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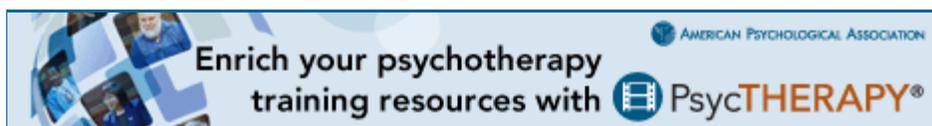
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American Libraries Online

[Annual Conference preview](#)

It's been more than 40 years since ALA held its annual conference in Las Vegas, and many things have changed since then. But the [2014 ALA Annual Conference and Exhibition](#), June 26–July 1, still brings together the professional development you've come to expect with exciting new ideas to help propel librarianship into the future. Here is just a sample of the programs, special events, author appearances, award presentations, and other activities happening in Las Vegas....

American Libraries feature



[A taste of Las Vegas](#)

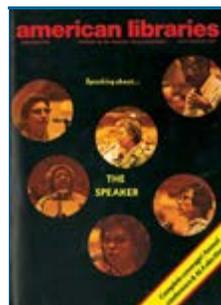
Laura Daily writes: "Buffets, 99-cent shrimp cocktails, and cigarette smoke-choked 'gourmet rooms' once defined the Vegas culinary scene. The goal: Feed gamblers quickly so they can get back to the slot machines and roulette wheels. Not anymore. The city of neon has lured some of the world's best chefs and restaurateurs, all eager to build their brand (and sometimes experiment with new cooking styles) in a place packed with hungry foodies."...

American Libraries feature



[The Speaker controversy in the 21st century](#)

OIF Director Barbara M. Jones writes: "Controversy consumed the 1977 ALA Annual Conference in Detroit over *The Speaker*, a narrative film commissioned by ALA and produced by the Intellectual Freedom Committee. The film's story: A student current events committee and a teacher in a small-town high school invite a speaker who



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theorizes that blacks are genetically inferior to whites. The takeaway: Librarians should be prepared to defend even the most offensive speech in order to uphold the freedom to read and the First Amendment." A [panel discussion on the film](#) will be held on June 30 at ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas....

AL: The Scoop, May 29

President's Message: Learners for a lifetime

ALA President Barbara K. Stripling writes: "A career in librarianship constantly challenges us to reimagine our roles and revitalize our knowledge. Becoming a librarian is a commitment to being a lifetime learner. 'Learning' means actively exploring new possibilities, beyond what is known and safe. Perhaps Conrad Cornelius o'Donald o'Dell in Dr. Seuss's *On Beyond Zebra!* provides a mantra for us to pursue the unimagined. ALA is in the process of reimaging and realigning its services and support to enable all of us to push our thinking *On Beyond Zebra*."...

American Libraries column, June



Executive Director's Message: A new vision of advocacy

Keith Michael Fiels writes: "This coming year, we're taking a fresh look at advocacy, and our vision for advocacy going forward. Our new vision needs to reflect both what I would describe as 'upstream' and 'downstream' advocacy. Downstream advocacy is what happens when a governor proposes the elimination of library funding or when a mayor cuts the library budget or when House leadership proposes elimination of federal funding for libraries."...

American Libraries column, June



Editor's Letter: Don't let it stay in Vegas

Laurie D. Borman writes: "June means the ALA Annual Conference and Exhibition, and this year we're going to Las Vegas. The conference is packed with speakers and programs, so click on our [preview](#) to get the latest information on what's happening. And please, what happens in Vegas with programs, discussions, and networking, don't let it stay in Vegas!"...

American Libraries column, June

Next AL Live goes beyond Google

Why do we need librarians when we have Google and other search tools? In the next episode of [American Libraries Live](#), an authoritative panel will talk about librarians' value as experts and how to effectively convey that concept to the public. Tune in June 12 at 2 p.m. Eastern time for this free, streaming video broadcast. The "Going Beyond Google" panel includes: Beth McDonough, Joanna M.

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Katherine Messier, Managing Director, [Mobile Beacon](#)



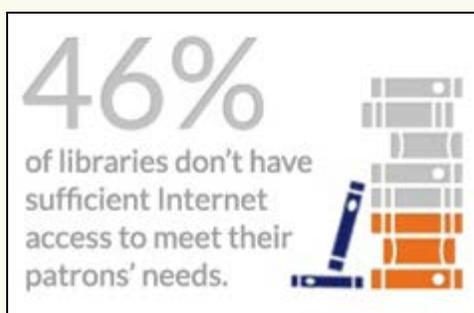
As technology continues to transform the way we consume and share content, libraries are as central as ever to providing open and free access to information. Yet 45% say they lack sufficient internet speeds and 75% don't have enough computers to meet demand.

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- **Providence (R.I.) Community Library** uses our [mobile hotspots in the field](#) to remotely connect to their reference services to answer questions in real time, complete circulation duties, and provide free Wi-Fi for people in the area while hosting mobile events.

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ALA News

[Banned Books Week 2014 celebrates graphic novels](#)

This year's celebration of the freedom to read will focus on comics and graphic novels. [Banned Books Week](#), September 21–27, will shine a light on this still misunderstood form of storytelling and will celebrate the value of graphic novels to readers from all walks of life. Graphic novels frequently show up on the ALA Top 10 list of Frequently Challenged Books....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, June 4



[Digital Inclusion Survey team launches speed test](#)

High-speed broadband is crucial for providing library users access to a wealth of digital content, including employment services and health care services. As part of the survey, project partners (including the International City/County Management Association and the Office for Information Technology Policy) will conduct a [national sample study](#) this summer of actual internet access speeds in public libraries. The data collection will answer questions about the quality of internet connections at various points in the library day. The results will be published in September....

Office for Research and Statistics, June 3



[ALA Annual to teach professionals to turn outward](#)

All communities have challenges. Library professionals are uniquely positioned to help conquer them—given the right tools. ALA will offer [a series of sessions](#) at the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas that will help librarians leverage their trusted positions in the community to engage people on issues that matter....

Public Programs Office, June 3

[2014 Diversity and Outreach Fair](#)

The Office for Literacy and Outreach Services has selected 36 presentations for its 2014 [Diversity and Outreach Fair](#), to be held on June 28 in the Special Events area in Exhibits Hall at the Annual Conference in Las Vegas. The presentations will highlight innovative and successful library outreach initiatives and programs during a poster session open to all attendees. The theme of this year's fair is family literacy....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, June 3

[Ambassadors needed](#)

Looking to help your peers while attending the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas at the end of the month? If so, we would love to have you as a volunteer participating in the ALA Membership Ambassador program for a two-hour shift between Friday, June 27, and Monday, June 30. To register for the program and choose a shift, contact [Paul](#)

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Libraries on Film



[Star Trek: Insurrection](#) (1998).

Riker (Jonathan Frakes) and Troi (Marina Sirtis) do some library research about an alien race they plan to visit. The scene in which a librarian (played by Lee Arnone) helps them find the information was cut.

[Signorelli....](#)

ALA Connect, June 2

[Tools for boosting broadband](#)

Four nationally recognized leaders in advancing both library and community broadband access will share best practices, successes, and tips for building toward a gigabit nation at "[Libraries as Leaders for Community Broadband Access.](#)" a session that will take place during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference on June 29. The panel will include Corinee Hill, Bob Bocher, Heather Burnett Gold, Tom Koutsky, and Monica Schultz....

Office for Information technology Policy, June 2

[IFLA/OCLC fellows visit ALA](#)

Five librarians from developing countries visited ALA headquarters on May 30 as part of the annual [Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship program](#) and spoke with *American Libraries* about their experiences. Up to five individuals are selected to participate in this intensive four-week program to help library and information science professionals from countries with developing economies. This year's fellows are from Nigeria, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, Philippines, and Bhutan....

AL: The Scoop, May 30



[DDC eCourse](#)

ALA Editions is hosting a new iteration of its popular eCourse "[Using WebDewey and Understanding Dewey Decimal Classification.](#)" Cheryl Tarsala (right) will serve as the instructor for this four-week facilitated eCourse, starting on July 7. The course offers a comprehensive grounding in Dewey Decimal Classification principles and practice. Participants will need access to a WebDewey subscription....

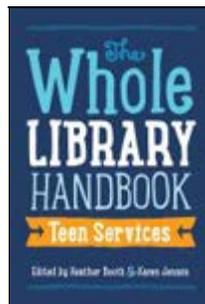
ALA Editions, June 3



[The Whole Library Handbook: Teen Services](#)

ALA's popular and respected Whole Library Handbook series continues with [The Whole Library Handbook: Teen Services.](#) published by ALA Editions. Specifically geared towards those who serve young adults, in this volume editors Heather Booth and Karen Jensen gather stellar articles and commentary from some of the country's most innovative and successful teen services librarians....

ALA Editions, June 3



[Tablet computers in school libraries and classrooms](#)

According to Pew Research, nearly a quarter of teens already own a tablet computer, with younger children not far behind. With the use of these handheld devices continuing to grow by leaps and bounds each year, tablets are coming to your school district soon, if they haven't already. Edited by Heather Moorefield-Lang,



[Star Trek: The Original Series](#)

(March 14, 1969, TV series), "All Our Yesterdays." The *USS Enterprise* visits a planet with a sophisticated computer-disk library under the care of Mr. Atoz (Ian Wolfe). By viewing the disks, a time portal can send any who enter back in time to the point recorded in the data.



[Star Trek into Darkness](#)

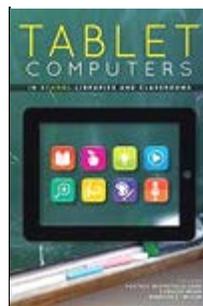
(2013). A terrorist agent sets a bomb off in the Kelvin Memorial Archives in East London, actually a secret Starfleet Intelligence facility with hidden weapons.



[Star Wars: The Clone Wars](#)

(October 2, 2009, TV series), "Holocron Heist." Flo Di Re appears in this and two later episodes as librarian/archivist Jocasta Nu.

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



Carolyn Meier, and Rebecca K. Miller, [Tablet Computers in School Libraries and Classrooms](#) speaks directly to librarians and educators working with young people, pointing the way towards intelligent, constructive use of tablets to attain educational goals....

ALA Editions, June 3

[STEP into storytime for newborns to 5 year-olds](#)

Story Time Effective Practice (STEP), developed by Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting and Kathy Fling Klatt, is an approach that articulates the link between child development theory and storytimes. [STEP into Storytime: Using StoryTime Effective Practice to Strengthen the Development of Newborns to Five-Year-Olds](#) shows how presenters can use STEP to craft a storytime that is effective for mixed-age groups and adheres to best practices for emotional, social, physical, and cognitive support....

ALA Editions, June 3



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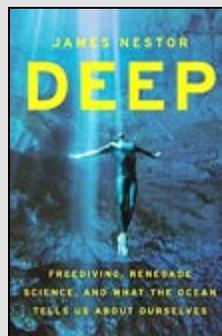


Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Adult nonfiction](#)

Nestor, James. *Deep: Freediving, Renegade Science, and What the Ocean Tells Us about Ourselves*. June 2014. 272p. Houghton, hardcover (978-0-547-98552-5).

The ocean, journalist Nestor reminds us, is "the final unseen, untouched, and undiscovered wilderness." It is also a frontier extremely difficult to explore. The pressure is so intense, at 30 feet down our "lungs collapse to half their normal size." Yet Nestor watches divers descend to 300 feet without scuba gear at a freediving competition. Alarmed (the consequences can be dire) and intrigued, Nestor sets out to learn about the allure and best purpose of freediving as "a tool to help crack the ocean's mysteries," thus launching an exceptionally dramatic and revelatory inquiry....



[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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[Digital Services Librarian](#)

Washington Research Library Consortium, Bowie, Maryland. Join our community of nine Washington, DC-area research universities to enable learning and scholarship through innovative use of library data and support of our digital collections infrastructure. The Digital Services Librarian is responsible for providing data analysis and application support for the partner libraries of the Washington Research

[A tribute to Maya Angelou: 1928–2014](#)

Donna Seaman writes: "As news of Maya Angelou's passing quickly spread, we find ourselves contemplating her tremendous accomplishments and universal resonance. The list of awards bestowed upon poet, writer, performer, professor, and activist Maya Angelou in recognition of her groundbreaking work and commanding persona is long and distinguished. Angelou received the National Medal of Freedom from President Obama and the National Book Foundation's Litarian Award for Outstanding Service to the American Literary Community, as well as more than 30 honorary degrees. Her first memoir, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1969) is a landmark work, and the entire story of Angelou's life reads like a bluesy saga of a heroic and creative survivor."...



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Las Vegas Update

[Hershey's Chocolate World opens](#)

Jay Jones writes: "With the June 3 opening of [Hershey's Chocolate World](#) on the Strip in the front of the New York–New York Hotel and Casino, visitors may feel as though they've landed on the *Candy Land* game board. Just look for the giant Reese's Peanut Butter Cup—it's 18 feet in diameter—above the entrance. Inside, you can take selfies in front of a sculpture of the Statue of Liberty carved from nearly 800 pounds of milk chocolate or a fanciful Empire State Building erected using 1,800 chocolate bars." Oh, and [M&M's World](#) is right across the street....

Los Angeles Times, June 3



[Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort](#)

The first permanent non-native settlers in the Las Vegas Valley were a group of Mormon missionaries who built an adobe fort along Las Vegas Creek in 1855. They successfully farmed the area by diverting water from the creek. Today, the park includes a remnant of the original adobe fort, which contains interpretive displays. The Visitor Center contains exhibits on the history of the site, as well as historic artifacts. The site, at 500 Las Vegas Boulevard North, is just east of Las Vegas Boulevard and



Library Consortium (WRLC). This position will work closely with staff from the partner universities to ensure that the data is available to support their operational and decision making needs. and provide application support for WRLC's digital collections platforms. The incumbent will also play a key role in supporting the wide range of library software applications managed by WRLC and integrating these applications through API's and related technologies....



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Digital Library of the Week



Yale University's [James J. Ross Archive of African Images](#) presents approximately 5,000 pictures of African art published before 1921. RAAI is the result of a collaboration between James J. Ross and Susan Vogel, the project's codirectors. The archive aspires to include all the figurative African

slightly north of the downtown area and Fremont Street....
Nevada State Parks

[Transportation options in the city](#)

Michele LeSure writes: "So, you're in Las Vegas, Sin City, the land of the bright lights, and other names I could make up for this bustling town—now what? Transportation is going to be a big question for a lot of folks, so here is a handy guide to links and resources for getting to and from and around the Las Vegas Convention Center. (So, what about the monorail? And why does [everyone hate it?](#))"...

Zen and Loathing in Las Vegas, June 2; Yelp



[Las Vegas shows](#)

Natalia Tabisaura writes: "Now that you've finished planning the business part of your conference trip, start planning the fun with a show or concert. With so many choices, the tough part will be deciding which show(s) to catch. Like Lasvegas.com says, 'Anyone worth seeing stops in Vegas. Shouldn't you?' Absolutely! Here is a list of some of the many choices."...

YALSAblog, June 2



[The 10 hottest restaurants](#)

Lesley Balla writes: "The Las Vegas restaurant scene is hotter than ever, from the flashiest new mega-restaurants on the Strip to unconventional steakhouses in the suburbs. Whatever you're looking for, whether it's a night full of whimsy, live entertainment and small plates at the Cosmopolitan, lavish dim sum at the MGM or dessert spot in Chinatown, we've got you covered. Here are 10 of the hottest new discoveries you won't want to miss in Sin City."...

Zagat, Mar. 31



[The Auto Collections](#)

The Auto Collections at the Quad Resort and Casino, 3535 Las Vegas Boulevard South, is the world's largest classic car showroom, with more than \$100 million worth of inventory. More than 250 antique, classic, muscle, and historically significant cars are on display and nearly all are for sale. Visitors might be able to see Johnny Carson's 1939 Chrysler Royal Sedan (above) that he drove to his high school senior prom or the 1962 Lincoln Continental Towne Limousine used by President John F. Kennedy....

The Auto Collections



[Some Viva Las Vegas locations remain unchanged](#)

F. Andrew Taylor writes: "*Viva Las Vegas*, starring Ann-Margret and Elvis Presley and considered by many to be one of the best Elvis films ever made, was [released](#) on May 20, 1964—50 years ago—but the filming took place primarily in the second half of July 1963. Surprisingly, in a town that

objects in books, periodicals, catalogs, newspapers, and other publications appearing in 1920 and earlier—the oldest dates to 1591. The archive does not include postcards or pamphlets of limited distribution, and focuses exclusively on figurative art. It is based mainly on the James J. Ross library augmented by publications from the libraries of Yale University and a few other institutions.

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

Noted and Quoted

"As more of the books disappear from college libraries, the people in charge of funding those libraries will be more tempted to co-opt that space for events that bring in revenue, or entice students for the wrong reasons: food courts. Gaming lounges. I expect rock-climbing walls soon. Unless administrators make a protracted effort to preserve the contemplative and studious *feeling*, that feeling will disappear altogether, and the *whatever*-brary will become just another Jamba Juice."



implodes and rebuilds itself periodically like the world's biggest Lego set, several of the filming sites remain and some are relatively unchanged. What is now UNLV didn't have its first commencement until 1964, but you can still walk the same floor that Elvis and Ann-Margret danced on."...

Las Vegas Review-Journal, May 14

[The 22 ugliest hotel carpets](#)

Las Vegas is notorious for its bright, busy, and ugly hotel carpets. And not just in the cheaper hotels: You can find them pretty much everywhere. David G. Schwartz, director of the Center for Gaming Research at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, [theorizes](#) that "casino carpet is known as an exercise in deliberate bad taste that somehow encourages people to gamble." Whatever the reason, the end result is dizzyingly unattractive. Take a look at 22 of the worst offenders....

