For the past 50 years, the biennial award has recognized distinguished accomplishment in library architecture by an architect licensed in the United States for any library in the US or abroad. The awards were presented at the AIA Chicago office in conjunction with the 2013 ALA Annual Conference....

*American Libraries* feature



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

For more than 75 years, ACRL has been committed to celebrating the achievements of academic and research librarians through the presentation of awards, grants, and fellowships. ACRL urges its members to nominate colleagues whose work has influenced their thinking and growth and whose contributions merit recognition by the profession. Nominations and supporting materials for most awards must be submitted by December 6....

ACRL, Sept. 24

### [ACRL's 2013 Spectrum Scholar](#)

As part of its commitment to furthering diversity in librarianship, ACRL is supporting Jessica Bastian (right) as its 2013–2014 Spectrum Scholar. Bastian attends the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She currently serves as a faculty recruiter for diversity, international, and adult education at Illinois Central College....

ACRL, Sept. 24



### [Teen Read Week grant recipients announced](#)

YALSA has announced the 10 recipients of its 2013 Teen Read Week Grants of \$1,000 apiece, funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Teen Read Week will be celebrated October 13–19 this year with the theme "Seek the Unknown @ your library." [Read more](#) about TRW and [visit](#) the ALA Store for official products....

YALSA, Sept. 24

### [Deven Black receives Bammie Award](#)



The [Association for Cultural Equity Research Center](#) has made available online its massive collection of folklorist Alan Lomax's material. Lomax spent his career documenting folk music traditions from around the world. The archive includes more than 17,400 digital audio files, beginning with his first recordings onto (newly invented) tape in 1946 and tracing his career into the 1990s. It also includes photographs, stories, video recordings, lectures, jokes, sermons, personal narratives, interviews conducted by Lomax and his associates, and unique ambient artifacts captured in transit from radio broadcasts. The material is all from Lomax's independent archive, begun in 1946 and is distinct from the thousands of earlier recordings on acetate and aluminum discs he made from 1933 to 1942 under the auspices of the Library of Congress.

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

AASL member Deven Black (right) was named one of five 2013 Bammy Award recipients in the inaugural school librarian category of awards presented by the Academy of Education Arts and Sciences International. The Bammy Award is a cross-discipline award recognizing the contributions of educators from across the education field. Other recipients were Jennifer Lagarde, Shannon Miller, Joyce Valenza, and Matthew Winner....  
AASL, Sept. 23



## 2013 Library of Congress Literacy Awards

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington has chosen the winners of the 2013 Library of Congress Literacy Awards, a new program originated and sponsored by philanthropist David M. Rubenstein. The awards help support organizations that work to alleviate the problems of illiteracy and aliteracy in the United States and worldwide. Boston's [Reach Out and Read](#) was the winner of the David M. Rubenstein Prize of \$150,000 for its promotion of early childhood literacy....  
Library of Congress, Sept. 22



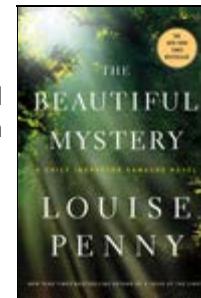
## Bush Library wins Climate Hero Award

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) handed out her inaugural Climate Hero Award to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum in Dallas on September 23 for its environmentally friendly design. Former First Lady Laura Bush accepted the award on behalf of the library. Laura Bush was on the design committee for the library, the first presidential library to receive the top environmental certification, LEED Platinum....  
CT Politics, Sept. 23



## Louise Penny wins 2013 Best Novel Anthony Award

Louise Penny won the 2013 Best Novel Anthony Award on September 21 for *The Beautiful Mystery*, her eighth Chief Inspector Armand Gamache mystery. Penny has received the same prize for other titles in this series during each of the past three years. The [Anthony Awards](#), named after mystery writer Anthony Boucher, are presented each year at the Bouchercon World Mystery Convention....  
Examiner.com, Sept. 22; Mystery Fanfare, Sept. 22



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## **Libraries in the News**

### Morgan Library to digitize its drawings

## **Noted and Quoted**

**"A city without books, a city without libraries, is like a graveyard."**

—Malala Yousafzai, the teenager shot by the Taliban after speaking out for girls' right to education in Pakistan, in her [remarks](#) at the dedication of the new Birmingham Public Library in the UK, *The Guardian*, Sept. 3.

**"The librarian isn't a clerk who happens to work at a library. A librarian is a data hound, a guide, a sherpa, and a teacher. The librarian is the interface between reams of data and the untrained but motivated user."**

—Author and entrepreneur Seth Godin, "[The Future of the Library](#)," Seth's Blog, May 16, 2011.

@ [More quotes...](#)

## **Calendar**

**Oct. 2–4:**  
[Missouri Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Sheraton Westport Chalet, St. Louis. "Keep Calm and Ask a Librarian."

**Oct. 2–5:**  
[Wyoming Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Little America Hotel and Resort, Cheyenne. "Passport to Excellence."

**Oct. 9–11:**

The Morgan Library and Museum in New York City announced September 23 that it will begin the digitization of its collection of master drawings, considered to be one of the greatest in the world. The initiative will result in a digital library of more than 10,000 images, representing drawings spanning the 14th to 21st centuries, available free of charge on the Morgan's website. The project will begin in October and is expected to be completed within one year, contributing significantly to the Morgan's commitment to advancing drawings scholarship....