Oyster.com; David G. Schwartz



[Average age of visitors is lower](#)

A statistical snapshot of Las Vegas visitors finds a younger crowd with fewer gamblers spending more money on food and drink than five years ago. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority released a visitor profile ([PDF file](#)) for 2013 on May 27 that found that almost four of five visitors were married, and almost nine out of 10 earned more than \$40,000 a year....

Associated Press, May 28

[Stamp celebrates Nevada's 150th birthday](#)

A new postage stamp commemorating Nevada's 150th anniversary features the coppery red sandstone formations of Valley of Fire, the state's first state park. Reno artist Ron Spears painted the landscape. The stamp was unveiled at a special May 29 ceremony at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts in Las Vegas....

Associated Press, May 29



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Division News

[Tweet to win tickets to "The](#)

—Rebecca Schuman, "[Save Our Stacks](#)," Salon, May 12.

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Calendar

June 16–18:

[Association for Library Collections and Technical Services](#), Virtual Preconference. "Library Preservation Today!"

June 18–21:

[American Theological Library Association](#), Annual Conference, New Orleans.

July 23–25:

[Library Instruction West 2014](#), Conference, Portland State University Library, Oregon. "Open, Sustainable Instruction."

Aug. 1–2:

[Rocky Mountain Book and Paper Fair](#), Denver Merchandise Mart Expo Hall, Denver.

Aug. 8:

[Michigan Instruction Exchange](#), Mary Idema Pew Library, Grand Valley State University, Allendale.

Sept. 3–5:

[European Association of Sinological](#)

[Laugh's on Us"](#)

In their daily interactions, librarians are bound to hear (and overhear) humorous remarks. Share the words that have caused you to smile, stifle a giggle, or ROFL between the stacks, and you can earn a chance for further hilarity by entering to win two tickets to the "[The Laugh's on Us, Sponsored by Sage.](#)" a United for Libraries event on June 29. To enter, tweet an answer to the following question using the hashtag [#librarylaughs](#): What's the funniest thing you've ever heard a library patron say?...

United for Libraries, June 3



[Quirky books for quirky librarians](#)

United for Libraries will present "[Quirky Books for Quirky Librarians](#)" on June 28 at the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Authors Liz Climo (right), Ian Doescher, Caitlin Doughty, Jennifer Holland, Andrew Mayne, and Ben Parzybok will talk with pride about their often out-in-left-field topics. A book signing will follow....

United for Libraries, June 3



[Building a Home Library bibliographies](#)

The ALA-Children's Book Council Joint Committee, with cooperation from ALSC, has created four Building a Home Library bibliographies. These downloadable lists are intended to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for their children at home. The 2014 lists are available for children ages 0 to 3, 4 to 7, 8 to 11, and 12 to 14. All lists can be downloaded from the [ALSC website](#)....

ALSC, June 2



[ALCTS Photo Scavenger Hunt](#)

Running from Friday night through Monday of Annual Conference (June 27-30), the ALCTS Photo Scavenger Hunt lets you score points by snapping photos of all the great people, places, and things going on around you. Programs, meetings, booths, authors, Las Vegas landmarks and even fellow ALA-ers are on the daily photo lists. Score the most points and you can win from a collection of fabulous prizes....

ALCTS, June 3

[The digital education transformation](#)

Members of Follett's [Project Connect](#) team will discuss how information professionals can reimagine the ways they support student learning during a [panel presentation](#) on June 28 at the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Hosted by AASL, the discussion will examine the role of the librarian as a driver of CCSS curriculum development, content selection, and the digital transition....

AASL, June 3



[Apply for PLA Boot Camp by June 13](#)

The application deadline of June 13 for the PLA Results Boot Camp is fast approaching. The

[Librarians](#), Annual Conference, Stockholm University Library, Sweden.

Sept. 3-6: [Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#), Annual Conference, Tacoma, Washington.

Oct. 7-9: [Library Research Seminar VI](#), The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Hotel and Conference Center. "The Engaged Librarian: Libraries Partnering with Campus and Community."

Oct. 14-17: [Photograph Conservation for Book and Paper Conservators](#), Workshop, Duke University Libraries, Durham, North Carolina.

Oct. 16-18: [American Printing History Association](#), Annual Conference, San Francisco Center for the Book.

Nov. 4-5: [10th Annual Taxonomy Bootcamp](#), Grand Hyatt Washington, D.C. "Organizing the Future: Taxonomies Leading the Way?"

Nov. 7: [Brick and Click: An Academic Library Conference](#), Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville.

program, "[Results Are What Matters: Management Tools and Techniques to Improve Library Services and Programs.](#)" will be led by June Garcia and Sandra Nelson, August 4–8, at the Nashville (Tenn.) Public Library. Interested librarians are required to fill out an [online application](#) to be accepted into Boot Camp....

PLA, June 2



[Public library programs at Annual Conference](#)

With three preconferences and nearly 20 programs, PLA is offering an array of programming dedicated to public library staff attending the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Things get started on June 27 with three half-day preconferences. During the remaining days of conference, PLA will offer 19 concurrent programs covering topics like community relationships, early literacy, leadership, and library data use....

PLA, June 2

[ALSC National Institute registration](#)

ALSC encourages members planning to register for its 2014 National Institute in Oakland, California, September 18–20, to do so before the June 30 early bird registration deadline. Members will save \$35 on the cost of registration if they sign up before June 30. To find out how to register at a reduced rate, visit the institute registration website....

ALSC, June 3



[C&RL 75th anniversary issue](#)

In preparation for the upcoming celebration of ACRL's 75th anniversary, the editorial board of *College and Research Libraries* asked the journal's readers to help identify seven landmark articles from *C&RL* history to be included in a special issue to be published in March 2015 and discussed at the ACRL 2015 Conference in Portland, Oregon. The following articles were selected from a list of 30 finalists....

ACRL, June 3



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"What an excellent resource for busy librarians!" **Booklist ONLINE CORNER SHELF**

Click to see what has the coordinator of public services at Old Bridge Public Library (NJ), and others, talking!

Awards & Grants

[Take a selfie, win two Carnegie Medal tickets](#)

Tweet a selfie (self + shelf = selfie) with one of the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction shortlist titles (right) with the hashtag [#ala_carnegie](#), and your



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Miracle Resort Hotel, Antalya, Turkey. "Research Data Management and Knowledge Discovery."

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Sanhita SinhaRoy,

name will be entered in a drawing to receive two tickets to the awards ceremony in Las Vegas on June 28. The contest runs through 12 noon Central time, June 6....

RUSA News, June 4

Argiro Morgan awarded Trustee Citation

United for Libraries has named Argiro Morgan (right) of St. Tammany Parish (La.) Library as the recipient of the ALA Trustee Citation. The ALA Trustee Citation, established in 1941 to recognize public library trustees for distinguished service to library development, honors the best contributions and efforts of the estimated 60,000 US citizens who serve on library boards....



United for Libraries, June 3

2014 Donald G. Davis Article Award

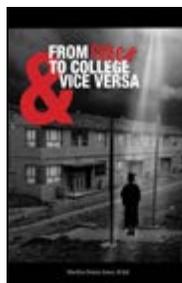
The winner of the 2014 Donald G. Davis Article Award, presented by the Library History Round Table, is Debra Gold Hansen for her article, "Depoliticizing the California State Library: The Political and Professional Transformation of James Gillis, 1899–1917," *Information and Culture: A Journal of History* 48, no. 1 (2013): 68–90. The award is given every second year to recognize the best article written in English in the field of US and Canadian library history....

Library History Round Table, June 3

ASCLA's first In the Margins book list

The In the Margins Book Award and Selection Committee, a committee under the umbrella of ASCLA's Library Services for Youth in Custody Interest Group, selected its first list of 25 titles and a top 10. In the Margins strives to find the best books for teens living in poverty, on the streets, in custody—or a cycle of all three. The full list of 25 titles with annotations can be found [online](#)....

ASCLA Blog, June 4



NMRT Professional Development Grant

Samantha Helmick (right), user experience and outreach librarian at Burlington (Iowa) Public Library, has been selected to receive the 2014 New Members Round Table Professional Development Grant. This award provides funding to cover airfare, lodging, and conference registration fees for attendance at the ALA Annual Conference and fosters in-person participation in ALA and NMRT professional activities....



Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, May 28

Reforma Librarian of the Year

Salvador Avila (right), manager of the Enterprise branch of the Las Vegas–Clark County (Nev.) Library District is the recipient of the 2014 Dr. Arnulfo D. Trejo Librarian of the Year Award from Reforma, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking. The award recognizes early to mid-career library professionals who have promoted and advocated services to the Spanish-speaking and Latino communities....



Reforma, June 3

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[Reforma gives first lifetime achievement award](#)

The first recipient of the Elizabeth Martinez Lifetime Achievement Award given by Reforma, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking, is Sandra Rios Balderrama (right). Named for a founding member of Reforma, this award was created in 2013 to recognize those who have achieved excellence in librarianship over an extended period of service and who have made significant and lasting contributions to Reforma, as well as to the Latino/a community....

Reforma, June 3



[2014 Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award](#)

(PDF file)

Sarah (Sally) G. Holterhoff (right), government information and reference librarian at Valparaiso (Ind.) University School of Law, has won the American Association of Law Libraries 2014 Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award. The award is given to individuals who have promoted AALL policy agenda at the federal, state, local, or international level....

American Association of Law Libraries, May 29



[2014 Public Access to Government Information Award](#)

(PDF file)

The American Association of Law Libraries has selected the Mississippi College School of Law Library in Jackson for its 2014 Public Access to Government Information Award. The library was cited for its [Legislative History Project](#), an online video archive that provides free access to recent actions of the Mississippi State Legislature....

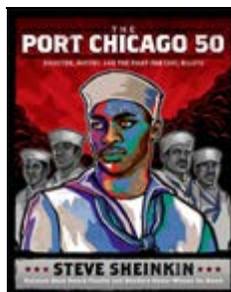
American Association of Law Libraries, May 29



[2014 Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards](#)

The Boston Globe–Horn Book Awards are among the most prestigious honors in the field of children's and young adult literature. The 2014 awards were announced May 30 at BookExpo America. The winning picture book was *Mr. Tiger Goes Wild* (Little, Brown), written and illustrated by Peter Brown; the fiction winner was *Grasshopper Jungle* (Dutton) by Andrew Smith; and the nonfiction winner was *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights* (Roaring Book) by Steve Sheinkin....

The Horn Book, May 30



[Audiobook of the year](#)

The audiobook of comedian, actor, producer, director, author, and nine-time Oscars host Billy Crystal, *Still Foolin' 'Em: Where I've Been, Where I'm Going, and Where the Hell Are My Keys?* (Macmillan Audio), was named Audiobook of the Year May 29 at the 2014 Audies Gala in New York City ([PDF file](#)). The award, sponsored by the Audio Publishers Association, recognizes the audiobook that, through quality, innovation, marketing, and sales, has had the most significant impact on the industry....



The Global Dispatch, May 30; Audio Publishers Association, May 30

[2014 Lambda Literary Awards](#)

The 26th annual Lambda Literary Awards were handed out June 2 at Cooper Union College in New York City. The Lammys, as they're known, recognize the best LGBT books of the previous year in 25 categories (including for the first time this year, best LGBT Graphic Novel: *Calling Dr. Laura: A Graphic Memoir* by Nicole J. Georges, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). The awards are sponsored by the Lambda Literary Foundation....

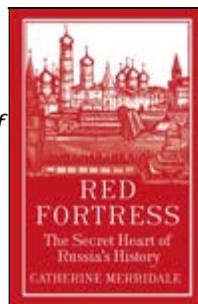
/Bent, June 3



[2014 Wolfson History Prize](#)

Two titles have been awarded this year's Wolfson History Prize for history books published in 2013. Catherine Merridale's *Red Fortress: The Secret Heart of Russia's History* (Allen Lane) and Cyprian Broodbank's *The Making of the Middle Sea: A History of the Mediterranean from the Beginning to the Emergence of the Classical World* (Thames & Hudson) were announced the winners of the annual prize in London on June 2, each receiving a prize of £25,000 (\$41,870 US)....

The Bookseller, June 3



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Get the inside scoop on
pressing library topics.

Libraries in the News

[NYPL reveals details of new upgrade plan](#)

The New York Public Library's revised renovation plan—to upgrade the Mid-Manhattan Library (right) and create more public space in its flagship Fifth Avenue building—is expected to cost about \$300 million, according to library officials who outlined new details of the project in interviews. The anticipated budget matches what the library had originally suggested its previous plan might cost. The historic stacks in the main building will be kept, but not returned to service as a storage area for books. Meanwhile, [plaster fell](#) from the ceiling in the Rose Main Reading Room on May 28, requiring it to be closed for two weeks. And a state Supreme Court judge on June 2 [dismissed](#) two of three lawsuits that had been seeking to block the now-scraped renovation plan....

New York Times, June 1–2; *Wall Street Journal*: Metropolis, May 30



[SUV crashes into New York library, injures six](#)

A sport-utility vehicle barreled into the front door of a library packed with people

in Spring Valley, New York, on May 27, leaving six people injured. When the SUV hit the Finkelstein Memorial Library, the library was set to be open for two more hours and was busy. Chaos erupted as the Toyota RAV4 slammed into the circulation desk, toppling computers and bookcases. The library [reopened](#) June 1 after a preliminary clean-up....

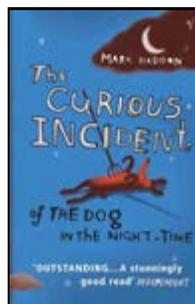
WCBS-TV, May 27; *Yeshiva World News*, June 1



[School board rescinds ban on *Curious Incident*](#)

A vote to ban a book from the Wilson County (Tenn.) Schools reading list was rescinded at a May 30 school board meeting. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* by Mark Haddon was banned from the reading list at the board's May 5 meeting and was removed from the possession of students. However, the books were returned to students on the advice of school board attorney Mike Jennings due to a possible conflict with a board policy....

Lebanon (Tenn.) Democrat, June 3



[Georgia's summer reading sweepstakes](#)

Reading this summer can pay future dividends for children in Georgia whose parents, grandparents, or guardians enroll them in a program to save money for college. In its fifth year, the [Path2College 529 Plan](#) is offering summer readers a chance to win cash prizes: \$1,529 to four regional winners that will be placed into the savings plan and \$5,529 to a grand prize winner. The library through which the grand prize winner is registered will receive \$1,529 and the home libraries of five regional winners will receive \$529....

Jacksonville *Florida Times-Union*, May 28



[Dr. Seuss invoked over Dallas Public Library funding](#)

More than 20 library supporters, along with six speakers, appeared before Dallas City Council on May 28 to ask for support to restore library funding, hours, programs, and technology. Two speakers from the Friends of the Dallas Public Library, Karen Blumenthal (left) and Patti Clapp, brought councilors to their feet with a standing ovation, thanks to their portrayal of Thing One and Thing Two from Dr. Seuss's *The Cat in the Hat*. The Friends group needs 30,000 signatures on a [petition](#) to restore library hours that were cut in 2008. Watch the [video](#) (2:16)....

Dallas Morning News: City Hall Blog, May 28



[Seattle's Central Library celebrates 10 years](#)

Habin Kwak writes: "The Seattle Central Library celebrated its [10th anniversary](#) on May 23 with live music, free refreshments, and guest



appearances by its chief architects. Regarded as the prize of the city's library system, the Seattle Central Library, designed by Rem Koolhaas's OMA, has garnered both criticism and acclaim for its unique architectural design. To celebrate the decade, we have compiled 10 photos that provide a virtual tour of this unique cathedral of reading."...

A/N Blog, June 2; Seattle Times, May 23

[SCSU librarian on Jeopardy!](#)

You may have caught Southern Connecticut State University Reference Librarian Wendy Hardenberg (right) on *Jeopardy!* May 30. Hardenberg, along with DePaul University Art Professor Sami Siegelbaum, ended up in the black on the show but barely had a chance of winning against the megawinner, Illinois business consultant Julia Collins. Hardenberg ended up second at the end of the Final Jeopardy! round....



Hartford (Conn.) Courant, June 2

[Law library director pleads guilty to theft](#)

The former director of the Montgomery County (Pa.) Law Library entered into an open guilty plea on May 28 for allowing the misuse of library funds over several years and making unauthorized purchases for himself. Bruce Piscadlo pleaded guilty to one felony count of theft by unlawful taking and one misdemeanor count of misapplication of entrusted property. Other charges, including theft by deception, receiving stolen property, and criminal conspiracy, will be dismissed at sentencing....

Norristown (Pa.) Times-Herald, May 28

[Gardaí investigate missing rare books at All Hallows College](#)

Irish federal police have been called in at All Hallows College in Dublin following the discovery that many items have gone missing, including books, manuscripts, and pieces of art, possibly worth as much as €100,000 (\$136,200 US). After a detailed investigation at the college, rare books expert Owen Felix O'Neill concluded the library had been "plundered for a very, very long time." More than 100 books were missing in what he termed "a grand theft."...

Irish Times (Dublin), May 26

[Welsh library advocates chain themselves to library](#)

Protesters in Wales chained themselves to bookshelves for around four hours in a last-ditch attempt to save their local library. Police were called after a group of campaigners chained themselves up at Rhydyfelin Library, near Pontypridd, as it officially closed its doors on May 31. The campaigners refused to leave and staged a peaceful protest until police arrived....



Cardiff (UK) Western Mail, June 1

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Issues

[John Oliver on net neutrality](#)

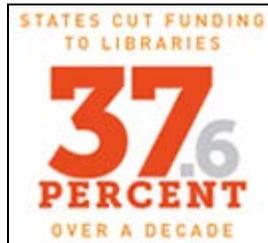
Cable companies are trying to create an unequal playing field for internet speeds, but they're doing it so boringly that most news outlets aren't covering it. John Oliver (right), host of HBO's new comedy talk show *Last Week Tonight*, [explains the controversy](#) (13:17) and lets viewers know how they can voice their displeasure to the FCC. Thousands of comments inspired by Oliver's rant apparently [crashed the FCC servers](#) on June 2....



YouTube, June 1; *Time*, June 3

[Libraries see light after years of cuts](#)

Marsha Mercer writes: "Buffeted by financial and cultural pressures, public libraries around the country are struggling to remain relevant and connect with patrons in the high-cost digital age. States, never a deep pocket for public libraries, have cut or even zeroed out aid, forcing libraries to rely more heavily on local funds. But there are signs the slowly improving economy is helping libraries' budgets. Revenue from all sources to the nation's 8,956 public libraries ticked up slightly, from \$11.3 billion in 2010 to \$11.4 billion in 2011."...



Stateline, June 4

[Copyright roundup: Changes in UK law](#)

Kevin Smith writes: "A hugely significant revision to UK copyright law will be given royal assent, the last stage of becoming law, in June. The UK studied how to reform copyright law in ways that would encourage more innovation and economic competitiveness. The resulting report made a number of recommendations, many of which were focused on creating limitations and copyright exceptions so that the law would work more like it does in the US, including the flexibility provided by fair use."...

Scholarly Communications @ Duke, May 30

[Nice day for a field hearing on first sale](#)

Carrie Russell writes: "For a change of pace, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Courts, IP, and the Internet took a field trip to the United States District Court, Southern District of New York June 2 to hold a copyright hearing. The subject of the hearing was one near and dear to libraries—first sale, which allows that once a lawful copy of a work is purchased, the owner can distribute or dispose of that copy. Libraries would be unable to lend books or other library resources without the first sale exception."...

District Dispatch, June 3

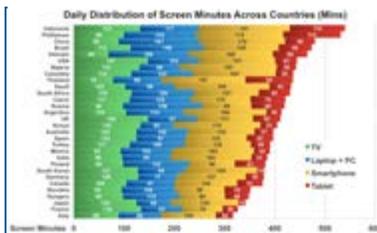
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Tech Talk

[How much time the world spends looking at screens](#)

Jamie Condliffe writes: "Ever wondered

how much time the average person spends looking at their TV, computer, phone, or laptop? Well, this chart shows exactly that, broken down by country.



Produced by Mary Meeker for her [annual presentation](#) on internet trends, the chart reveals some interesting insights. Clearly Indonesia and the Philippines are glued to their screens, but it's the breakdown where it get interesting."...

Gizmodo, May 29; Quartz, May 28

[Screen protectors 101](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "Screen protectors were once practically mandatory, but advances in glass and coatings have made them unnecessary for most people. You don't have to buy a screen protector when you get a new phone. Most smartphones you'll buy use Corning's Gorilla Glass. This is a toughened, hard glass with high scratch resistance. However, some common materials can scratch Gorilla Glass. The biggest culprit is sand."...



How-To Geek, June 2

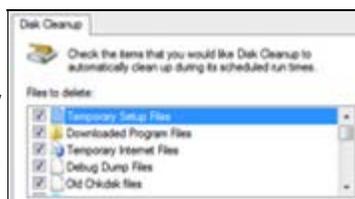
[The best PDF tools and apps](#)

Amit Agarwal writes: "Adobe PDF is probably the best format for sharing documents as the layout and formatting is preserved across all platforms, the documents are read-only, and also because most computers and mobile devices can easily open PDF files. This guide shares a host of useful things you can do with the PDF file format with the help of software tools and web apps that don't cost a penny."...

Digital Inspiration, June 2

[How to automate basic PC maintenance tasks](#)

Eric Geier writes: "You can automate many maintenance tasks, such as removing temporary files, fixing drive errors, keeping drivers up-to-date, and backing up files.



Beyond helping to keep your own PC finely tuned, this can be especially useful for those who are the on-call tech at work."...

PC World, May 28

[Innovative acquires VTLS](#)

Marshall Breeding writes: "Innovative Interfaces [acquired](#) Blacksburg, Virginia-based VTLS on May 30 as part of its strategic expansion strategy. This move follows the acquisition of Polaris announced in April. The acquisitions were conducted in parallel, with different schedules for closing. The acquisition of VTLS significantly expands Innovative's international reach and brings a number of new technology products (Virtua, VITAL, Chamo Discovery, and MozGo) under its corporate umbrella."...

ALA TechSource Blog, June 2; Innovative, June 2

[Google invests in satellites](#)

Google plans to spend more than \$1 billion on a fleet of satellites to extend internet access to unwired regions of the globe, hoping to overcome financial and technical problems that thwarted previous

efforts. The project will start with 180 small, high-capacity satellites orbiting the earth at lower altitudes than traditional satellites, and then could expand. Google's efforts to deliver internet service to unserved regions—through balloons, drones, and satellites—are consistent with its approaches to other new markets....

Wall Street Journal, June 1

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E-Content

[Connecticut to create a statewide ebook delivery system for libraries](#)

Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy on June 3 signed [P.A. 14-82](#). An Act Concerning a State-wide Platform for the Distribution of Electronic Books, authorizing the State Library to create and maintain a state platform for the distribution of ebooks to public library patrons. The bill was passed in response to legislation Malloy signed in 2013 that commissioned the state's Department of Consumer Protection to study how public libraries could gain fairer access to ebooks....

Connecticut Office of the Governor, June 3

[Academic price hikes: Predatory or parasitical?](#)

James LaRue writes: "In the animal world, there are many ways two species can interact. They may compete. They may partner. They may form symbiotic relationships. Or one may prey on the other. That leads me to the topic of [academic ebook price hikes](#). Do publishers have to make money? They do. But raising prices when the revenues are down will not, surely, result in more sales."...

AL: E-Content, June 2; *Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 27



[Amazon vs. Hachette: No good guys in this fight](#)

James LaRue writes: "Lately, there has been a lot of press about the conflict between Amazon and Hachette. There are at least three ways to look at the conflict between these firms, for conflict it certainly is: Amazon is the bad guy, Hachette is the bad guy, or this is one publishing paradigm struggling against the other. It's clear that libraries need to find a path to the future. Right now, neither Hachette nor Amazon is a library friend. Let them fight."...

AL: E-Content, June 4

[Hachette chief leads the Amazon fight](#)

Jonathan Mahler writes: "As the first chief executive of a major publishing house to negotiate new terms with Amazon since the Justice Department [sued five publishers](#) in 2012 for conspiring to raise ebook prices, Hachette Book Group CEO Michael Pietsch (right) finds himself fighting not just for the future of Hachette, but for that of every publisher that works with Amazon. The dispute centers on Amazon wanting to offer deep discounts on Hachette's ebooks, and the negotiations are not going well." Joe Nocera offers more [background](#). Jeremy Greenfield worries about the [future of ideas](#), and the Justice Department seems to be [interested again](#). Author John Green called Amazon's tactics "[bullying](#)" and Malcolm Gladwell is "[puzzled](#)" by the retailer's actions....



New York Times, Apr. 11, 2012; May 30–June 1; GigaOM, June 3; *The Atlantic*, May 28; Associated Press, June 2; *New York Times*: Bits, May 30

Apple is building iBooks into its iOS 8

Smashwords's Mark Coker writes:

"During the live demo event of Apple's unveiling of their new iOS 8 operating system on June 3, Apple made a passing reference to a slide of 'iOS 8 features we didn't have time to talk about.' Buried in the fine print but photographed by bloggers (right) was an ebook retailing bombshell: iBooks will come preinstalled on iOS 8. This is a game-changer for ebook retailing."...

The Huffington Post Blog, June 3



Digital preservation

James LaRue writes: "Libraries—both public and academic—are in the business of gathering, organizing, and presenting to the public the intellectual content of our culture. To some extent, we're also responsible for the preservation of that content. Generally speaking, academic libraries take the lead on this longer-term collection management; public libraries focus more on the popular and perhaps ephemeral content. But digital publishing here, as in so many other places, changes the game."...

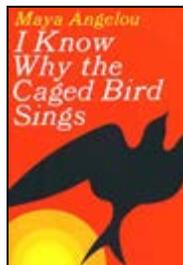
AL: E-Content, May 30



DCL ebook report for June

James LaRue writes: "The Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries Ebook Report for June ([PDF file](#)) is now available. After the death of Maya Angelou, the demand for her *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* has risen. The ebook is available from 3M for \$20.97. Regular people (i.e., consumers) can buy it from Amazon and Barnes and Noble for \$4.01. Libraries are caged birds, indeed."....

AL: E-Content, June 3



Target to offer ebooks

Target wants to help host your book club—online. As the retailer works to build a more competitive e-commerce experience, it's partnering with a startup ebook subscription service called Librify to give customers an online platform for buying, sharing, and discussing their favorite books. Librify, which started beta testing with select users in March, offers a social-subscription service for ebooks....

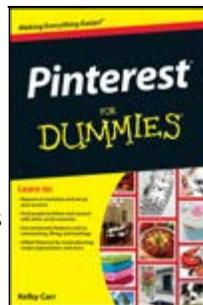
USA Today, May 28



Gale to offer Wiley's Dummies ebooks

More than 400 John Wiley and Sons ebooks are coming to the Gale Virtual Reference Library, including nearly 180 titles from the popular "For Dummies" series, such as *Stock Investing for Dummies*, *Paleo Cookbook for Dummies*, and *Pinterest for Dummies*. Other titles include monographs covering such subjects as business and economics, medicine, computer science, and psychology, and are part of Gale's effort to expand its ebook offerings for the growing STEM market....

Cengage Learning, June 3



[US ambassador sworn in on a Kindle](#)

Brian Fung writes: "It's no surprise that with ebooks on the rise, more and more public officials will be sworn in on them. On June 2, Suzi LeVine became the first US ambassador (as American representative to Switzerland) to be sworn in on an e-reader. LeVine took the oath on a digital copy of the US Constitution stored on a Kindle Touch."...

Washington Post: The Switch, June 2



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Books & Reading

[Judy Blume: Parents worry too much about what children read](#)

Parents worry "much too much" about what their children are reading, said author Judy Blume at the Hay Festival of Literature and Arts in Wales. She argued that they will simply self-censor by getting bored with anything they do not understand. Blume said the experience of having her own books banned in the 1980s was "alarming," leaving her feeling "very alone." She added that parents should concentrate on just getting their kids to love books....

The Telegraph (UK), June 1



[2014 National Book Festival](#)

Jennifer Gavin writes: "The author lineup for the 2014 [Library of Congress National Book Festival](#) is growing all the time, building excitement for the free event at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center on August 30. Yes, that's right, a 12-hour day in a new venue, with all the features you know and love by day and a bunch of fascinating new offerings by night—a first in the festival's 14-year run. Recent additions to the speakers' list include Michio Kaku, Mona Simpson, Elizabeth McCracken, Anne Hillerman, Raina Telgemeier, Albert Rios, Jack Gantos, Francesco Marciulano, and Judith Viorst."...

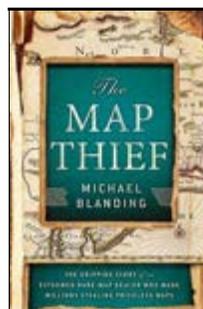
Library of Congress Blog, May 30



[The true crimes of a map dealer gone rogue](#)

John Ruch writes: "When a librarian at Yale noticed the X-Acto knife blade laying on the floor in 2005, the peculiar criminal career of Edward Forbes Smiley III—perhaps the world's most prolific thief of antique maps—met its doom. The investigation into the scope and motives of this eccentric rogue's crimes, however, was only beginning. *The Map Thief*, journalist Michael Blanding's new book about the Smiley case, unfolds as a real-life thriller about this map-dealer turned map-stealer."...

Paste, May 29

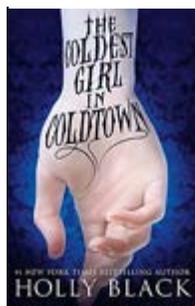


[The rise and fall of YA lit trends](#)

Tara Kehoe writes: "In 2008, Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* hit the big time with the release of the movie

version. Millions flocked to the theaters, then to bookstores and libraries to finish the saga. Suddenly, everywhere we looked, there were vampires: scary, sexy, sparkly, fangs—you could take your pick. Then the inevitable backlash hit—hard. Folks had clearly hit a saturation point. It became cool to loudly proclaim ones' hatred of *Twilight*—and all things vampire.”...

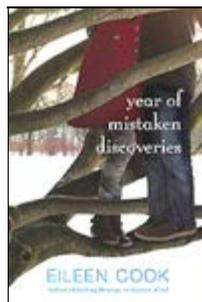
YALSA The Hub, June 2



Adoption in YA lit

Hannah Gómez writes: “I read books about adoption growing up when I could find them, but that was not often, especially as I grew out of picture books and early readers. I was always surprised there were not more books that dealt with adoption, since people like to *think* that it's something that is fraught with drama. Even as I try to think of different types of adoption situations, it hits me that there are probably a lot more books than I think there are.”...

YALSA The Hub, May 30



What to read next for fans of *The Fault in Our Stars*

Carli Spina writes: “The [first post](#) I ever wrote for The Hub offered a list of books that fans of *The Fault in Our Stars* would enjoy. With the movie coming out so soon, now seems like a good time to add to this list. In *After Ever After*, author Jordan Sonnenblick opts to look at the aftermath of cancer rather than focusing on the battle against the disease.”...

YALSA The Hub, Dec. 7, 2012; May 30



The Fault in Our Stars media Bingo card

Kelly Jensen writes: “Unless you live under a rock, chances are you've heard of this guy named John Green and chances are that you've read an article or 72 talking about how one of his books, the phenomenal *New York Times* bestseller *The Fault in Our Stars*, is hitting theaters this week. I thought it would be fun to have a Bingo card at the ready for navigating what is sure to be a few more weeks of media spotlight. Pull out an article or two and see how long it takes you to collect a Bingo.”...

Book Riot, June 3

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Identify who said who the most in the book	John's hair	Hand and piggyback	"Thank you for your advice"	She's crying	
Read a character's	Character's reaction to any one	Character's reaction to any one	The scene when the doctor says "It's cancer"	How to write the "I'm sorry"	
Read a character's	Read a character's "I'm sorry"	The Fault in Our Stars	THE FAULT	"This book is the best"	
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John's name is mentioned	"Thank you for your advice"	"I'm sorry"	"Thank you for your advice"	"Thank you for your advice"	"Thank you for your advice"

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Tips & Ideas

Orange is the new academia

Jill A. Grunenwald writes: “For the past three years I have been employed as the librarian at a small career college on Cleveland's east side. Prior to that, my first professional job was as the sole librarian at an all-male,



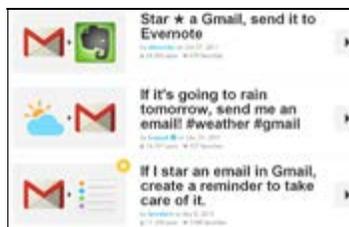
minimum-security prison on the far west side of the city. When I first began working at the college, I assumed my days as a prison librarian would merely serve as an entertaining source of anecdotes and stories. Instead, I found that my time spent behind bars prepared me in unexpected ways for the day-to-day situations that occur in an urban academic library."...

College and Research Libraries News 75, no. 6 (June): 324–325

[30 Gmail tips](#)

Eric Griffith writes: "Gmail has come a long way in 10 years. There's plenty of room for improvement, but it is a free product, after all. In addition to the features in Google Labs, there are many [browser add-ons and extensions](#) that can enhance Gmail far beyond its original parameters. Mastering even a few of them will help you take far more advantage of what Gmail has to offer beyond the basics of sending and receiving messages."...

PC Magazine, Apr. 1, June 2



[The tweens of summer](#)

Most libraries have a core group of kids that know and love our programs and are super excited about libraries in general. But, especially in the summer, these kids are often accompanied by siblings in a group a bit more disconnected from library services—tweens. Tagging along with their siblings, tweens who are unfamiliar with library programming often end up exposed to summer offerings. What can you do to keep them coming back?...

YALSAblog, May 29

[The Bedtime Math Foundation's Crazy 8s Math Club](#)

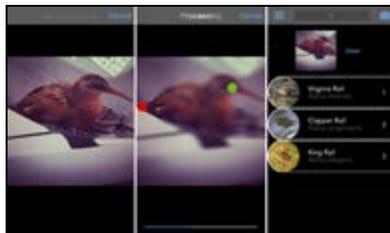


Meghan Davis writes: "Each night kids around the world may listen to bedtime stories as they are tucked in. Bedtime addition problems? Bedtime fractions? Not so much. The Bedtime Math Foundation is out to change that. Its newest addition is the [Crazy 8s Math Club](#), an eight-week course where kids meet up to an hour a week with a coach to work on practical math projects. The clubs can be run straight out of your library."...

Programming Librarian, June 2

[New app helps identify bird species](#)

Erin McCarthy writes: "[Birdsnap](#) is an electronic field guide for the iPhone, created by computer scientists at Columbia University and the University of Maryland, that can identify 500 common North American birds with nothing but a cellphone photo. The process is simple: Take a photo or choose one from your phone's album, click on the eye and the tail, and wait for the potential matches to show up. The app detects the parts of a bird in the photo so it can compare them with what's in its database."...



Mental Floss, June 3

[Find the person behind an email address](#)

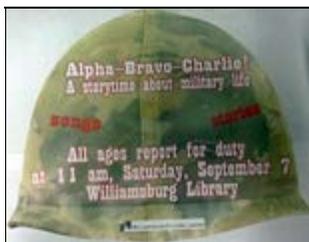
Amit Agarwal writes: "You have received an email from a person with whom you have never interacted earlier and thus, before you take the conversation forward, you would like to do a bit of research for that person on the internet. How do you do this without directly asking the other person? Here are some ways that may help you uncover the identity of that unknown email sender."...