ArtDaily, Sept. 23



### **Second library worker loses job over reading contest**

After 28 years as an aide at the Hudson Falls (N.Y.) Free Library, Lita Casey was stunned to get a telephone call from a member of the library's board of trustees on September 16, telling her she had been fired. She said she believes the action is related to a controversy over the library's summer reading program. The decision came days after board President Michael Herman confirmed that Director Marie Gandron, who had been at the library 41 years, was no longer employed there....

Glens Falls (N.Y.) Post Star, Sept. 17

### **Historic Maywood library struggles to stay open**

It's the marquee landmark of Maywood, Illinois, the fifth oldest library in the state. Inside the historic Carnegie building, the village's public library will turn 140 years old next year. But declining property taxes and state revenue means the facility is more than \$500,000 in debt. Director Stan Huntington said the Maywood Public Library is racing against the clock to stay open—either raise the money or extend the bank loan....

WBBM-AM, Chicago, Sept. 23



### **Children's librarian reads to an alligator**

Children's librarian Susan Scatena is willing to look danger in the eye and read it a story if it means getting more children to read. Scatena, who works at the Whitestone branch of Queens (N.Y.) Library, annually makes outrageous promises to children in order to get them to register for the summer reading program. This year's promise? If at least 300 children registered and read at least 4,000 books over the summer, Scatena would read a story to a live alligator....

Queens (N.Y.) Times Ledger, Sept. 22



### **Topeka wrestles with concealed carry law**

The Topeka and Shawnee County (Kans.) Public Library is still wrestling with how to respond to the state's new concealed-carry law. The new law allows concealed-carry permit holders to carry weapons into all public buildings that don't have security guards and metal detectors. Continuing its prohibition of concealed-carry would cost

**Nebraska Library Association**, Annual Conference, Younes Conference Center, Kearney. "Advocacy: Make the Connection."

**Oct. 9–11:**  
**West Virginia Library Association**, Annual Conference, Clarion Inn, Shepherdstown.

**Oct. 11–12:**  
**Oregon Association of School Libraries**, Fall Conference, Jesuit High School, Portland. "Branching Out."

**Oct. 11–19:**  
**LitQuake**, San Francisco's literary festival.

**Oct. 15–18:**  
**North Carolina Library Association**, Biennial Conference, Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem.

**Oct. 17–18:**  
**New Mexico Library Association**, Mini Conference, Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos. "Libraries Grow."

**Oct. 17–18:**  
**Nevada Library Association**, Annual Conference, Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno. "Lighting the Way."

**Oct. 28–30:**  
**Washington Library Association**, Annual Conference, Campbell's Resort, Lake Chelan.

**Nov. 13–15:**

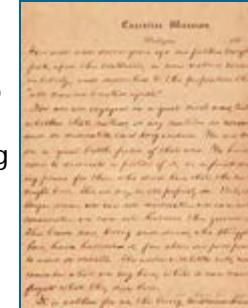
between \$182,000 and \$246,000, depending on whether the guards are armed or full-time employees with benefits....

Topeka (Kans.) Capital-Journal, Sept. 19

## [Gettysburg museum butts heads with LC over Lincoln](#)

Officials in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, are hoping to borrow one of the nation's most historic documents, an original copy of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The foundation that runs the Gettysburg National Military Park's museum and visitor center wants to borrow a copy held by the Library of Congress and put it on public display as part of its celebration of the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's famed speech. But LC does not lend either of its two copies of the speech because of their fragility and priceless nature....

Associated Press, Sept. 18



## [Pennsylvania's endangered artifacts](#)

Amy Worden writes: "Pennsylvania is now recognizing its most threatened cultural objects. These are priceless artifacts, tangible pieces of Pennsylvania history. An elaborately illustrated 16th-century Mennonite Bible (right); the oldest surviving butterfly specimens; Red Grooms's celebrated Philadelphia quadricentennial installation, 'Philadelphia Cornucopia'; and Thaddeus Stevens's wig are all among the pieces housed in Pennsylvania collections and named to the state's first list of [Top 10 Endangered Artifacts](#)..."



Philadelphia Inquirer, Sept. 20; Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts

## [Former USF librarian strikes deal on credit-card misuse](#)

A former University of South Florida health librarian [accused](#) of using her university purchasing card to run up hundreds of thousands of dollars in personal expenses will face a light punishment. A university investigation found that Beverly Shattuck used her purchasing card and a department Publix charge card to buy personal items from 2010 to early 2012, with almost \$147,000 coming in fiscal 2012 alone....

WUSF-TV, Tampa, Sept. 20; WTSP-TV, St. Petersburg, Mar. 28



## [Dead men rack up late fees in New Bedford](#)

William M. Flynn has checked out nearly 135 books, mostly mysteries, from the New Bedford (Mass.) Free Public Library since 2009, racking up \$2,929.61 in late fines. Trouble is, Flynn died in January 2007. The library cards of at least two deceased city men were apparently renewed after their deaths and used to check out books that never were returned in a matter that apparently involves a city employee—although officials declined to say who or how....

New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times, Sept. 25

## [Ohio library dates back a fur piece](#)

The origin of the Coonskin Library in Amesville, Ohio, sounds like a folktale but it's true. Wanting to establish a library, the pioneers of Ames Township essentially swapped raccoon

[South Carolina Library Association / Southeastern Library Association](#). Joint Conference, Westin Poinsett Hotel, Greenville. "Regional Reach."