Digital Inspiration, June 3

[Serving military families](#)

Jan Marry writes: "Have you ever presented a program and learned something unexpected about your library users? At Williamsburg (Va.) Regional Library we ran a storytime focusing on military families; two nonagenarians saw the event listed in the local paper and attended, complete with walkers. They decided not to stay for picture books and songs, but first they regaled us with tales of traveling with their soldier husbands to ravaged, post-World War II Germany."...

ALSC Blog, May 31



[Teen services in a rural library](#)

Rebekah Kamp writes: "Despite all the hurdles to overcome, teen library services are very important in rural communities where other facilities for teens may not exist. In my community, the need for productive teen activities has popped up in both community and library needs assessments. With just over 10,000 people in our service area, the library is one of the few places in the community open to young adults outside of school hours."...

YALSAblog, June 4



[Bookmobile benefits related on StoryCorps](#)

In the late 1950s, when she was just 8 years old, Storm Reyes (left) began picking fruit as a full-time farm laborer for less than \$1 per hour. Storm and her family moved often, living in Native American migrant worker camps without electricity or running water. With all that moving around, she wasn't allowed to have books growing up, Storm told her son, Jeremy Hagquist (right), on a visit to StoryCorps in Tacoma, Washington....

NPR: Morning Edition, May 30



[How to appear like you have it together](#)

Lauren Bradley writes: "The most uncomfortable part of adapting to my first professional job was coming to grips with the volume of things I still didn't know. Luckily, I've always thrived on being thrown in the deep end and, over the past couple years, have managed to cultivate a reputation as someone who knows what she is doing, both within my organization and the larger library community. These are my tips for giving the impression you know what you are doing, even if you feel like you have no idea."...

Letters to a Young Librarian, May 29

[DPL's Volume Denver](#)

Casey Lansinger writes: "Volume Denver is Denver Public Library's new music website, to be [launched in July](#), in which local musicians can submit their album or EP and a committee of DPL staff and community members will judge submissions based on a five-point scale. Those that are accepted in the first round (submissions are currently closed, but will be open again every quarter) will have their music uploaded onto DPL's new Volume Denver website where any card holder can download and stream the music for free."...

The Library As Incubator Project, June 3; Denver Public Library, Apr. 18



[New nominee for oldest overdue notice](#)

Larry Nix writes: "While collecting postal librarianship I have managed to acquire many examples of one of the most common forms of library communication: the overdue library materials notice. Recently I acquired one that may be the oldest. It was mailed on January 7, 1832, by Sir Patrick Dun's Library in Dublin, Ireland. The library was part of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, which was in operation from 1800 to 1986. Dun also built an extensive personal medical library that is now part of the Royal College of Physicians Library in London."...

Library History Buff Blog, June 3



[The burden of writing: Scribes in medieval manuscripts](#)

Sarah J. Biggs writes: "When we speak to visitors or students about our medieval manuscripts, we frequently find ourselves spending a significant amount of time talking about how such books were created. We discuss the ways that scribes worked and artists painted, and quite often we will then be asked just how it is that we can know such details. There are, of course, medieval manuals for craftspeople that still exist, but often we can find clues in the manuscripts themselves."...

British Library: Medieval Manuscripts Blog, June 3



[19 resources on gamification](#)

Julie Greller writes: "According to Mashable, gamification is 'the use of game mechanics and game design techniques in non-game contexts.' Using gamification can help get kids interested in things they normally would find boring. Are you ready to get your game on? Take a look below and see what you think. I personally am all for anything that makes learning more fun for our students."...

A Media Specialist's Guide to the Internet, May 4



[This one is really bound in human skin](#)

Heather Cole writes: "Good news for fans of anthropodermic bibliopegy, bibliomaniacs, and cannibals alike: Tests have revealed that Houghton Library's copy of Arsène Houssaye's *Des destinées de l'ame* is without a doubt bound in [human skin](#). Harvard conservators and scientists tested the binding using several different methods. According to Senior



Rare Book Conservator Alan Puglia, they are 99.9% confident that the binding is of human origin."...
Houghton Library Blog, May 24, June 4

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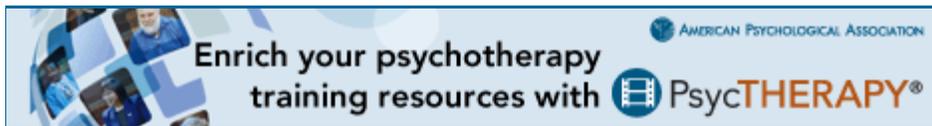
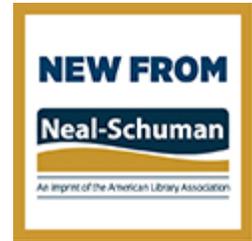
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American Libraries Online

Public library engagement

Kathryn Zickuhr and Lee Rainie write: "The Pew Research Center's Internet Project has intensively studied the changing world of public libraries for the last three years. The first stage of our research explored the growing role of ebooks, including their impact on Americans' reading habits and library habits. Our second stage examined the full universe of library services, as well as what library services Americans most value and what they might want from libraries in the future."...

American Libraries feature



New short film looks at New York City libraries

Phil Morehart writes: "Filmmakers Julie Dressner and Jesse Hicks (right) produced a [short film](#) (9:58) that looks at how library branches in New York City have evolved into community centers that offer an array of services and programs despite budget cuts. The film has gone viral, and it was even screened at a June 3 New York City Council meeting on the library budget in an attempt to sway the council to approve additional library funding. *American Libraries* spoke with the filmmakers about the film, its inspirations, and impact."...

AL: The Scoop, June 6



Newsmaker: Jeff Bridges

Oscar-winning actor Jeff Bridges (right) returns to the big screen this summer in *The Giver*, an adaptation of Lois Lowry's classic dystopian young adult novel. He spoke with *American Libraries* about turning the book into a film, its themes, and the future of libraries.



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Bridges and Lowry will appear at Barbara Stripling's [President's Program](#) at the ALA Annual Conference and Exhibition in Las Vegas on June 29....

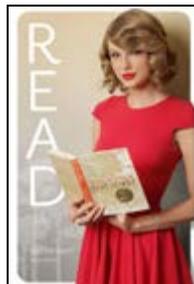
American Libraries column, June



[Taylor Swift is the new face of READING](#)

Seven-time Grammy winner and *Billboard* Artist of the Year Taylor Swift can now add [ALA Celebrity READ Poster](#) to her list of accomplishments. An avid reader and strong supporter of literacy and libraries, the 24-year-old partnered with Scholastic Books to make book donations to libraries in her hometown of Reading, Pennsylvania, and Nashville, Tennessee, where she currently lives. She will star in the film adaptation of Lois Lowry's 1994 Newbery Medal-winning YA novel, *The Giver*, in theaters August 15....

AL: The Scoop, June 6



[Chicago will extend its technology lab another year](#)

Timothy Inklebarger writes: "Chicago Public Library's Maker Lab, a program that provides access to MakerBot 3D printers, laser and vinyl cutters, and other 21st-century technologies, has attracted the support of a corporate sponsor that will extend its life. A \$150,000 grant from the Motorola Mobility Foundation, the Chicago-based communications company's philanthropic arm, will allow the lab to operate into 2015."...

AL: The Scoop, June 5



[Next AL Live goes beyond Google](#)

In the next episode of [American Libraries Live](#), an authoritative panel will talk about librarians' value as experts and how to effectively convey that concept to the public. Tune in June 12 at 2 p.m. Eastern time for this free, streaming video broadcast. The "Going Beyond Google" panel includes Beth McDonough, Joanna M. Burkhardt, Nikki Krysak, and John McCullough....

American Libraries, June 2

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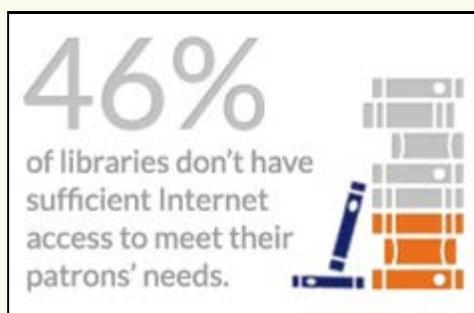
share content, libraries are as central as ever to providing open and free access to information. Yet 45% say they lack sufficient internet speeds and 75% don't have enough computers to meet demand.

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[Faire](#) later this year. To express your library's support for makerspaces in libraries, email [Lauren Britton](#), who is serving as ALA's representative for this effort. An [online interest form](#) lists more ways to get involved. Watch a [video](#) (1:02) of the 16-year-old maker who inspired President Obama....
Office of ALA Governance, June 10; White House Blog, Feb. 3; YouTube, Feb. 3

[Philippe Petit to speak at Annual Conference](#)

United for Libraries will welcome Philippe Petit (right), subject of the Academy Award-winning 2008 documentary *Man on Wire*, at the division's President's Program on June 30 at the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Petit has been artist-in-residence of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for more than 30 years and has performed on the high wire more than 80 times around the world. He also lectures, practices magic, and street juggles....

United for Libraries, June 9



[Explore outreach services at Annual](#)

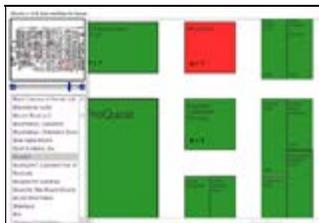
Join the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services for two panel discussions on providing library services to underserved and underrepresented populations at the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Both sessions of "Library Services to the Underserved," [Panel I](#) and [Panel II](#), will take place on June 29....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, June 10

[Interactive exhibits map](#)

Need to find a vendor quickly in the Annual Conference exhibit hall? Make a list of the vendors you want to visit, then figure out exactly where they are using this interactive map. The site also allows you to search by company, product, country of origin, and pavilion....

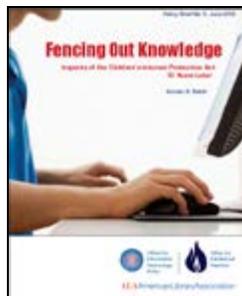
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[ALA report: Over-filtering harms education](#)

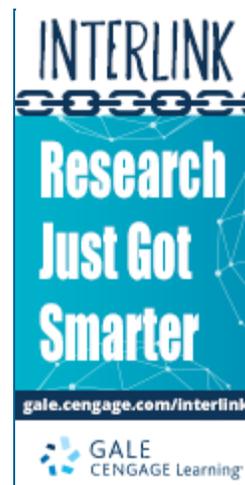
Schools and libraries nationwide are routinely filtering internet content far more than what the Children's Internet Protection Act requires, according to *Fencing Out Knowledge: Impacts of the Children's Internet Protection Act 10 Years Later* ([PDF file](#)), an ALA Policy Brief by Kirsten R. Batch released June 11. CIPA requires public libraries and K-12 schools to employ filtering software to receive certain federal funds. The report finds that librarians, as curators of digital information and as trained instructors, are uniquely positioned to develop acceptable internet use policies....

Office for Information Technology Policy, June 11



[How to send a meeting request in ALA Connect](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "Meeting requests are



Libraries on Film



[The Squid and the Whale](#) (2005). Owen Kline as preteen Frank Berkman rubs up against library shelves to masturbate as an act of defiance against his divorcing parents. Shot in Midwood High School library in Brooklyn, New York.

like Doodle polls that let you figure out the best time for everyone in your group to meet. ALA Connect meeting requests have the added feature of letting you automatically create a calendar event based on the times of your poll. And as always, email notifications are automatic, so you don't have to go through the separate steps of emailing everyone a link to the form or the event."...

ALA Connect, June 11



[Shakespeare's First Folio in traveling exhibition](#)

The Public Programs Office, in collaboration with the Folger Shakespeare Library and Cincinnati Museum Center, invites applications for the traveling exhibition "[Shakespeare and His First Folio](#)," which will bring the 1623 original edition of the playwright's first published collection to 53 sites. The opportunity is open to public, academic, and special libraries, small museums, historical societies, and other cultural venues. [Online applications](#) must be submitted to ALA by September 5....

Public Programs Office, June 9



[UMA graduates eligible for CLSS designation](#)

The ALA–Allied Professional Association has completed an agreement with the University of Maine at Augusta that will allow its graduates who meet the established criteria from their Library and Information Services Program to receive the Certified Library Support Staff (CLSS) designation. Candidates from UMA must have the required one year of recent library experience or meet that requirement within four years of becoming certified....

ALA–Allied Professional Association, June 9

[The ALA Store at Annual Conference](#)

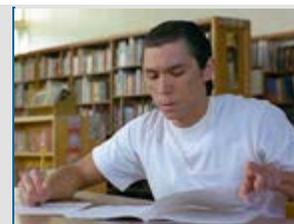
Longer hours and easy access in the Grand Concourse of the North Hall of the Las Vegas Convention Center make it more convenient to shop and browse at the ALA Store. The store offers products that meet the widest range of your promotional and professional development needs—as well as fun gift items. Make sure to carve out some time in your schedule to stop by and examine many new and bestselling items....

ALA Publishing, June 9

[Building a core print collection for preschoolers](#)

Reading aloud is one of the most influential steps librarians, teachers, parents, and caregivers can take to foster preschoolers' literacy skills. Early exposure to books heavily influences vocabulary knowledge, which in turn improves later reading skills and helps foster lifelong literacy. In [Building a Core Print Collection for Preschoolers](#), Alan R. Bailey highlights more than 300 birth-to-kindergarten titles....

ALA Editions, June 10



[Stand and Deliver](#)

(1988). Math students taught by Jaime Escalante (James Edward Olmos) at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles take the 1982 Advanced Placement Examination in Calculus in the school library.



[Stanley & Iris](#)

(1990). Jane Fonda as recent widow Iris Estelle King takes the illiterate cook Stanley Everett Cox (Robert De Niro) under her wing, teaches him to read, and gets him a library card. Dortha Duckworth is a Waterbury (Conn.) public librarian who shushes the newly literate Cox for reading out loud.



[Stanley's Dragon](#)

(1994, UK). Valerie Minifie is a librarian.

This AL Direct feature describes hundreds of films (and some TV shows) in which libraries and librarians are featured, from 1912 to the present. The full list is a [Web Extra](#) associated with

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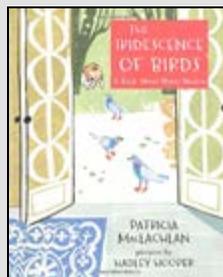
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Booklist ONLINE

Featured review: Biography for youth

MacLachlan, Patricia. *The Iridescence of Birds: A Book about Henri Matisse*. Oct. 2014. Illustrated by Hadley Hooper. Grades K–3. 32p. Roaring Brook/Neal Porter, hardcover (978-1-59643-948-3).

Could an essential, spirited picture book capture the brightness of a childhood that inspired a lifetime of genius? In two long, lyrical sentences, MacLachlan wonders about the early years of Henri Matisse, who grew up in a cold, gray city in northern France and was warmed by the colors of the paints, fabrics, and birds that surrounded him. Posing her thoughts as questions, MacLachlan distills Matisse's first experiences, assembling them in rough detail to communicate their emotional impact, much like the Fauvist master her subject became. Hooper's vivid block-print illustrations vibrate and hum, echoing Matisse's lively sense of dynamic composition and brilliant color. In expansive spreads that fill the pages, she shows us a boy who thrilled to his environs, especially their hues, patterns, and iridescence....



Top 10 biographies for youth

Ilene Cooper writes: "This year's list of biographies introduces artists, scientists, reformers, and one queen. These titles were reviewed in *Booklist* from June 1, 2013, to May 15, 2014." In *Randolph Caldecott: The Man Who Could Not Stop Drawing*, Leonard S. Marcus "does a superb job of summarizing Caldecott's life in this beautifully designed and illustrated tribute to a giant in the world of children's literature."...



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[The Whole Library Handbook 5](#), edited by George M. Eberhart and published by ALA Editions. You can browse the films on our [Libraries on Film Pinterest board](#).



Career Leads from
JobLIST

Collections and Technical Services Administrator

Arlington (Tex.) Public Library. This position is responsible for the functional areas of collection development, acquisitions, cataloging, processing, virtual library services, ILS administration, public computing, and technology planning, as well as being involved in enterprisewide planning and analysis tasks in concert with other members of the leadership team. The desired candidate should be well known for the use of innovative thinking and creative methods and must be action-oriented, as well as open to change and growth. While a broad understanding of

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Las Vegas Update

Outdoor ice cream spots

One of the best things about all of the recent construction on the Vegas Strip is that many of the hotels are adding outdoor components to their restaurants and bars. Sure, the air conditioning inside the hotels and casinos is great if it's 115°, but it's not the only way to beat the heat. Here are four places where you can get a sweet scoop or five of ice cream to *really* cool things down. And don't miss these [al fresco restaurants](#)....

Travel Vegas, May 23, 28



Las Vegas buffet guide

With their numerous dishes, from soups, salads, and seafood, to international affairs, a trip to Las Vegas seems incomplete without visiting an all-you-can-eat buffet. To rate each of these 17 buffets, we utilized a table of 10 categories: food, service, ambience, selection, value, beverages, wait, location/access, price, and an overall rating. Each category is worth 10 points. And don't miss this [how-to guide](#) to buffet etiquette....

Las Vegas Restaurants



The Mob Museum

Lucy Dodsworth writes: "Nowhere in America is the history of the Mob so entwined with a city as it is in Las Vegas. The [Mob Museum](#), 300 Stewart Avenue, takes you from the Prohibition era and the growth of the Mafia, through the city's early days, the turf wars and infighting of the Mob era, to the counterattack by law enforcement agencies.

The tour begins on the building's third floor and works its way down. It has a mix of exhibits, with photos, stories, and artifacts telling the stories of the law enforcement figures as much as the mobsters themselves."...

On the Luce, May 7, 2013



Downtown3rd Farmers Market

The Friday morning (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

[Downtown3rd Farmers Market](#) takes over a repurposed transit terminal next to the Mob Museum. Local producers sell jerky, jams, honey, mushrooms, and more. You've never gnawed on greens from the Moapa Valley, 50 miles north of Vegas? It's your lucky day.

The market showcases local Las Vegas farmers and offers private events, healthy lifestyle classes, art shows, and demonstrations from famous Las Vegas chefs....

Sunset Insider Guides, Mar. 2013



The Flamingo Hotel wildlife habitat

Touted as one of the most beloved attractions in Las Vegas, the Flamingo's Wildlife Habitat is free of charge and open to the public daily. Nestled on the hotel's lush 15-acre grounds, the habitat is stocked with exotic birds, fish, and turtles. A highlight is the Flamingo Island, home to a huge flock of Chilean flamingos. Also



technology is required, this position does not require "hands-on" technology experience. An MLS and three years of prior professional library experience are required....



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Digital Library of the Week



The [Museum of New Zealand](#) (Te Papa Tongarewa) has made 30,000 high-quality, high-resolution images available for free downloading from its Collections Online website as part of its commitment to providing open access licensing to images of the national collections. Some 14,000 images are available under a Creative Commons license CC BY-NC-ND, while 17,000 images are downloadable for any use at all. These images have no known copyright restrictions.

Do you know of a digital library collection that we can mention in this *AL Direct* feature? [Tell us about it.](#)
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on view are ringed teals, sacred ibis, and brown pelicans. While you're there, visit the location of Bugsy Siegel's [original Flamingo Hotel](#), 1946–1993; a memorial is in the garden....

Flamingo Hotel; A Ghost in My Suitcase

[Drink your way through Las Vegas history](#)

LAVO Italian Restaurant, part of the Palazzo Resort Hotel Casino on Las Vegas Boulevard, recently released a "A History of Las Vegas Through Cocktails" menu that features 17 drinks categorized into time periods from 1829 to the present. Each drink gives background on a pivotal moment in Las Vegas history. If that's not to your liking, here is a roundup of [Las Vegas happy hours](#) and the [best drink specials](#) in the city....

McClatchy-Tribune Information Services, June 7; Happy Hour Las Vegas; Vegas Unzipped



[The Barrick Museum](#)

The Barrick Museum is located in the heart of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. For more than 40 years the museum has been a cultural gathering place, offering a wide-range of exhibitions and experiences for you to enjoy. On display during conference will be an exhibition of original photographs by famed actor, director, comedian, singer, and philanthropist Jerry Lewis, and "Private/Public," images of devotion from 19th and early 20th-century Mexico....

UNLV Barrick Museum



[Protect yourself from airplane germs](#)

Diana Rodriguez writes: "Jumping on an airplane and jetting away can get you where you need to go fast, but in the close quarters of a jet cabin, you'll be exposed to every cough and sneeze of your fellow passengers. To avoid arriving at your destination with symptoms of a cold or other illness, follow these tips to reduce your exposure to germs on the plane."...

EverydayHealth.com, Feb. 5, 2009



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Division News

[AASL's first virtual membership meeting](#)

AASL held its first virtual membership meeting on June 8. This annual meeting, formerly a face-to-face event presented during the ALA Annual Conference, provided AASL members with a "state of



Libraries of the Week at the [Love Libraries](#) site, Check out our [Featured Digital Libraries Pinterest board](#).

Noted and Quoted

"The Middletown administration, in one fell swoop, has dumbed down the education of your hard-working students. Having excellent teachers is the start of a good education, but it takes a certified librarian to assist those teachers and students to gain more than what I call a Wal-Mart education."

—Richard Ammon, professor emeritus of education at Penn State Harrisburg, on the Middletown (Pa.) Area School District's decision to cut full-time, certified librarians from its middle and high school, *Middletown (Pa.) Press and Journal*, June 10.

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Calendar

July 10–11:
[European Conference on Social Media](#), University of Brighton, United Kingdom.

July 12–15:
[American Association of Law Libraries](#), Annual Meeting and Conference, San Antonio, Texas.
"Beyond Boundaries."

July 15–17:
[Open Knowledge Festival](#), Berlin, Germany. "Open Minds

the association" update via reports from AASL leadership. Topics included AASL initiatives, programs, recognitions, and financial standing. The meeting was recorded, and all are invited to view the [archive](#) (1:24:34)....

AASL, June 8

[AASL's Senior/Capstone Project survey](#)

Results of a survey undertaken by the AASL Senior Project/Capstone Project Task Force are now available as part of an executive summary detailing the completion of the group's work. The task force was charged with gathering examples of exemplary implementation of student-centered Senior/Capstone Projects that involve school librarians as integral to the information literacy and inquiry process. The results and summary are available online ([PDF file](#))....

AASL, June 10



[RUSA networking and orientation event](#)

RUSA will host [RUSA 101](#), a networking and orientation event for interested, new, and current members on June 27 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas....

RUSA, June 10

[PLA accepting 2015 Annual Conference proposals](#)

PLA is now accepting preconference and program proposals showcasing public library practices and innovations for the 2015 ALA Annual Conference, to be held June 25–30 in San Francisco. Proposals will be accepted [online](#) through 11:59 p.m. Central time on August 15....

PLA, June 10

[New PLA webinar takes on your library's marketing plan](#)

The prospect of writing a marketing plan can instill dread in many a library professional, but a new live, hour-long webinar from PLA can help tackle this daunting task. "[Marketing Plans for the Faint of Heart](#)," on June 23, will offer an instructive look at the steps in a marketing plan that are critical to success and will highlight the differences among marketing, promotion, publicity, outreach, and public relations to enable clear goal setting....

PLA, June 10



[Hot picks for book clubs at Annual](#)

On June 29, United for Libraries will present "[Hot Picks for Book Clubs](#)" during the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Join Ana Castillo (*Give It to Me*), Ann Hood (*An Italian Wife*), Rebecca Rasmussen (*The Bird Sisters*, right), and Julie Lawson Timmer (*Five Days Left*) as they discuss their latest books. Authors will sign their books following the event....

United for Libraries, June 10



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July 22–24:
[Digital Preservation 2014](#), Conference, Washington Marriott Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

July 24:
[Southeast Florida Library Information Network](#), Annual Regional Conference, Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus, North Miami. "Riding a Technology Wave."

Aug. 12–14:
[IFLA Art Libraries Section](#), Satellite Meeting, Paris, France. "Art Libraries meet the challenges of e-publishing: new formats, new players, new solutions."

Aug. 13–14:
[IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section](#), Satellite Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland. "Cultural Heritage in the Digital Era."

Aug. 13–15:
[Pacific Northwest Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Helena, Montana. "Mining the Past to Plan for the Future."

Aug. 20:
[Midwest Youth Services Unconference](#), St. Charles City-County Library District, Spencer Road Branch, St. Peters, Missouri.

Aug. 27–29:
[The Science and Information \(SAI\)](#)

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Booklist 

Awards & Grants

[Laurence Copel wins inaugural Lemony Snicket Prize](#)

Laurence Copel (right), youth outreach librarian and founder of the Lower Ninth Ward Street Library, New Orleans, is the first recipient of the Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced With Adversity. Daniel Handler, also known as Lemony Snicket, will present Copel with the prize on June 29 during the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Known to the children in the Lower Ninth Ward as the "Book Lady," Copel will receive a \$3,000 check, \$1,000 travel expenses, a certificate, and an odd object from Handler's private collection....

Office of ALA Governance, June 9



[LIRT Top Twenty LIS research articles](#)

Two articles from the AASL online research journal, *School Library Research*, have been named 2013 Top Twenty articles by the Library Instruction Round Table. The full list of articles recognized can be found online ([PDF file](#)). LIRT works to include articles from various library settings as well as a mix of both the theoretical and the practical. Final selections are published in the June issue of the *LIRT News*....

AASL, June 9

[2014 Roger K. Summit Scholarship](#)

ProQuest has awarded its 2014 Roger K. Summit Scholarship to Erin Zerhusen (right), an MLIS student at the University of Maryland. The scholarship—named in honor of Dialog founder Roger K. Summit, a pioneer in developing online information retrieval services—received a record number of applicants in 2014. It was presented June 10 at the Special Libraries Association's annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia....

ProQuest, June 9



[2014 Soon To Be Famous Author](#)

The winner of the Illinois Library Association's first Soon to be Famous Illinois Author award is a librarian. Joanne Zienty (right), library media specialist at the Forest School Library in Des Plaines, Illinois, was awarded the honor for her book *The Things We Save* at a ceremony held April 16 at the RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Libraries) headquarters in Burr Ridge, Illinois. The award is the brainchild of library marketing professionals who were inspired after listening to a presentation by NYU Professor David Vinjamuri at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago....

Illinois Library Association



[Best Children's Books of the Year, 2014](#)

The Best Children's Books of the Year, 2014 Edition, includes more than 600 titles chosen by the Bank Street College Children's Book

[Organization](#). Annual Conference, London, United Kingdom. "Give a New Dimension to Your Research and Knowledge."

Sept. 29: [National Federation of Advanced Information Services](#)

Humanities Roundtable 2014, Graduate Center of the City University of New York, New York City. "Digital Humanities and Digital Publishing: Insights and Opportunities."

Oct. 14–16:

[Illinois Library Association](#)

Annual Conference, Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield. "Kickstarting Connections, Creativity, Community."

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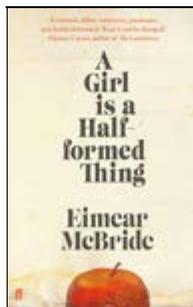
Committee as the best of the best published in 2013. In choosing books for the annual list, committee members consider literary quality and excellence of presentation as well as the potential emotional impact of the books on young readers....

Bank Street College Center for Children's Literature, June 5

[2014 Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction](#)

The winner of the 2014 Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction is first-time Irish novelist Eimear McBride, who impressed the five judges with her debut novel, *A Girl Is a Half-Formed Thing*. It tells the story of a young woman's relationship with her brother and the long shadow cast by his childhood brain tumor. The title will be published in the US by Coffee House Press in September. McBride received the award at a ceremony at the Royal Festival Hall in London on June 5....

Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction, June 5



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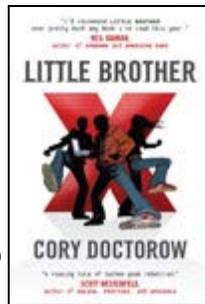


Libraries in the News

[High school principal cancels One School/One Book](#)

Michael J. Roberts, principal of Booker T. Washington High School in Pensacola, Florida, canceled the school's One School/One Book summer reading program rather than letting students go through with the previously approved assignment to read *Little Brother*, a bestselling YA novel by Cory Doctorow, who writes: "The school faculty who worked so hard on this asked for our help fighting back against censorship, so my publisher, Tor, has agreed to send 200 copies to the school." The National Coalition Against Censorship sent a [letter of concern](#) to the principal....

Boing Boing, June 6; National Coalition Against Censorship, June 9



[Oregon school librarians dwindling](#)

Betsy Hammond writes: "Oregon schools, which had 818 full-time librarians in 1980, are down to just 144 full-time-equivalent licensed school library specialists, the Oregon Association of School Libraries [reported](#). The group decried the absence of trained librarians in schools as a change that has harmed students' reading, writing, and research capabilities. Schools are not required to have certified librarians and tend to operate them instead with library aides, volunteers, or teachers who bring their classes to libraries that are no longer staffed at all."...

Portland Oregonian, June 5; Oregon Library Association

[Dallas offers homeless patrons a podcast series](#)



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Rashad Dickerson (right) is a college student, a homeless man, a convicted felon, and now the host of his own podcast devoted to exploring homelessness. The nine-episode series, titled [Street View](#), is produced in the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in downtown Dallas, where the 26-year-old is a frequent visitor and a liaison between the library and its homeless customers. The podcast, put together by AmeriCorps volunteers and library employees, has drawn nearly 5,000 plays and downloads since first airing in March....

Dallas Morning News, June 8



[Google tablets to be loaned at Queens branches](#)

Google tablets, once available only to library customers in neighborhoods damaged by Hurricane Sandy, will soon be featured in Queens (N.Y.) Library branches throughout the system. Anyone with a library card and identification can borrow the tablets, which provide internet access with a Wi-Fi connection. The tablets come preloaded with information on education, health, citizenship, and computer skills training. The library won a New York State [Most Innovative Broadband Project award](#) for the service on June 5, as well as an ALA [Library of the Future Award](#)....

New York Daily News, June 8; New York State Governor, June 5; Office of ALA Governance, Apr. 22



[Reinventing libraries for HoMaGo](#)

Emanuella Grinberg writes: "Collections, staff, and space dedicated to teens have existed in libraries for years. Now, libraries are shifting those resources to developing learning spaces where teens can create content instead of consuming it. The Nashville Public Library and the Chicago Public Library both have creative spaces where teens can hang out, mess around, and geek out (HoMaGo)."...

CNN, June 2



[Nicole Kidman backs Nashville library fundraiser](#)

The Nashville (Tenn.) Public Library wants to raise \$2 million in the next year from its everyday patrons. And backing will come in a big way from actress Nicole Kidman—a superstar Nashvillian who is a regular library user and checks out books with her two daughters and attends storytime events and puppet shows. The Nashville Library Foundation has already raised \$13 million from high-dollar donors for its "Write the Next Chapter" campaign....

Nashville Tennessean, June 10

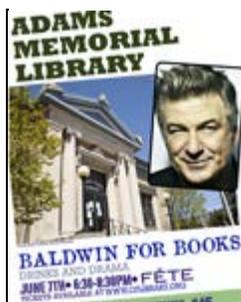


[Alec Baldwin still supports Central Falls](#)

Actor Alec Baldwin, who donated \$15,000 to the Adams Memorial Library in Central Falls, Rhode Island, in 2011 and 2012, stood on the front steps of the small brick building June 7 and accepted the

key to the city from Mayor James DiOSSa. At the special "Baldwin for Books" event, Baldwin spoke about the enduring role of libraries, then headed inside for a VIP reception with Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee and some 100 library supporters who had donated between \$500 and \$5,000 each....

Boston Globe, June 9



[Syracuse gets serious about summer reading](#)

The Syracuse, New York, school district will give a backpack filled with 10 books to every K–5 child so they can keep up with their reading over the summer. That means the district will hand out 92,910 books. Scholastic donated more than \$100,000 in books and backpacks, and the district spent \$276,804 out of its general fund. Scholastic runs the program in many school districts, but this is the first time that Syracuse has participated. Clifford the Big Red Dog helped distribute backpacks to the 1st graders....

Syracuse (N.Y.) Post-Standard, June 4



[Miami-Dade considers bringing libraries to parks](#)

Miami-Dade commissioners endorsed bringing libraries into county park buildings June 9 in an effort to ease the \$20 million budget crunch facing the library system. The plan approved would put an amendment on the November ballot allowing libraries in existing parks buildings. "I don't think you can have libraries in one place with someone saying, 'Shhh, people are doing their homework,' and basketball and Zumba somewhere else," Barbara Falsey, vice president of the Urban Environment League of Greater Miami, told commissioners....

Miami Herald, June 9

[Waterbury staffer charged with stealing money](#)

A payroll manager at the Silas Bronson Library in Waterbury, Connecticut, has been charged with stealing more than \$170,000, about \$100 per day, from the petty cash that comes in from overdue or lost books. Lynette James said she was underpaid and deserved the money police are charging her with stealing. Red flags were raised in May when the city discovered James paid herself more than \$12,000 in unauthorized stipends dating back to 2006....

WFSB-TV, Hartford, Conn., June 10

[Washington State Library reduces hours](#)

In-person service hours at the main Washington State Library (right) in Tumwater will be reduced by four hours a day, effective June 16. The dedicated fund that finances library operations projects a potential shortfall of more than \$1 million, due primarily to an unexpected slump in the number of recording fees collected by county auditors. This is on top of a \$664,000 budget cut that was required at



the beginning of the biennium, following a decade of budget and staff reductions....

Between the Lines, June 9

[North Carolina library starts a community vegetable garden](#)

The Main Library of the Catawba County Library System in Newton, North Carolina, has launched a community vegetable garden to raise food that will help stock the bins at local food banks. Patrons are encouraged to pitch in by helping to work the soil, tend the raised beds, or donate such equipment as rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, or rain barrels. Youth Services Librarian April Green is overseeing the project....

Charlotte (N.C.) Observer, June 7



[Breaking bad in Sarasota County](#)

Police in Sarasota, Florida, have arrested a homeless couple for allegedly making meth on the grounds of the Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Public Library in Venice. The couple, Raymond King and Tiffany Stolz, had material commonly used for cooking meth in their possession. Near the back wall of the library, police found bottles of Coleman Fuel, lithium batteries, tubing, and several bottles of unknown liquids....

WFLA-TV, Tampa, Fla., June 10

[Harvard helps preserve Tibetan literary heritage](#)

Francesca Annicchiarico writes: "Beginning in July, Harvard University Library will upload onto its digital storage system 10 million pages of Tibetan literature that survived China's convulsive Cultural Revolution, the movement between 1966 and 1976 that led to the destruction of countless Chinese and Tibetan literary texts. The project is the result of a partnership between Harvard Library and the Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center, a nonprofit organization based in Harvard Square that has been acquiring, scanning, and digitally preserving Tibetan volumes since its founding in 1999."...

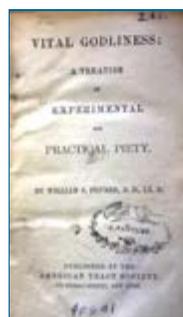
Harvard Magazine, June 6



[Historic books found in Iowa church library](#)

The title of the 1864 book, *Vital Godliness: A Treatise on Experimental and Practical Piety*, wasn't what made it stand out. The author, William S. Plumer, didn't make it incredibly special. It was an older book in the Westminster Presbyterian Church library in Ottumwa, Iowa, but its age wasn't that impressive. When Rev. Jane Martinez, pastor at Westminster, saw the name on the front plate, University of Dubuque founder Rev. Adrian Van Vliet, that's when the interesting journey began....