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pelts for books. It [happened in 1804](#) when Ohio was the American frontier and animal furs could be sold in the East to generate cash.



Cathy Mowrer wrote about this episode of local history in a new children's book titled *Young Thomas Ewing and the Coonskin Library* (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform). Portions of the [original collection of books](#) in the Coonskin Library are preserved in the Ohio Historical Society and at Ohio University in Athens....

Athens (Ohio) News, Sept. 18; Library History Buff Blog, Jan. 19, 2011; Ohio University

## [\*\*Winner of the Bodleian chair competition\*\*](#)

Jennifer Schuessler writes: "Student posteriors at the University of Oxford will soon get a new resting place, thanks to the [Bodleian Libraries Chair Competition](#), which has just announced the results. The winning oak seat, designed by Edward Barber and Jay Osgerby with the manufacturer Isokon Plus, features 'a strong vertical timber, echoing the spines of the books on shelves.' It will be installed in the newly refurbished Weston Library (formerly the New Bodleian, built in the 1930s), when it reopens in October 2014."...

New York Times: Arts Beat, Sept. 19



## [\*\*National Library of Spain finds Bellini opera fragment\*\*](#)

Spain's national library [announced](#)

September 18 it had discovered a rare fragment of an opera score handwritten by 19th-century Italian composer Vincenzo Bellini in its archives. The single page of manuscript shows an outline of seven bars of notes from a duet in the opera *Il Pirata* (The Pirate), which had its debut in Milan's La Scala opera house on October 27, 1827. The fragment was discovered after the library's cataloging service requested the identification of a "sheet of music bound in an album of 19th century photographs and drawings with landscapes of Malta and Sicily."...

Agence France-Presse, Sept. 18; Biblioteca Nacional de España Noticias, Sept. 18



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## **Issues**

### [\*\*Google Books case to be decided soon?\*\*](#)

Andrew Albanese writes: "It took Judge Denny Chin less than 40 minutes on September 23 to hear oral arguments on the [cross motions for summary judgment](#) in the Authors Guild's long-running lawsuit against Google over its library-book-scanning project. Once expected to be a defining copyright battle for the digital age when it was first filed in 2005, the case came down to a short, anticlimactic hearing in which Chin reserved judgment, but sounded more than ready to deliver a decision that could end the matter." Chin



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acknowledged the helpfulness of the ALA/ACRL/ARL/EFF amicus brief ([PDF file](#)). Read the transcript ([PDF file](#)) of the hearing. Karen Coyle offers a [useful analysis](#) of the case....

*Publishers Weekly*, Aug. 27, Sept. 24; Coyle's InFormation, Sept. 24

## [\*\*Content industry drafts anti-piracy curriculum for K–6\*\*](#)

A new school curriculum on copyright prepared by the California School Library Association and the Internet Keep Safe Coalition, in conjunction with the Center for Copyright Information, is part of a pilot project to be tested in California elementary schools later in 2013. Each grade's material includes a short video and a worksheet for teachers. The material is silent on the concept of fair use; instead, students are told that using works without permission is "stealing." CSLA Vice President Glen Warren said some of the package's language has been influenced by rights holders in the Center for Copyright Information. Watch the [draft Grade 6 video](#) (2:17)....

*Wired*: Threat Level, Sept. 23; *Wired* Video, Sept. 20



## [\*\*Who's not online\*\*](#)

As of May 2013, 15% of American adults ages 18 and older do not use the internet or email. According to a new Pew Internet and American Life [survey](#), 32% of nonusers cite reasons tied to their sense that the internet is not very easy to use. They say it is difficult or frustrating to go online, they are physically unable, or they are worried about other issues such as spam, spyware, and hackers. This figure is considerably higher than in earlier surveys....

Pew Research Center, Sept. 25

## [\*\*Public access bill introduced in the House\*\*](#)

Heather Joseph writes: "Reps. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) and Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Tex.) have introduced the Public Access to Public Science Act ([PDF file](#)), which focuses on the issue of public access to publicly funded research results. Sponsors indicate that the bill will build on the February 22 White House Office of Science and Technology Policy directive on public access ([PDF file](#)) and codify that language into legislation."...

Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition, Sept. 23

## [\*\*Pay attention to this\*\*](#)

Barry Schwartz writes: "Again and again, we are told in this information-overloaded digital age, complex and subtle arguments just won't hold the reader's or viewer's attention. If you can't keep it simple and punchy, you'll lose your audience. But by catering to diminished attention, we are making a colossal and unconscionable mistake. The key point for educators to realize is that *maintaining attention is a skill*."...

*Slate*, Sept. 24



## [\*\*Can 3D printing avoid a Napster moment?\*\*](#)

Signe Brewster writes: "It's inevitable that there is a clash coming over intellectual property rights in the 3D printing world. But just how violent will it be? Like music files, 3D printing files can easily be pirated, robbing designers of the chance to make money off their work. But unlike music files, 3D files are highly non-standard, and there is rarely a guarantee to consumers that the design they are

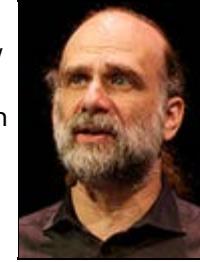
considering buying is actually reliable and compatible with their printer."...

GigaOM, Sept. 18

### **NSA spying is making us less safe**

Security researcher Bruce Schneier (right), who is now helping the *Guardian* newspaper review Snowden documents, suggests that more NSA revelations are on the way. This year Schneier is a fellow at Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet and Society. In a conversation there with David Talbot, chief correspondent of *MIT Technology Review*, Schneier provided perspective on the revelations to date—and hinted that more were coming....

*MIT Technology Review*, Sept. 23



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## **Tech Talk**

### **New Kindle Fire HDX**

Kyle Wagner writes: "The new Kindle Fires are here. And they're pretty damn impressive. The Kindle Fire HDX, in 7- and 8.9-inch models, has improved the screen, processor, RAM, software, and body of last year's Fire HD. And that's before you get to the insane new tech support feature Amazon dreamed up. But is that enough for the Fire to shake its rep as the 'cheap' tablet? Maybe."...

Gizmodo, Sept. 25



### **Some tricks all iOS7 users should know**

Greg Kumparak writes: "iOS 7 is a strange new land, especially on day one. Out with the gradients, in with the trippy fluorescents. Your favorite app? It probably looks completely different now. It can be confusing, but we're here to help. iOS 7 has all sorts of nifty little tricks tucked away in places that are in no way immediately obvious."...

TechCrunch, Sept. 18

### **Does RFID make sense for your library?**

Melanie A. Lyttle and Shawn D. Walsh write: "With the adoption of the new [RFID ISO standard](#), it seems like everyone is talking about and looking at RFID right now. There were several vendors at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference exhibiting their equipment and explaining why this was the perfect time to convert your library to RFID. But the real question is does RFID make sense for your library?"...

Public Libraries Online, Sept. 19



### **The best antivirus for 2013**

Neil J. Rubenking writes: "Most antivirus vendors that run on a yearly update schedule wait until the fall to release the next year's version, just like car manufacturers. So, the 2014 models appear in the fall of 2013. As new versions arrive, most of the same products



retain their positions at the top of the heap.

Here are the best from the current crop of antivirus products."...

*PC Magazine*, Sept. 19

### The demise of the browser plug-in

Brad Chacos writes: "All of a sudden, the browser plug-in as we know it is starting to look mighty unpopular. Microsoft barred plug-ins from the modern UI version of Internet Explorer 10 right out of the Windows 8 gate, and this week, the other two major browsers advanced plans to nerf the out-of-the-box functionality of traditional plug-ins. The reason: Plug-ins may be simple, but they're also far and away the leading source of browser crashes, hang-ups, and security vulnerabilities."...

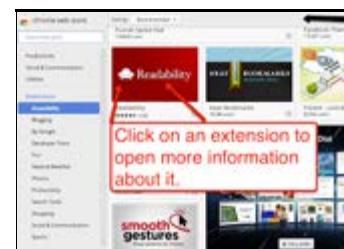
*PC World*, Sept. 25

### How to install and uninstall

#### Chrome extensions

Richard Byrne writes: "Yesterday, I [shared](#) a neat Chrome extension called WikiTube. WikiTube matches YouTube videos to Wikipedia entries. This morning I had a couple of emails from people asking how to add that extension to their browsers. Rather than trying to type the directions, I created this screencast video and annotated screenshots."...

*Free Technology for Teachers*, Sept. 18-19



### Laptop keyboard not working?

Joel Santo Domingo writes: "You're working on your laptop, and all of a sudden, the 'I' key stops responding, or a whole section of your keyboard stops responding to keystrokes. Or, worse yet, the keyboard cuts out entirely. While this can be a hassle, particularly when you have work due, there are a few things you can try yourself to get back to the job at hand."...

*PC Magazine*, Sept. 17

### How to run old software on

#### Windows

Chris Hoffman writes: "Windows is all about backwards compatibility, allowing people to keep using their important applications on new versions of Windows. But there are limits. The older a program is, the more likely it will break. While you should avoid very old software if possible, sometimes you just can't. You may have a business-critical application you need to run or may want to play an old PC game. There are ways you can run these programs anyway."...

*How-To Geek*, Sept. 24



### Five tools to create an online comic

Dave Parrack writes: "Once the exclusive domain of geeks, comics are now very much a mainstream phenomenon. This renewed



interest in the form factor has led to more people wanting to try their hand at creating comics of their own. Anyone can create a great comic if they have the will to do so and have the tools at hand. Which is where we come in, providing the latter part of that equation, leaving you to figure out the actual content of your comic."...  
MakeUseOf, Sept. 19

## [Lock your lost Android phone remotely](#)

Lance Whitney writes: "Worried about the data from your lost Android phone or tablet getting into the wrong hands? You can now lock down your device remotely. Released in August, Google's [Android Device Manager](#) is a handy service that allows you to see the location of a lost or stolen Android device. You can also remotely tell the device to ring or erase all of its data. Now, you can add locking to that list."...  
CNET News, Sept. 24

- **Erase all data**  
Erase the tablet's data without warning by performing a reset.
- **Change the screen-unlock password**  
Change the screen-unlock password.
- **Lock the screen**  
Control how and when the screen locks.