Ottumwa (Iowa) Courier, June 6



[Russian agents sentenced for Gutenberg Bible theft](#)

A colonel in Russia's Federal Security Service has been jailed for stealing a rare bible by 15th-century German printer Johannes Gutenberg from Moscow State University and trying to sell it for about \$1.15 million, a fraction of its true value. Sergei Vedishchev was sentenced June 5 to 3.5 years in a penal colony, and two other FSB

officers received lesser terms for helping him seek a buyer for the two-volume bible....

Reuters, June 6

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Issues

[A win for fair use](#)

Jennifer Howard writes: "In what legal observers and fair-use advocates called a victory for libraries, a federal appeals court has upheld most of a lower court's 2012 ruling in favor of the HathiTrust Digital Library in a copyright-infringement lawsuit brought by the Authors Guild and other plaintiffs. The US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit ruled ([PDF file](#)) June 10 that HathiTrust's creation of a searchable, full-text database of those works counts as fair use. So does making texts available in different formats for the vision-impaired." The Library Copyright Alliance [applauded](#) the ruling and ALA President Barbara Stripling issued a [statement](#). James Grimmelmann offers some [commentary](#)....

Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus, June 10; Association of Research Libraries, June 10; ALA Office for Information Technology Policy, June 10; The Laboratorium, June 10

[How Bill Gates pulled off the Common Core revolution](#)

Lyndsey Layton writes: "The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation didn't just bankroll the development of what became known as the Common Core State Standards. With more than \$200 million, the foundation also built political support across the country, persuading state governments to make systemic and costly changes. Within just two years after Bill Gates (right) met with two education advocates in Seattle in 2008, 45 states and the District of Columbia had fully adopted the Common Core State Standards."...



Washington Post, June 7

[Congress urged to get surveillance reform right](#)

Adam Eisgrau writes: "As [recently reported](#), the Senate Judiciary Committee is preparing to consider the latest House-passed version of the USA Freedom Act later this month. As that markup nears, ALA and more than 30 other leading national civil liberties and pro-privacy organizations have written a letter ([PDF file](#)) to Majority Leader Harry Reid, Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and to the chairs and most senior minority members of the Senate Judiciary and Intelligence Committees."...

District Dispatch, May 30, June 5

[Library as infrastructure](#)

Shannon Mattern writes: "Melvil Dewey was a one-man Silicon Valley born a century before Steve Jobs. He was the quintessential Industrial Age entrepreneur, but Dewey sold ideas. Thinking about the library as a network of integrated, mutually reinforcing, evolving infrastructures—in particular, architectural, technological, social, epistemological, and ethical infrastructures—can help us better identify what roles we want



our libraries to serve, and what we can reasonably expect of them.”...
Design Observer, June 9

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Tech Talk

[How to use tech like a teenager](#)

Geoffrey A. Fowler writes: “Teens are among the most creative users of technology, in part because they don’t have adults’ assumptions about how things are supposed to work. Believe it or not, there are advantages to using technology like a teen. I asked a handful of 11- to 17-year-olds to tell me what apps and gear they couldn’t live without. They taught me to question my own habits.”...

Wall Street Journal, June 10

[The lost art of doing nothing](#)

Christian Williams writes: “Recently, while eating lunch by myself at a local diner, I realized something that genuinely bothered me: I’m losing the ability to sit and do nothing. We all seem incapable of disconnecting from our phones, even for a 15-minute lunch. It’s entirely possible the most damaging effect of technology’s integration into our daily lives is that it’s replacing something many people have never thought was worth doing—sitting still and simply letting your mind wander.”...

Utne Reader, June 9



[What people are 3D printing](#)

Esther Honig writes: “At the Johnson County (Kans.) Library, the 3D printer is utilized in many ways. Kids make toys, adults practice with the technology to develop their job skills, and inventors create top-secret prototypes of their inventions. Here are some of the things that Maker Space Librarian Meredith Nelson has seen come out of the 3D printer.”...

KCUR-FM, Kansas City, Mo., June 4; YouTube, May 27



[Evernote and Feedly hit by cyberattacks](#)

Samantha Murphy Kelly writes: “Popular note-taking app Evernote and RSS reader Feedly have been hit with major cyberattacks as hackers demanded ransom from the latter site to get it back online. Both Evernote and Feedly, two services that work together, confirmed they suffered distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks, a type of cybercrime that kicks sites offline and is meant to disrupt usage (not steal user data). Feedly [detailed](#) in a blog post that hackers are holding the site up for ransom.”...

Mashable, June 11; Building Feedly, June 11

[How to record streaming audio with Audacity](#)

Amit Agarwal writes: “Would you like to record streaming music from internet radio stations like Pandora or iTunes? Are you looking for a simple way to save the audio from a live webinar that’s playing on your



computer? Or maybe you are trying to capture the background sounds of your favorite video game. All you need is Audacity, a popular audio editing software (freeware), and some common computer cables. The steps are similar for both Windows and Mac computers.”...

Digital Inspiration, June 8

[Want to learn how to write code?](#)

Amit Agarwal writes: “There’s no reason why you shouldn’t know the basics of coding. You can automate tasks, you can program your Excel sheets, improve workflows, you can extract data from websites, and accomplish so much more with code. Gone are the days when you had to enroll in expensive computer training classes; now there exists a plethora of web-based courses that will help you learn programming at your own pace in the comfort of your web browser.”...

Digital Inspiration, June 10

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E-Content

[School library ebook business models](#)

Christopher Harris, Ric Hasenyager, and Carrie Russell write: “Much attention has been paid to library lending, the availability of ebook titles that public libraries can purchase, and the business models associated with ebook



acquisition. When we consider school libraries and ebooks, however, we discover a very different situation—greater access to the ebooks that school libraries collect, a greater variety of business models, and a library/publisher relationship that is more congenial.”...

American Libraries feature

[SmashWords and OverDrive](#)

James LaRue writes: “Librarians need to take sharp notice of the sudden and disruptive trebling of intellectual content: mainstream (which we’ve always focused on), small and independent publishing (which has ramped up its annual title count by four or five times over as many years), and self-published (now more new annual titles than the other two combined). Three methods have emerged for libraries to sample this content and present it to the public.”...



AL: E-Content, June 11

[Amazon-Hachette: Causes, implications](#)

Mike Shatzkin writes: “A great deal has been written about the current tussle between dominant internet retailer Amazon and Hachette Book Group. Although neither side has been particularly explicit about the precise points of contention, both what I read and what I hear tell me that the argument is about adjusting the ebook sales terms that were first hammered out in the doomed initial agency implementation and then modified by a settlement reached under the court’s direction. It reveals an imbalance that only the government can fix.” Calvin Reid [wonders](#) whether Amazon is really the devil....

The Shatzkin Files, June 3; *Publishers Weekly*, June 6

[The best e-reader for Android](#)

Eric Ravenscraft writes: "Reading ebooks on Android used to be just okay. Now it's awesome. While there are plenty of sweet apps for reading books on your phone or tablet, [Play Books](#) has vastly improved over the years to become our number one choice for its cloud sync, excellent research tools, and the ability to upload your own books."...

Lifehacker, June 11



[EU: European libraries can digitize books](#)

European libraries are allowed to digitize books without the consent of the rights holder, the senior advisor to Europe's top court said June 5. The European Copyright Directive does not prevent the digitization of books in a library's collection if those books are made accessible to the public on dedicated terminals, wrote Advocate General Niilo Jääskinen in a formal opinion ([PDF file](#)) to the Court of Justice of the European Union. The directive only permits libraries to digitize individual works, not complete collections, and does not permit downloading by users....

PC World, June 5

[Connecticut's ebook delivery platform](#)

James LaRue writes: "Back in January, the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection published a [report](#) about how the state's public libraries could gain fairer access to ebooks. On June 3, Gov. Dannel P. Malloy signed into law PA 14-82 to accomplish just that. It 'authorizes the State Library to create and maintain a state platform for the distribution of electronic books (ebooks) to public library patrons.' The law goes into effect July 1."...

AL: E-Content, June 5



[What does a digital archivist do?](#)

Jackie Dooley writes: "This post lists the range of duties and responsibilities that I see in ads for digital archivists, half of which were posted by university libraries, and the others by an array of independent research libraries, museums, and government archives. Some indicate responsibility for leadership and coordination, while others clearly are for hands-on, in-the-trenches 'processing archivists.'" And here are the [various skill sets](#) required in those same ads....

hangingtogether.org, June 6, 9



[The Book of Bezos of Amazon](#)

Deb Amlen writes: "There has been a lot of buzz spilled over the purported David vs. Goliath battle between publisher Hachette and sales giant Amazon, as well as how Amazon's sales tactics affect not only the book publishing industry but readers and authors as well. So this week we explain it in the appropriate biblical terms by presenting The Book of Bezos of Amazon."...

Yahoo! Tech, June 6



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Books & Reading

[Slate couldn't be more wrong about YA fiction](#)

Elisabeth Donnelly writes: "Slate, a publication that has been ignoring the swell of good, interesting, arguably literary young adult fiction for years, has run an article by Ruth Graham, '[Against YA.](#)' that makes the claim: 'Adults *should* feel embarrassed about reading literature written for children.'

Frankly, this article paints YA fiction with too wide and too condescending a brush. Despite the fact that YA books have an engaged audience and the potential of sales, the prejudice persists that because it is a 'genre' aimed at 'teens,' teen girls even, it is automatically not worth any critical engagement."...

Flavorwire, June 6; Slate, June 5



[The adult lessons of YA fiction](#)

Julie Beck writes: "According to one line of thinking, books from the perspective of teenagers are distasteful to mature, grown-up palates. Having entered adulthood, we should now exclusively read books aimed at and written by adults. Which is kind of like moving to France and then deciding you'll only read French novels. The best part of a story, for me, has always been watching characters change. And what unites works of YA fiction, whether set on suburban streets or on a spaceship in the future, is how quickly and how dramatically its characters experience change."...

The Atlantic, June 9



[Page to screen: *The Fault in Our Stars*](#)

Katie Shanahan Yu writes: "The much anticipated movie adaptation of 2012 Teens' Top Ten pick *The Fault in our Stars* came out on June 6. This heavily anticipated film has received much media coverage because of the book (and certainly John Green's) large fandom. John Green really gave me hope for this movie, and this film might just be one of the truest adaptations of a book that I've seen in a long time. Tears and sniffles were all around the theater during the last bit of the film."...

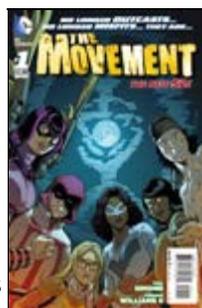
YALSA The Hub, June 9



[Social inequality in comics](#)

Traci Glass writes: "Keep these graphic novels in mind for readers who are interested in or grappling with social inequality or for those just looking for a great comic. Our first book is written by Gail Simone, who is the current writer on Batgirl, and it's set in the world of Metropolis and Gotham City. If you haven't read any of Gail Simone's comics (and start with *Secret Six*, if you do), you are seriously missing out as Gail is just straight up a great writer."...

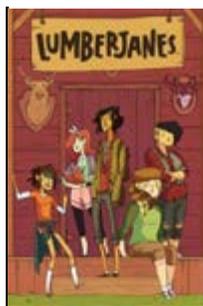
YALSA The Hub, June 6



[Kick-ass female ensembles in graphic novels](#)

Amanda Diehl writes: "With Marvel dominating the box office as of late, there's no shortage on ensemble, male-heavy superhero casts. For those of you suffering from testosterone, crime-fighting overload, I've got the perfect remedy for you! Meet some awesome comic book women who aren't after saving the world and don't need a host of superpowers to kick a little ass."...

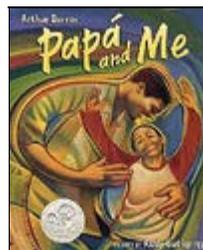
Book Riot, June 9



[Celebrating Father's Day](#)

Debby Gold writes: "As summer rolls around, it is time to celebrate the special men in your life. Father's Day is the perfect time to add a few books to programming about the joy that comes from spending time with an uncle, father, or grandfather. It is also a time to salute your heritage by starting a family tree or making a photo album to honor all those special people in your life. Here are some books that may get your creative juices flowing."...

ALSC Blog, June 8



[Meals from famous literature](#)

Maria Popova writes: "Food and literature have a long and arduous relationship. Nowhere does that relationship come alive more vividly and enchantingly than in *Fictitious Dishes: An Album of Literature's Most Memorable Meals* (Harper Design), an ingenious project by designer and writer Dinah Fried, who cooks, art directs, and photographs meals from nearly two centuries of famous fiction. Each photograph is accompanied by the particular passage in which the recipe appeared."...

Brain Pickings, Apr. 16



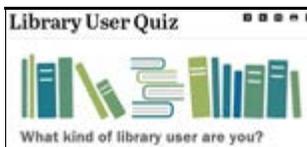
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Tips & Ideas

[What kind of library user are you?](#)

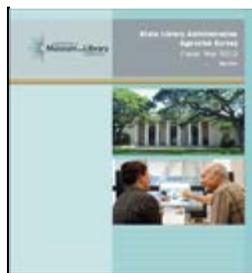
Are you a "Library Lover"? An "Information Omnivore"? Or are you totally "Off the Grid"? Take the Pew Internet Research Center's library engagement quiz to learn how your library habits and attitudes stack up against the general population. This quiz is a condensed version of the questions asked in the Pew Center's nationally representative survey of 6,224 Americans ages 16 and older in September 2013....

Pew Research Internet Project, June 9



[FY2012 State Library Administrative Agency Survey](#)

IMLS has issued the *State Library Administrative Agency (SLAA) Survey for Fiscal Year 2012 Report* ([PDF file](#)), which provides a view of the condition of state library administrative agencies in the 50



states and the District of Columbia. The results show that while SLAAs continue to shape library services in their states, they have faced a period of declining revenues. Revenue from federal, state, and other sources totaled nearly \$1 billion in FY2012, a 27% decrease from FY2003 and a 12% decrease from FY2010....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 10

[The first hybrid bookmobiles](#)

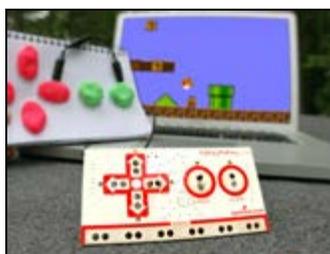
Orty Ortwein writes: "In February 2012, Mendocino County, California, launched America's first hybrid bookmobile (right). Funding came from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and a grant from Air Quality Management. It is a Freightliner diesel/electric vehicle that recharges at each stop and has 50% more the efficiency of the bookmobile it replaced. A few months later, Rochester, Minnesota, followed with a bookmobile powered by a hybrid drive train and generator."...



Bookmobiles: A History, June 8

[Fun with MaKey MaKey](#)

Jaina Lewis writes: "In November 2013, I began a program called Maker Mondays. The favorite activity by far has been the [MaKey MaKey](#). These are invention kits that work like simple Arduinos. Each consists of a simple board and wires with alligator clips. MaKey MaKey allows any conductive material to work in lieu of a computer keyboard. The great thing about this kit is how accessible it is. Students can collaborate to make cool stuff, can learn at their own pace, and can achieve results with minimal technology skills."...



YALSAblog, June 10

[How hosting a controversial program affected my library](#)

Colleen Leddy writes: "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. Perhaps that proverb best illustrates my experience in applying for the *Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys* Bookshelf and *Let's Talk About It* grant cosponsored by ALA and the National Endowment for the Humanities. As director of a very small rural library in the Midwest, I don't like to pass up opportunities for high-quality, inexpensive programs. And of course, I consider the content. But where I naively thought 'opportunity and possibility,' others thought differently."...



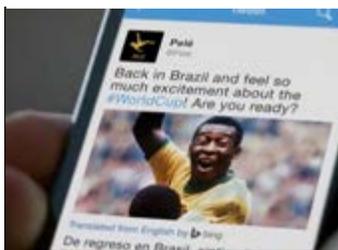
Programming Librarian, June 10

[Follow World Cup 2014 on social media](#)

Sharif Sakr writes: "Like a trio of vuvuzelas, the three big internet platforms became a

significant part of the World Cup's background noise in 2010. They have even more to offer this time around: Not just a multitude of ways to follow scores and other stats, but also places to go if you want to trumpet your opinions and listen to those of others. So, we've rounded up some of the best advice from Twitter, Facebook, and Google on how to get the most out of the new features they're dishing out for Brazil 2014." For World Cup [coverage in the US](#), the four letters you need to know are ESPN. And if you have Google Glass, there is a special [World Cup update](#)....

Engadget, June 11; TechHive, June 11; PC World, June 11



[Popping the shelves at Brisbane Grammar](#)

Joyce Valenza writes: "Pretty much everything I saw during my visit to the libraries at [Brisbane Grammar School](#) in Queensland, Australia, was impressive, especially the passion and creativity of the teacher librarians led by Director of Information Services Cathy Oxley. But in this post I want to share one very simple element—how they've made the book collection pop on and off their traditional shelves."... Never-Ending Search, June 9



[Just in time for Flag Day, June 14](#)

Hat on or off? Right or left hand? What if it gets dirty? These are some typical questions people have about customs and rules surrounding the American flag. No worries. In honor of the 200th anniversary of "The Star-Spangled Banner," the song that became our national anthem, intern Talia Berday-Sacks shares some pointers about proper flag etiquette with objects from the collections of the National Museum of American History....

O Say Can You See? June 10



[Getting started with Minecraft](#)

Jason Fitzpatrick writes: "Minecraft is one of the bestselling video games of all time, but getting started with it can be a bit intimidating, let alone even understanding why it's so popular. We're going to help you get going with the game (or at least understand why your students love it so much). Today we're going to install and set up Minecraft to get you playing and enjoying the game as quickly as possible."...