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## E-Content

### [Penguin ebooks come to OverDrive](#)

More than 17,000 Penguin ebooks are now live and available for purchase in the OverDrive Marketplace. Penguin's ebooks are available for public and college libraries, including consortia, in the US in the one copy/one user lending model for a one-year term. Availability of the Penguin ebooks to libraries outside the US is coming soon. Penguin ebooks are available for Kindle via USB side-loading only....  
OverDrive Digital Library Blog, Sept. 25

### [ALA Virtual Town Hall on ebooks](#)

Join the ebook library lending discussion by registering for the [ALA Virtual Town Hall on Ebooks](#), an interactive online session that will take place on October 23. ALA members will have the opportunity to join ALA President Barbara Stripling, Immediate Past President Maureen Sullivan, and the leadership of the ALA's Digital Content and Libraries Working Group to learn about ALA ebook activities, plans, and future directions. [Register](#) online....  
Office for Information Technology Policy, Sept. 24



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

James LaRue writes: "The Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries ebook price report for September ([PDF file](#)) takes a look at the ability of libraries to purchase ebook bestsellers on the *New York Times* list as of September 3. Of the 15 titles in the first fiction list, OverDrive doesn't carry nine and 3M doesn't carry six. Of the remaining titles, OverDrive charges between \$75 and \$80 for seven of the titles; 3M sells five at the same price points."...  
AL: E-Content, Sept. 18

| EBOOKS          |         |         |         |                |
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| \$79.00         | *       | *       | \$4.99  | \$9.34         |

### [Simon & Schuster begins pilot ebook test in schools](#)

Simon & Schuster has begun a pilot program aimed at making 450 of

its most popular children's and young adult titles available for use in school classrooms as ebooks. The publisher is teaming with school distributors Booksource, Follett, Mackin Educational Resources, and Perma-Bound to make the titles available as ebooks. Each ebook purchased may be used in the classroom for one year from the purchase date, and may only be used by one student at a time....

*Publishers Weekly*, Sept. 24

### [Is Bexar County's all-digital library really the future of books?](#)

Zach Sokol writes: "A new library opened September 14 in Bexar County, Texas, called BiblioTech. It is the digital learning center techies have long been promised. Head Librarian Ashley Eklof and I spoke on the phone, and she stressed the idea that this type of library may be a new model, but it won't necessarily eradicate other types of educational centers. BiblioTech noticed in its first week open that many still wanted the face-to-face interactions when it comes to being taught how to use technology and receive book recommendations."...

Motherboard, Sept. 23



### [Ebooks for the visually impaired](#)

People who are blind, visually impaired, or have a physical disability may now download audio and braille books to their iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch, if they are registered with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in the Library of Congress. The free Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) mobile app is now available through local cooperating libraries. BARD contains nearly 50,000 books, magazines, and music scores in audio and braille formats, with new selections added daily....

Library of Congress, Sept. 24



### [Best apps for reading ebooks on the iPad](#)

Isabel Farhi writes: "Admittedly, most reading apps will do the job. But I like a little more than just a basic level of functionality. The main things that I care about as a heavy reader are a good user interface, how progress is marked, and how bookmarks and notes work. With that in mind, I pulled out my trusty iPad mini to try out these 15 e-reading apps. For detailed commentary on each, keep on reading."...

Digital Book World, Sept. 19



### [Kansas City to launch software lending library pilot](#)

Matt Enis writes: "Using \$17,500 in funding raised by winning the Mozilla Ignite app innovation challenge, the Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library developed its new Software Lending Library, a remote desktop system that will enable patrons to check out and use software applications such as Adobe Photoshop or Microsoft Excel on their home computers or laptops. KCPL Digital Branch Manager David LaCrone and his team plan to launch a pilot test in October."...

*Library Journal: The Digital Shift*, Sept. 13



### [Random House tries out](#)

## [Flipboard magazines](#)

Laura Hazard Owen writes: "Random House has partnered with Flipboard to create curated magazines for two of its bestselling authors, Margaret Atwood and *Game of Thrones* author George R. R. Martin. The Margaret Atwood magazine, '[MaddAddam's World](#)' is inspired by Atwood's new novel, *MaddAddam*, the third in a trilogy. George R. R. Martin's magazine, '[The World of Ice and Fire](#)' is officially being run by fan site Westeros and promoted by Random House."...

GigaOM, Sept. 20



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## Books & Reading

### [Challenged and banned comics](#)

Betsy Gomez writes: "Because of their visual nature, comic books are an easy target for a would-be censor. What might be acceptable in a prose paragraph is not necessarily accepted in a static image. Let's take a look at some of the titles that have been challenged and banned over the years, such as *Amazing Spider-Man: Revelations* by J. Michael Straczynski, John Romita Jr., and Scott Hanna."...

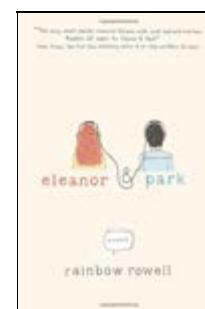
Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, Sept. 23



### [Rainbow Rowell talks about love and censorship](#)

Mallory Ortberg writes: "When Rainbow Rowell's first YA novel *Eleanor and Park* came out this spring, people loved it. A group of high school librarians in Minnesota loved it so much that they chose it as their summer read and invited Rowell to come visit Minneapolis-area schools and the local public library this fall. But two parents, with the support of the district's Parents Action League, have [convinced](#) the Anoka-Hennepin School District, the county board, and the library board to cancel her events, calling *Eleanor and Park* a 'dangerously obscene' book. The author responds."...