How-To Geek, June 9



[Must-know statistics about social media and mobile tech](#)

Heather Mansfield writes: "Spring is report season in the nonprofit sector. A slew of [new data](#) is released and this year the emerging theme is that online fundraising is rapidly rising, especially on mobile devices. Nonprofits that have not yet



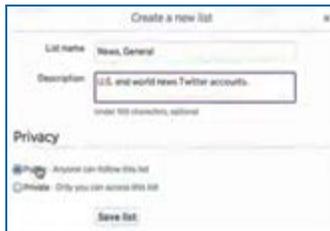
adopted a mobile-first approach to online communications and fundraising can use the new data to help convince executive staff and board that a new [mobile-compatible website](#) should be high on their priority list.”...

Nonprofit Tech for Good, Feb. 25, May 3, June 8

[How to create and use Twitter lists](#)

Jill Duffy writes: “The ability to create Lists in Twitter is a feature that is seriously underutilized. Lists help you organize your Twitter feed so you can see tweets coming from people with specific interests and expertise, or that you might for any reason categorize into a group. Here, I briefly explain how to create and manage Twitter Lists.” Watch the [video](#) (1:11)....

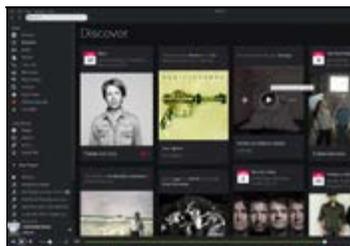
PC Magazine, June 9; YouTube, June 9



[17 Spotify tricks](#)

Evan Dashevsky writes: “Spotify is a magical, minimalist piece of software that beams all the world’s recorded music directly to your computer. For free. But you may not be taking full advantage of what Spotify has to offer. For example, did you know that Spotify supports modifiers that allow you to filter your query of Spotify’s vast reservoir of tunage? And search modifiers are just a taste of what kind of baked-in functionality Spotify has to offer.”...

PC Magazine, June 10



[Thoughts for 2014 MLIS grads](#)

Chloe Horning writes: “When the 2014 cohort of graduates leaves information schools around the country, a handful will find a job that is a great fit, right out of school. A few will never end up working as professional librarians. Most of those students, however, will take a middle path. They won’t find their dream job right away. They will experience bewildering inconsistencies—like being turned down as a part-time page one week and being offered a salaried job the next.”...

ACRLLog, June 5



[Citing your colleagues’ work](#)

Amy Koester writes: “Sometimes, in the midst of all the feel-good energy that comes from the sharing for the benefit of all, we neglect to do that most responsible of librarian duties: cite our sources. Consider this post, then, firstly as a reminder that it is important to cite your colleagues. You can also consider this post a how-to for giving credit where credit is due.”...

Storytime Underground, June 5

[A visit to the National Library of Uzbekistan](#)

David Mao writes: “A few years ago Robert Newlen blogged about the National Library of Uzbekistan (under construction at that time) and his [visit](#) to the construction site of the new library. I recently visited Uzbekistan and



had the opportunity to see the finished product. Officially known as the [National Library of Uzbekistan named after Alisher Navoi](#), the library is modern, heavily used, and demonstrates the Uzbek government's support of libraries and their importance to literacy and education."...
In Custodia Legis: Law Librarians of Congress, June 5

[The last chained libraries](#)

Allison Meier writes: "In the Middle Ages, books were incredibly scarce, and although many wanted to share knowledge with the masses, they didn't quite trust the public. So the chained library was born, and while most of these restrained reading collections have vanished, a rare few still exist, looking much as they did centuries ago. Here are seven of them, in the UK, the Netherlands, and Italy."...
Atlas Obscura, May 8



[Lifelike sculptures intricately carved from recycled books](#)

Jenny Zhang writes: "Although New York-based artist Long-bin Chen's incredibly realistic sculptures appear to be made from stone or marble, the unique busts are actually carved from recycled paper. Chen, who was born and raised in Taiwan, uses discarded materials like books and magazines to carefully sculpt the heads of cultural figures from the East and the West, including Buddhas, Japanese warriors, ancient Greek philosophers, and other great thinkers of the past."...
My Modern Met, June 9



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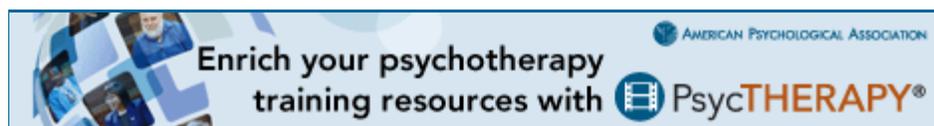
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American Libraries Online

[Libraries stream toward Roku lending](#)

Beverly Goldberg writes: "It's been two years since the Ephrata (Pa.) Public Library began lending Roku devices—digital video players that people plug into their TVs so they can view on a larger screen digitized programming that is archived online (such as PBS content) and on other streaming platforms like Netflix. The lending program has proven wildly popular, Technical Services Manager Laura Brandt told *American Libraries*, even as DVD circulation continues to mushroom."...

American Libraries feature



[Digital resources in school libraries](#)

Roger Rosen writes: "As a publisher of educational materials for students in K–12 schools for more than 34 years, I've collaborated closely with school librarians who deliver content and programming to the populations that we both serve. Close collaboration with librarians informs everything we do, and it is not limited to content creation but also includes impassioned advocacy on behalf of the profession to raise awareness about the vital role that school librarians play in the lives of their students."...

American Libraries feature



[AL Live: Going Beyond Google](#)

Mariam Pera writes: "The June 12 episode of [American Libraries Live](#) tackled the million-dollar question: Why do we need librarians if we have Google? Panelists for "Going Beyond Google" were Joanna Burkhardt, Nikki Krysak, John McCullough, and Beth McDonough. Each addressed the myth that



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Google—or the internet or other search engines—has all the right answers, but also discussed the ways in which Google provides opportunities for librarians and enhances library services.” Watch the full episode [online](#) (1:00:55)....

AL: The Scoop, June 18; YouTube, June 12

[Creating networking bridges](#)

Mariam Pera writes: “In May, ALA’s Office for Diversity and Spectrum Scholarship Program partnered with libraries and graduate schools of library and information science in five cities to present essential information workshops for people interested in graduate education and careers in library and information science as part of the [Knowledge Alliance](#) project. The project is intended to create a diverse network of library colleagues who serve as resources for those interested in pursuing library careers. Here are some insights from the workshop organizers and attendees.”...

AL: The Scoop, June 18



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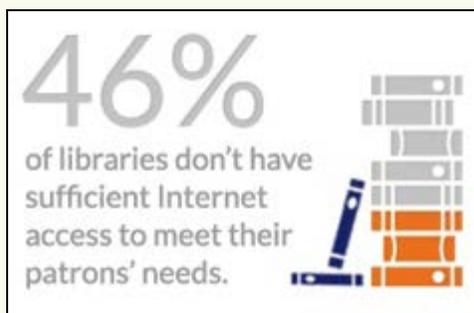
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[Get the latest on Annual Conference](#)

Read the June preview issue of *Cognotes* to get the highlights, updates, and news about Annual Conference—online now, free in print every day once you get to Las Vegas. The [Cognotes interactive edition](#) lets you easily share articles with colleagues, search the exhibitor list, discover events in the exhibit hall, and read about the multitude of programs, sessions, conversations, speakers, authors, social events, award ceremonies, and celebrations. There is also a [mobile version](#), an [accessible version](#), and a [PDF version](#)....

Conference Services



[ALA welcomes open internet bill](#)

ALA is rallying librarians to support the Online Competition and Consumer Choice Act of 2014, a net neutrality bill that would prohibit paid prioritization over the internet. Introduced June 17 by Rep. Doris Matsui (D-Calif.) and Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), the [legislation](#) would [require](#) the FCC to use whatever authority it sees fit to make sure that internet providers do not speed up certain types of content (like Netflix videos) at the expense of others (like email). ALA President Barbara Stripling responded to the introduction of the bill with this statement....

Office for Information Technology Policy, June 17; NPR: All Tech Considered, June 17; *Washington Post*: The Switch, June 17

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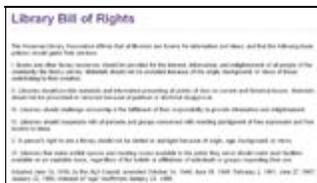
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[75th anniversary of the Library Bill of Rights](#)

Seventy-five years ago at the 1939 ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, ALA Council adopted the original [Library Bill of Rights](#), echoing the spirit of a document from the Des Moines (Iowa) Public Library in 1938. This document, refreshed in 1944, 1948, 1961, 1967, 1980, and 1996, remains the library profession's major policy document on intellectual freedom....
Office for Intellectual Freedom, June 17



[36 participants selected for second Leadership Institute](#)

Thirty-six mid-career librarians have been selected from a highly competitive pool to participate in [Leading to the Future](#), ALA's second four-day immersive leadership development program for future library leaders. The [full list of participants](#) is on the Transforming Libraries website....

Office of ALA Governance, June 17

[Time to reskill](#)

The ALA Committee on Literacy will sponsor a discussion of the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies Survey and its ramifications for libraries on June 28 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. "[Time to Reskill: An Action Plan for Literacy](#)" will provide an overview of the PIAAC survey results as well as a report on the new National Action Plan from the US Department of Education....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, June 17



[Library service to immigrants highlighted at Annual](#)

US Citizenship and Immigration Services will participate in a panel discussion to explore practical ways libraries are assisting immigrants in a session titled, "[Citizenship Programs and Resources at the Library](#)" on June 29 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, June 17



[#DiversityatALA](#)

Hannah Gómez writes: "You are likely aware of the [#WeNeedDiverseBooks](#) movement, which ignited in May in response to BookExpo America's all-white lineup for its first ever Book Con. While the hashtag has died down, the furor, uproar, and excitement certainly have not. Some librarians and authors (myself included) have decided to take a similar effort to Annual Conference."...

YALSA The Hub, May 1, June 16



[People to People delegation to India](#)

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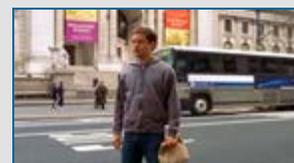
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[Spider-Man](#) (2002). Outside the New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue, Uncle Ben (Cliff Robertson) leaves Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire) to his studies, warning him, "With great power comes great responsibility." Later, Ben gets killed outside the main entrance.

and information services delegation to New Delhi, Jaipur, and Agra, India, November 2–11. As a People to People Citizen Ambassador, you will network with your library and information services peers from India and around the world through vibrant professional exchanges and discussions. The delegation will be led by Nancy M. Bolt, former chair of the ALA International Relations Committee. Email People to People or call (877) 787-2000 for more information....

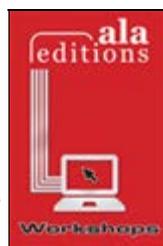
People to People



[What you need to know about graphic novels](#)

ALA Editions will hold a new 90-minute workshop, "[What You Need to Know About Graphic Novels](#)," with David Serchay on September 10. Serchay will help you develop your graphic novel collection by providing a wealth of tips and practical advice about buying, recommending, cataloging, and shelving graphic novels. Registration is available on the ALA Store....

ALA Editions, June 16



[Seven strategies for creating career opportunities](#)

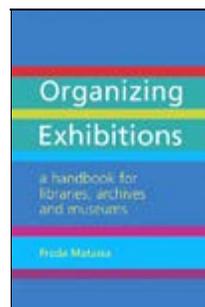
In the August 14 workshop, "[Seven Strategies for Creating Career Opportunities](#)," consultant, professor, and LIS career coach Kim Dority will offer you concrete strategies and solutions for how to create career opportunities for yourself in a field where many are anxious about the future. Registration is available on the ALA Store....

ALA Editions, June 17

[A handbook for organizing exhibitions](#)

Drawing on international museum practice but applicable to any exhibition or display, [Organizing Exhibitions: A Handbook for Libraries, Archives, and Museums](#), by Freda Matassa, offers practical guidance for creating and organizing successful exhibitions. Designed for the first-time exhibition organizer as well as the professional, and a key text for cultural management students, this book sets out a timeline from the initial idea to the final outcome....

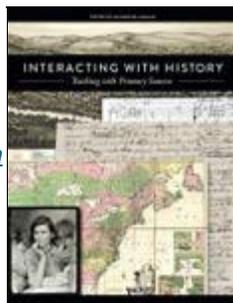
ALA Publishing, June 17



[Using LC as a teaching resource](#)

With nearly 142 million items and one of the largest bodies of high-quality, digitized content available, the Library of Congress is an enormously useful resource for librarians and teachers. [Interacting with History: Teaching with Primary Sources](#), published by ALA Editions, explores the wealth of materials freely available for free from LC. Editor Katharine Lehman and a stellar roundup of contributors offer an up-to-date survey of teacher resources to help educators shake the dust off state-mandated history and literature curricula....

ALA Editions, June 13



[A landmark examination of rare books](#)



[The Spirit of Youth](#)

(1929). Dorothy Sebastian as village librarian Betty Grant falls in love with middleweight boxing champion Jim Kenney (Larry Kent).



[Spiritual Kung Fu \[Quan jing\]](#)

(1978, Hong Kong / Taiwan). Jackie Chan plays Yi-Lang, the class clown in a shaolin temple whose deadliest secret is stolen. All is lost until he discovers the five androgynous white ghosts with bright red hair who haunt the temple library.



[The Spy Who Came in From the Cold](#)

(1965, UK). Claire Bloom plays Nan Perry, a communist working as a librarian at the Institute of Psychical Research. Richard Burton is Alec Leamas, a spy who takes an undercover job as a library assistant. Chief Librarian Miss Crail

[and special collections](#)

From cuneiform, coins, and codices to prints, drawings, photographs, and maps, special collections departments are the premier repositories of significant printed and manuscript works and artifacts. Entrusted with the responsibility of preserving the records of history and culture, these institutions enable access to millions of source materials. [Rare Books and Special Collections](#) offers a landmark examination of this field. Sidney E. Berger presents a meticulous and systematic overview....

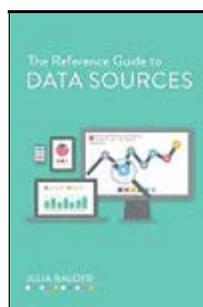
ALA Neal-Schuman, June 17



[A guide to data sources for reference](#)

[The Reference Guide to Data Sources](#) takes the guesswork out of locating the best sources of data, a process more important than ever as the data landscape grows increasingly cluttered. Much of the most frequently used data can be found free online, and this book shows readers how to look for it with the assistance of user-friendly tools. This thoroughly annotated guide by Julia Bauder will be a boon to library staff at public, high school, and academic libraries, as well as other research institutions....

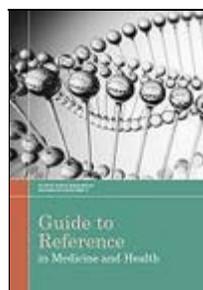
ALA Editions, June 17



[Guide to Reference in Medicine and Health](#)

Drawn from the extensive Guide to Reference database, [Guide to Reference in Medicine and Health](#) is an up-to-date annotated list of print and electronic biomedical and health-related reference sources, including online resources and digital image collections. Edited by Christa Modschiedler and Denise Beaubien Bennett, this book is an important tool for both library staff answering health queries as well as patrons undertaking research....

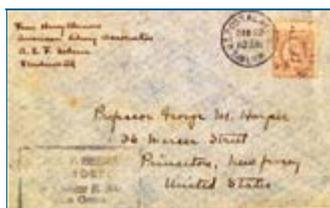
ALA Publishing, June 17



[The ALA War Service in Siberia](#)

Larry Nix writes: "In November 1918, Harry Clemons, professor and librarian at Nanking University in China, was appointed the official ALA representative in Vladivostok to develop library services for American forces in Russia. I have [written previously](#) about his work in Siberia, but recently I became aware of an envelope (right) mailed on December 23, 1918, by Clemons shortly after his arrival in Vladivostok, which may be the only letter in private hands that he mailed as ALA's representative."...

Library History Buff Blog, Dec. 17, 2011; June 18



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(Anne Blake) teaches him the rudiments of cataloging. Michael Ripper is Mr. Lofthouse, Alec's replacement.

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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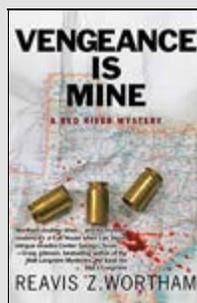
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Featured review: Crime fiction

Wortham, Reavis Z. *Vengeance Is Mine*. July 2014. 336p. Poisoned Pen, hardcover (978-1-4642-0258-2).

Mob enforcer Anthony Agrioli's latest assignment is to rub out some Cuban casino owners in Las Vegas—and their young children. He takes care of the adults without trouble but has some problems killing the kids. He takes it on the lam, beating it out of Vegas before his boss can track him down, but not before hooking up with a beautiful blonde (who will turn out to be a handful of a different sort than he had hoped). Hiding out in Center Springs, Texas, Anthony soon finds out this seemingly peaceful town is like a beacon for violence and corruption....



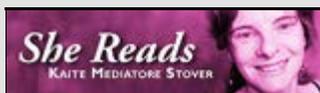
He reads: Sin

David Wright writes: "Avoiding the seven deadly sins seems oddly quaint now. The fashion seems to be to collect them. There needs to be a mobile app or some little wearable gadget devoted to the seven. Some little sin-bit you could attach to your waistband to help keep track of your sinning. A little beeping tone says that you haven't envied anyone in four days, or that over an hour has passed since your last occasion of lust. Until then, here are seven sinful titles to load onto your mobile device, just to remind you."...



She reads: Sin

Kaite Mediatore Stover writes: "Oh, sure. Blame women for the sins of the world. Eve started it, Pandora shared it, and Mildred Pierce made it glamorous. Women don't typically celebrate their faults; we're too busy beating them down with mental cattle prods. But there's something so deliciously indulgent about leaning into our sins, especially in our reading. Let these books loosen your grip on your moral fiber."...