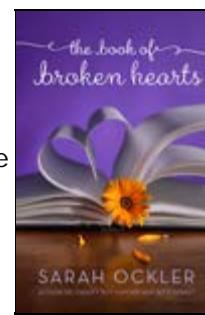
The Toast, Sept. 17; MPR News: The Daily Circuit, Sept. 25



### [YA fiction for Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

Molly Wetta writes: "[Hispanic Heritage Month](#) is September 15–October 15, and while I think it's important to read and discuss a diverse selection of books year round, celebration months are a great time to spotlight these collections. Here is a list of titles that feature Hispanic characters or are written by Hispanic authors. I was pleasantly surprised when I read Sarah Ockler's *The Book of Broken Hearts* and discovered it was a rich, layered story about a family that immigrated from Argentina to the United States."...

YALSA: The Hub, Sept. 24



### [Literature's most unreliable narrators](#)

Allison Nastasi writes: "Vladimir Nabokov's

controversial novel *Lolita* was first published 55 years ago in the US. Nabokov's remarkable prose is as evocative today as it was in 1958. Facets of the author's great work about a middle-aged literature scholar's obsession with a 12-year-old girl have been debated since its publication, many arguing the chronology of the tragic events and Humbert Humbert's fallibility as a narrator. Here are nine other prevaricating narrators."...

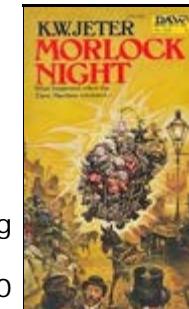
Flavorwire, Aug. 18



## [10 impressive uses of borrowed literary characters](#)

Kim Newman writes: "In the Anno Dracula series, I've made use not only of characters and situations appropriated from Bram Stoker's novel but a host of other preexisting fictional folk to populate the next-door-but-one world where Dracula defeated Van Helsing and became a dominant power in the 19th and 20th centuries. I didn't invent this approach. Here are my 10 favorite novels built around other novels."...

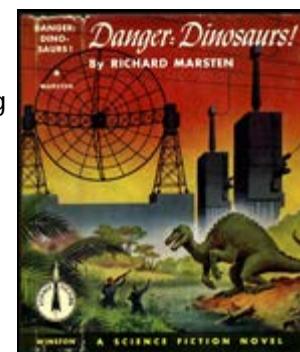
Flavorwire, Sept. 23



## [A treasure trove of pulp science fiction art](#)

Charlie Jane Anders writes: "There's something especially wonderful and bright about pulp science fiction cover art, and [The Golden Age](#) blog has collected tons of the stuff. Prepare to have the next hour of your life devoured by monsters and robots from the Golden Age of science fiction. There are galleries themed around artists like Frank R. Paul, Virgil Finlay, Alex Schomburg (right), and many others."...

io9, Sept. 23; The Golden Age



## [Bookshelf Porn Tumblr site](#)

Bookshelf Porn is a photoblog created to allow people to indulge their love of books, libraries, bookstores, and bookcases by showcasing the best bookshelf photos from around the world. The site was chosen as one of *Time's 25 best blogs of 2012*. It was created by Anthony Dever from creative collective *Industry Standard* in January 2009 and is powered by Tumblr. Another excellent site is the [Improbables Librairies, Improbables Bibliothèques](#) Facebook page....

Bookshelf Porn; *Time*: Technologizer, Oct. 22, 2012



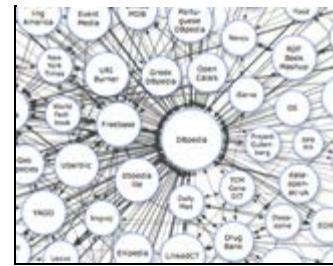
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## **Tips & Ideas**

### [The great shift in search](#)

Charles Silver writes: "The ongoing list of failed search engine companies is deep and wide. The next big battleground search

companies must tackle is something called semantic search. This is a technology that promises to truly deliver that *Star Trek* computer where all the data in the world is linked on graphs and can be queried as one large database. Some companies are on the right track, but many have yet to truly understand what semantic technology means, and how it will benefit them."...



GigaOM, Sept. 22

**JSTOR introduces JPASS**

Nonprofit digital library JSTOR has unveiled its latest effort to expand its reach beyond universities, colleges, and high schools. Individuals can now get their own [JPASS](#)—a monthly or annual pass that provides access to 1,500 journals from JSTOR’s archive collection. JPASS holders can download up to 10 articles a month or 120 per year. JPASS fees range from \$19.50 for a monthly to \$199 for an annual pass. Discounts are being made available to JSTOR’s [Register and Read](#) users....



JSTOR, Sept. 19

## Link rot and the Supreme Court

Adam Liptak writes: "Supreme Court opinions have come down with a bad case of link rot. According to a [new study](#), 49% of the hyperlinks in Supreme Court decisions no longer work. For most of the Supreme Court's history, its citations have been to static sources, typically books. Those citations allowed lawyers and scholars to find, understand, and assess the court's evidence and reasoning. Since 1996, though, justices have cited materials found on the internet 555 times, the study found. Those citations are very often ephemeral."...  
New York Times, Sept. 22, Future of the Internet, And How to Stop It, Sept. 22

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## Internet archaeologists and the lost web pages

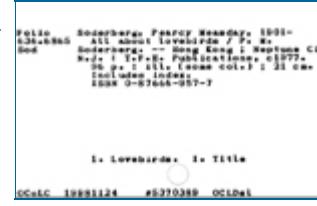
The internet is disappearing, and with it goes an important part of our recorded history. Data is being lost at the rate of 11% within a year and 27% within two years. But all is not lost. Researchers Hany SalahEldeen and Michael Nelson at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, have found a way to reconstruct deleted material and they say it works reasonably well....

MIT Technology Review, Sept. 18

Lots of OCLC control numbers—all public domain

Jim Michalko writes: "For the last few years I have been part of a group of OCLC staff charged with articulating data-sharing practices that are consistent with the WorldCat Rights and Responsibilities for the OCLC Cooperative. Recently, we recommended that OCLC declare the [OCLC Control Number](#) as dedicated to the public domain. I'm pleased to say this recommendation got unanimous support. This is important in counteracting concerns about OCLC having an overly restrictive record use and reuse policy."...

## Hanging Together, Sept. 23



## [How to be awesome on Instagram](#)

David Lee King writes: "Instagram is a fun photo / video / social network / app that is now owned by Facebook. And it's on 180 million people's smartphones. Some organizations and brands are using Instagram to connect with their customers, and libraries should think about using it too. Here are four Instagram photo tips for you."...

David Lee King, Sept. 19

## [10 tips for compiling your promotion or tenure file](#)

Bohyun Kim writes: "If you work at an academic library, you may count as faculty. Whether the faculty status comes with a tenure track or not, it usually entails a more complicated procedure for promotion than the professional staff status. I thought that creating a promotion file would not be too difficult, because I have been tracking most of my academic and professional activities. But this was not the case at all. Looking back, there are many things I would have done differently to make the process less stressful."...

ACRL TechConnect Blog, Sept. 23

## [The six best Google Maps games](#)

Keir Clarke writes: "Last week we looked at '[Five Amazing Google Maps Driving Games](#)' that have been created with the Google Maps API. This week we are looking at some of the other genres of games that use the Maps API. Besides the popular [GeoGuessr](#), there is [Geo\\_Guns](#) (above), an impressive tank-fighting game that takes full advantage of Google Maps' 45° (Bird's Eye) satellite view."...

Google Maps Mania, Sept. 10, 19



## [Boat race science](#)

Amy Koester writes: "Have you ever noticed how excited kids get when library programs involve materials they wouldn't normally think would be in the library? Adding [eggs](#) to a program is one example, and another is having a big tub of water, splash risk and all. That's exactly what kids saw in August when they came into the program room for Boat Race Science, the latest in our series of STEM/STEAM programs for school-age kids. Here's what we did."...

ALSC Blog, July 23, Sept. 24



## [Seven resources on climate change](#)

Richard Byrne writes: "This month's issue of *National Geographic* includes a feature on glacial meltdown. Part of the online complement to that article is the [interactive map](#) (right) of estimates of coastline changes based on glacial meltdown. Here are six other resources through which students can see the effects of climate change."...

Free Technology for Teachers, Sept. 17, 23



## [YMCA grant will aid early-learning readiness](#)

YMCA of the USA has received a \$1 million grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to expand a pilot program to improve school

readiness by enhancing the learning experiences of young children in informal child care settings. The Early Learning Readiness Program provides a preschool-like experience through biweekly meetings throughout the school year for both the caregivers and children at neighborhood locations (including libraries)....

The Y, Aug. 22

### [Q&A from Ask a Curator Day](#)

The global online question-and-answer session between museum curators and the public known as Ask a Curator Day took place September 18. The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History shared some favorites on its blog, such as: "Q. What collection object makes you laugh? A. This 1920 Underwood and Underwood photograph of Santas playing cards (above). These 1920s Santas were a bit less cheerful." Answers were also provided for Twitter queries....

O Say Can You See?, Sept. 18; Around the Mall, Sept. 18



### [Constitutions: Compare and contrast](#)

Lorenzo Franceschi-Biccieri writes: "You can now read, search, and compare 160 constitutions from around the world thanks to [Constitute](#), a website launched by Google on September 23. The site has digitized the constitutions of 160 countries, making them fully searchable. A user can browse the constitutions using nearly 350 tagged topics like religion, political parties, or civil and political rights, or simply search by year or country." Watch the [video](#) (1:29)....

Mashable, Sept. 24; YouTube, Sept. 23



### [The transition from THOMAS to Congress.gov](#) CONGRESS.GOV

Andrew Weber writes: "We are hard at work preparing for the day that THOMAS will be retired and [Congress.gov](#) will be the system for everyone. We are really proud of Congress.gov. So proud that starting in November, when someone types in the URL thomas.gov, they will be redirected to Congress.gov. THOMAS.gov will remain accessible from the Congress.gov homepage through late 2014." Congress.gov online trainings are [available](#) October 17 and November 14....

In Custodia Legis, Sept. 23

### [71 digital portals to state history](#)

Bill LeFurgy writes: "A recent NDIIPP intern, Ingrid Jernudd, did some research into current web resources that provide digital access to a broad array of primary source materials at the state level. She prepared a list of sites that billed themselves as general-interest portals to historical resources. Most of the materials available through these websites are digitized versions of analog items. Many of the sites could, however, accommodate born-digital content and serve as useful models for the ongoing development of access to cultural heritage resources."...

The Signal: Digital Preservation, Sept. 23



### [South Africa Mobile Library Project](#) (PDF file)

Sony Electronics rolled out a national book collection program September 16 to benefit the South Africa

Mobile Library Project, a part of the South African Department of Education's efforts to improve literacy levels across the country. Sony has set up key recycling vendors from its Take Back Recycling program to enable public donations of gently used children's books around the country through November 16. The list of recycling vendors is provided....

Sony Electronics, Sept. 16



## The world's oldest newspapers still being published

Vincze Miklós writes: "People always bemoan the slow death of the newspaper industry; but to be fair many newspapers have had a significantly long run. Here are several papers from around the world that have weathered many centuries and are still publishing today." The oldest is *Post-och Inrikes Tidningar*, Sweden's government newspaper and gazette, which was founded in 1645 as *Ordinari Post Tijdender*....

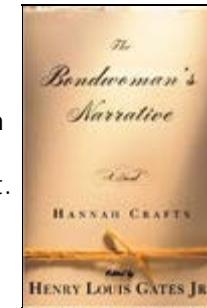
io9, Sept. 23



## Slave-novel author identified?

Julie Bosman writes: "In 2002, a novel thought to be the first written by an African-American woman became a bestseller, praised for its dramatic depiction of Southern life in the mid-1850s through the observant eyes of a refined and literate house servant. But one part of the story remained a tantalizing secret: the author's identity." Now Prof. Gregg Hecimovich of Winthrop University claims he has identified the author of *The Bondwoman's Narrative*: Hannah Bond, a slave on a North Carolina plantation owned by John Hill Wheeler, who used the pen name Hannah Crafts....

New York Times, Sept. 18



## A guide to British Library book stamps

Christina Duffy writes: "Did you know that ownership stamps are applied to items accepted into our collections? The ownership stamp is used for security purposes and in tracing the provenance of the collections. Ownership of an item was routinely shown by the British Museum, and subsequently the British Library, by using inked stamps, which give a fairly precise date of receipt for the volume leading to entries in acquisitions registers or invoices."...

British Library Collection Care Blog, Sept. 23



## Tips for writing better emails

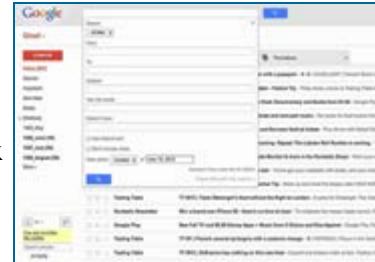
Andrea Zellner writes: "I recently had the experience of overhearing a few faculty members discussing a particularly annoying grad student habit: the sending of a really bad email. As we are all well aware, the majority of our work is done over email. Figuring out email etiquette is an essential skill as both a grad student and as a coworker. I believe I've struck on some successful strategies for doing just

that."...

Inside Higher Ed: GradHacker, Sept. 20

## How to clean up your inbox

Jill Duffy writes: "My method for maintaining a healthy relationship with email relies on very small and concrete actions that I carry out every day—check out my [11 tips](#) for managing email. In other words, maintaining my inbox is not a one-time cleanup job. But what can you do if your inbox is so awful that you can't see beyond that huge and immediate hurdle of dealing with it first? In that case, it's time to sit down and overhaul the inbox." Watch how to [sweep your Gmail inbox](#) (2:18)....



PC Magazine, Mar. 5, 2012; Sept. 23; YouTube, Sept. 23

## 14 ways to find someone's death information

Kenneth R. Marks writes: "Determining dates and location of ancestors' deaths is important, as genealogists document the major events in their lives. Most people limit their search to the obvious repositories, including online or offline death indexes (such as the SSDI and State Death Indexes), death certificates, obituaries, and burial or cemetery records. But there are many more ways to determine the specifics. Here are 14 different ways to find clues and evidence about your ancestor's death."...

The Ancestor Hunt, Sept. 17

## Think about getting Global Entry

Brett Snyder writes: "It took me a couple months, but I am now a proud [Global Entry](#) (and therefore, TSA Pre Check) member. If you travel abroad even a couple times a year, I'd suggest you join as well. The process was a little confusing and somewhat annoying, but in the end there's no question that it's worth it. Since I had to rely on the advice of some others in this confusing process, I thought I'd share what I learned so I can make it as easy for others to join this glorious program."...



The Cranky Flier, Sept. 10

## Webinars, webinars, webinars

Kent Anderson writes: "Because webinars are now so common, it's becoming more important to evaluate their effectiveness. When you're putting a webinar together, the technology and marketing aren't the biggest challenges. Logistics and scheduling are. Speakers can be in various time zones, even halfway around the world. Variability around local technology can also pose challenges. Speakers may have to participate from hotel rooms, where the internet can be spotty. Believe it or not, weather can play a role too."...

The Scholarly Kitchen, Sept. 24

## The library, where people go to shred

Residents of Wilton, Connecticut, who wish to get rid of important documents or piles of personal papers will find the relief they have been looking for September 28 at Wilton Library's Shredding Day. City Confidential Shredding is donating its time, "shredmobile" truck, and operators for the fundraiser to allow all proceeds to benefit the library. The library is offering Certificates of Destruction, as required by law....

Wilton (Conn.) Daily Voice, Sept. 24



## [Library DVDs versus Netflix streaming](#)

Alan Mask writes: "While I am a Netflix subscriber, and I do not see that changing, I have become disillusioned with their service. Here are five reasons why my library is so much better than subscribing to the Netflix streaming service. First, titles from my library are more timely. Even with a hundred holds on a title, I will get it before it appears on Netflix streaming, if it ever appears there. Second, the library has better titles." ...

Public Libraries Online, Sept. 19



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