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Las Vegas Update

[Las Vegas Natural History](#)

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Digital Library of the Week



The [Prelinger Archives](#) was founded in 1983 by Rick Prelinger in New York City. Over the next 20 years, it grew into a collection of more than 60,000 advertising, educational, industrial, and amateur films. In 2002, the film collection was acquired by the Library of Congress, Motion Picture, Broadcasting

[Museum](#)

The Las Vegas Natural History Museum, located in the city's Cultural Corridor at 900 Las Vegas Boulevard North, opened in 1991. It offers permanent [exhibits](#) on dinosaurs, American and African wildlife, an aquarium, Egyptian artifacts, and a geology gallery. A special exhibit, "Hatching the Past" (right), explores dinosaur family groups and dinosaur eggs. Its website offers a two-for-one [admission coupon](#)....

Las Vegas Natural History Museum



[Nevada State Museum](#)

The Nevada State Museum, located at the Las Vegas Springs Preserve, houses items from the development of the city as well as the natural history of the area. Across a 13,000-square-foot permanent exhibit gallery, visitors will find out how geology shaped the Great Basin and Nevada, learn of the early flora and fauna that roamed this once great sea, and hear the story of Native Americans, early settlers, miners, railroaders, ranchers, and entrepreneurs. A special exhibit on "[150 Years of Communication in Nevada](#)" opened in May....

Nevada State Museum



[Las Vegas implosions](#)

Vegas.com has compiled a list of the most significant property implosions of the recent past and the stories surrounding them. For example, the Landmark Hotel and Casino's explosive demolition (right) in November 1995 will forever be immortalized as the Martian-destroyed Galaxy Hotel in Tim Burton's *Mars Attacks!* The hotel starred in a few other movies prior to its implosion, most notably *Diamonds Are Forever* and *Casino*....
Vegas.com



[11 over-the-top burgers](#)

E. C. Gladstone writes: "Whether it gets the credit or not, Las Vegas has led America in the fussy-fancy burger trend, dating back to Michelin-starred chef Hubert Keller's Burger Bar in 2004, if not earlier. With the appearance of original fancy burger garçon Daniel Boulud at the Venetian in May, and the arrival of a Shake Shack at New York–New York Hotel and Casino later this year, the beef stampede shows no signs of letting up."...

Bon Appétit, May 13



[Best doughnuts in Las Vegas](#)

Grace Bascos writes: "Fried dough covered with sugar is good every day (for some people), but since today happens to be dedicated to doughnuts, we thought you should treat yourself to a little something special besides your usual at Dunkin' Donuts or Krispy Kreme. Channel your inner Homer Simpson and check out these spots for our favorite sweet treats around Las Vegas."...



and Recorded Sound Division. The archives remains in existence, holding approximately 5,000 digitized and videotape titles (all originally derived from film) and a large collection of home movies, and amateur and industrial films acquired since 2002. Its goal remains to collect, preserve, and facilitate access to films of historic significance that haven't been collected elsewhere. Getty Images represents the collection for stock footage sale, but some 2,800 key titles (now in the process of increasing to 5,000) are available through the Internet Archive.

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

Noted and Quoted

"A library is a place that is a repository of information and gives every citizen equal access to it. That includes health information. And mental health information. It's a community space. It's a place of safety, a haven from the world. It's a place with librarians in it. What the libraries of the future will be like is something we

USA Today: Travel, June 6

[Yes, a few bookstores](#)

Although it may not have as many as other cities, Las Vegas does have some bookstores worth visiting. [Bauman Rare Books](#), at the Shoppes in the Palazzo, is open 12 hours a day, seven days a week. The [Sci Fi Center](#) is farther away at 600 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 13. [Cosmic Comics](#) at 3830 East Flamingo Road, Suite F-2, has a huge selection of comics....

Yahoo! Local



[The Neon Museum and Neon Boneyard](#)

The Neon Museum, 770 Las Vegas Boulevard North, where Sin City's [most iconic signs](#) go to retire, has begun aiming more than 100 multicolored spotlights at its outdoor collection of 150 signs. It's also extended its [guided tour](#) hours to the evening, and a handful of signs have been fully restored with new bulbs. Each of the nearly 150 signs in the museum's [Neon Boneyard](#) collection offers a unique story about the personalities who created it, what inspired it, where and when it was made, and the role it played in Las Vegas' distinctive history. More pix [here](#)....

Neon Museum; *New Zealand Herald*, May 14; *Miss 604*, May 6; *Thrillist*, Mar. 27



[The UNLV Center for Gaming Research](#)

The Center for Gaming Research, inside the University of Nevada, Las Vegas's Lied Library, provides support for scholarly inquiry into all aspects of gambling, including the business of gaming, its economic and social impacts, and its historical and cultural manifestations. The center issues [reports](#) on gaming data at local, statewide, and national levels. It also hosts a "[Neon Survey](#)" online exhibition with images and facts about Las Vegas neon signage....

UNLV Center for Gaming Research



[Staying fit](#)

Stefanie Bailey writes: "One of the most difficult aspects of traveling is trying to maintain your normal health and fitness routine while you're away from home. Staying in a hotel and eating out at every meal can be fun but can also deter you from exercising and eating healthy. For those of you who want to squeeze in a workout session or try a new fitness activity while in Vegas, this post is for you."...

YALSAblog, June 16



[For librarian daredevils: Vegas on the edge](#)

You think you're big-time? Prove it. Anyone over a certain height can ride a roller coaster, but it takes a real man or woman to [swim with sharks](#), [fly like an eagle](#), ride the [Desperado's Turbo Drop](#), free-fall on the [Skyjump](#) at the Stratosphere, or race like a NASCAR pro at the



should be imagining now. . . . Libraries really are the gates to the future."

—Author Neil Gaiman, "[Why Our Future Depends on Libraries, Reading, and Daydreaming](#)," *The Guardian*, Oct. 15, 2013.

@ [More quotes...](#)

Calendar

July 12–15: [American Association of Law Libraries](#),

Annual Meeting and Conference, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio. "Beyond Boundaries."

Aug. 13–15: [Pacific Northwest Library Association](#),

Annual Conference, Great Northern Hotel, Helena, Montana. "Mining the Past to Plan for the Future."

Sept. 5–7: [Society of Indexers](#),

Annual Indexence, Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, United Kingdom. "Tesseræ to Tablets."

Sept. 17–20: [North Dakota Library Association](#),

Annual Conference, Ramada Inn, Bismarck.

Sept. 28– Oct. 1: [Pennsylvania Library Association](#),

Annual Conference, Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, Lancaster.

Sept. 30– Oct. 3:

[Richard Petty Rookie Driving Experience](#) at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway....

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority

[Legal tips for your Las Vegas trip](#)

Jenny Tsay writes: "People visit Sin City to get a little wild and maybe win some extra cash. But if you aren't careful, your Las Vegas vacation could lead to legal trouble. Here are our top five legal tips to remember when you're visiting Vegas."...

FindLaw, Apr. 4

[McCarran Airport](#)

Group [shuttles](#) are an economical way to get from [McCarran International Airport](#) to most major hotels. While en route, shuttles make multiple stops at locations along the way, so relax and enjoy the spectacular view. The airport recently opened a [Medical Clinic and Pharmacy](#) that is staffed by a doctor who can provide remedies from flu shots and hangover cures to replacing a prescription if one was left behind. And if you are [stranded](#), you can always shoot a [video](#) like Richard Dunn did (5:20)....

McCarran Airport; TheCelebrityCafe.com, June 8; *Las Vegas Weekly*, June 10; Vimeo, June



[Beware the taxicabs](#)

"We conservatively estimate airport passengers were overcharged \$14.8 million in 2012," reads an audit report on taxi services in Las Vegas. The biggest scam: long hauling, or taxi-speak for deliberately taking an indirect route. The audit found that long hauling occurred on 22.5% of taxi rides from the city's McCarran Airport. Another surprise for passengers, although it's perfectly legal: a \$3 surcharge if you pay your taxi fare with a credit card....

Forbes, May 1, 2013



[Three airlines reduce carry-on luggage dimensions](#)

Mary Forgione writes: "Three airlines recently downsized their acceptable dimensions for a carry-on bag, catching one travel pro by surprise and sending up a warning flag for others who might be caught unaware. [American](#), [Delta](#), and [United](#) airlines recently altered carry-on sizes to a maximum of 22 inches long, 14 inches wide, and 9 inches high. Not all airlines hew to the new size limits. [JetBlue](#) and [Southwest](#), for example, allow bigger bags that measure at most 24 inches long, 16 inches wide, and 10 inches high."...

Los Angeles Times, June 12



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[Australian Society of Archivists/Archives and Records Association of New Zealand](#), Joint Annual Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand. "Connecting: Past, Present and Future."

Oct. 5-7: [Arkansas Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Embassy Suites and The Austin Hotel, Hot Springs.

Oct. 8-10: [West Virginia Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Snowshoe Mountain Resort, Snowshoe.

Nov. 4-7: [Wisconsin Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells.

Dec. 5-6: [Hawai'i Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Kahala Hotel and Resort, Honolulu. "Advocacy at Your Library: Opportunities, Challenges, and Innovations."

Dec. 2-4: [Pacific Rim Digital Library Alliance](#), Annual Meeting, University of Macau, China. "Revealing the Hidden: The Collections of the Pacific Rim."

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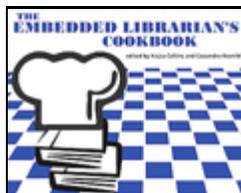
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Division News

[The Embedded Librarian's Cookbook](#)

[The Embedded Librarian's Cookbook](#) offers step-by-step guidelines for implementing tested approaches to embedded librarianship. Following the popular format of ACRL's 2009 release *The Library Instruction Cookbook*, the book, edited by Kaijsa Calkins and Cassandra Kvenild, features 55 "recipes" sorted into categories related to working with a variety of instructional situations, audiences, and levels of engagement. *The Embedded Librarian's Cookbook* provides librarians with a smorgasbord of approaches to embedding instruction and assessing these activities....

ACRL, June 17



[Great Websites for Kids grows](#)

ALSC has added more sites to Great Websites for Kids, its online resource containing hundreds of links to exceptional websites for children. Great Web Sites for Kids features links to high-quality websites of interest to children 14 years of age and younger, organized into diverse subject headings....

ALSC, June 17



[Hot books from small press](#)

United for Libraries will present "[Hot Books from Small Press](#)" on June 29 at the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Join Robert Dawson (*The Public Library: A Photographic Essay*), Adele Griffin (*The Unfinished Life of Addison Stone*), and Russ Kick (right, *The Graphic Canon of Children's Literature*) as they discuss their latest books. Authors will sign their books following the event....

United for Libraries, June 17



[Programs for Friends, trustees, and foundations](#)

United for Libraries will host "[Nuts and Bolts for Friends, Trustees, and Foundations](#)" on June 27 at the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. It will feature Jan Masaoka and Robert Karatsu. United for Libraries will host several other programs and discussion groups....

United for Libraries, June 17

[Martin and Roberts join AASL Fall Forum](#)

Ann M. Martin and Kathleen R. Roberts, leaders in the school library profession, will join educator David Warlick as presenters at the [AASL 2014 Fall Forum](#). Taking place October 17–18, "School Librarians in the Anytime Anywhere Learning Landscape" will convene in St. Louis and be broadcast to nine satellite sites across the country....

AASL, June 13



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Awards & Grants

[Inaugural Roald Dahl Miss Honey Social Justice Award](#)

School librarian Betsy Lobmeyer has won AASL's inaugural Roald Dahl Miss Honey Social Justice Award for her project "Charlie's Ever Warming Blankets" Children in Poverty. Students at Plymell Elementary School in Garden City, Kansas, voted to make blankets for children of jailed women in Ecuador. Sponsored by Penguin Random House, the award recognizes collaboration between school librarians and teachers in the instruction of social justice using school library resources. Lobmeyer will receive \$2,000 and up to \$1,000 in reimbursement for travel to the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas....

AASL, June 17



[2014 Talk Story Grant winners](#)

The American Indian Library Association and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association, supported by Toyota Financial Services, have awarded \$600 grants to 10 libraries and community organizations to host "Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture Programming." A literacy program that celebrates and explores stories through books, oral traditions, and art, "Talk Story" reaches out to Asian Pacific American and American Indian/Alaska Native children and their families....

Talk Story, June 16



[Tribal library receives Institutional Excellence Award](#)

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Library (right) in Blyn, Washington, was awarded the 2014 Library Institutional Excellence Award by the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums. Included in the recognition were Tribal Planning Director Leanne Jenkins and her library staff. ATALM commended the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe for bringing its library services into the 21st century, offering opportunities for digital access to treasured tribal collections, and providing a state-of-the-art library....

Between the Lines, June 11



[2014 RWA Librarian of the Year](#)

The RWA Librarian of the Year Award is presented by the Romance Writers of America to a librarian who demonstrates outstanding support of romance authors and the romance genre. This year, the award went to Sean Gilmartin, teen librarian at the Anythink Library in Thornton, Colorado. He is in the process of writing his own romance novel. In this [interview](#) in *USA Today*, Gilmartin says that he loves promoting the romance genre in person and in booklists....



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Romance Writers of America; *USA Today*, June 16

[Apply for a Paul Evan Peters Fellowship](#)

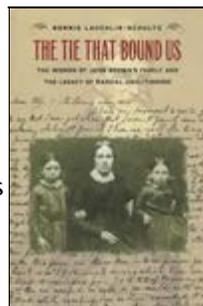
The Paul Evan Peters Fellowship—sponsored by the Coalition for Networked Information, the Association of Research Libraries, and Educause—was established to honor and perpetuate the memory of CNI's founding executive director. It is awarded every two years to students pursuing graduate studies in librarianship or the information sciences. Two fellowships will be awarded in 2014. The deadline to [apply](#) is June 24....

Association of Research Libraries, June 15

[2014 Kansas Notable Books](#)

The State Library of Kansas has announced 15 books featuring quality titles with wide public appeal, either written by Kansans or about a Kansas-related topic. The Kansas Notable Book List highlights the state's lively contemporary writing community and encourages readers to enjoy some of its best writing. An awards ceremony will be held at the Kansas Book Festival on September 13 to recognize the talented Notable Book authors....

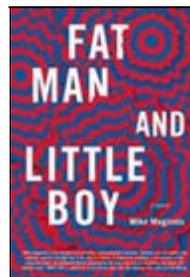
State Library of Kansas, June 17



[2014 Horatio Nelson Fiction Prize](#)

Mike Meginnis has won the inaugural Horatio Nelson Fiction Prize for his debut novel *Fat Man and Little Boy*. As the winner he earns a \$5,000 cash prize, as well as a book deal with Black Balloon Publishing. The new prize from Black Balloon Publishing is aimed at honoring books that invoke the spirit of Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson, "a one-eyed, one-armed lunatic genius who never gave up."...

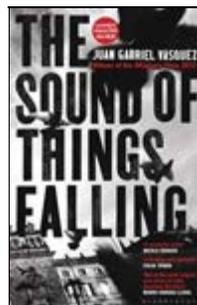
GalleyCat, June 13



[2014 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award](#)

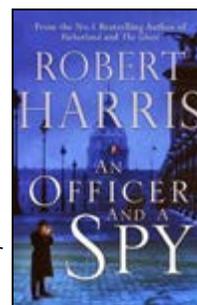
The Sound of Things Falling, by Colombian author Juan Gabriel Vásquez and translated from the Spanish by Canadian Anne McLean, is the winner of the 2014 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. The €100,000 (\$135,700 US) prize, organized by Dublin City Council, is the world's largest prize for a single novel published in English. The winning novel, set during the era of Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar, was chosen from a total of 152 titles that were nominated by 150 libraries in 39 countries. The novel was nominated by Biblioteca Cosío Daniel Villegas in Mexico City....

International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award



[2014 Walter Scott Prize](#)

Robert Harris's *An Officer and a Spy* (Arrow), a recreation of one of the most infamous miscarriages of justice in modern history, the conviction of Jewish officer Alfred Dreyfus for treason in Paris in 1895, was announced as the winner of the 2014 Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction at the Borders Book Festival in Melrose on June 13. Now in its fifth year, the Walter Scott prize honors Scott's achievements as one of the world's most influential novelists....



The Guardian (UK), June 13

[2014 Tower Hamlets reading lists](#)

The 2014 Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service annual book lists were released in mid-June. These two lists are chosen by the library staff and students of Tower Hamlets Schools in London: a [must-read list](#) aimed at preteen students (9–11 years old), and a [teen list](#). Both contain a selection of 40 exciting new fiction titles published in the last year that cover a diverse range of subjects, genres, authors, and interests....



Tower Hamlets Schools

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Get the inside scoop on pressing library topics.

Libraries in the News

[White House Maker Faire](#)

To celebrate America's students and entrepreneurs who are inventing the future with new technologies and techniques, President Obama hosted the first-ever White House Maker Faire on June 18. The event featured Makers, innovators, and entrepreneurs of all ages who are using cutting-edge tools to bring their ideas to life. The president has proclaimed June 18 as a National Day of Making. Among the guests was [IMLS Director Susan H. Hildreth](#), who represented the many libraries and museums around the country engaged in the Maker movement....



White House Maker Faire, June 18; Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 18

[Sacramento libraries plan to boost services](#)

For the first time in years, the Sacramento (Calif.) Public Library isn't trying to figure out how to do more with less. Voters earlier in June affirmed their support for public libraries by approving Measure B, a \$12 annual tax on single-family homes in the city. The measure's passage will provide city libraries with \$1.9 million in additional funding for library staffing, operating hours, materials, and technology. SPL Director Rivkah Sass (above) hopes to expand the library's digital services, which now include 3D printers and computers equipped with Photoshop software....



Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, June 16

[Former librarian bequeaths \\$2.2 million to SUNY Albany libraries](#)

The University at Albany, New York, has received a \$2.2 million gift from the estate of the late Alice Hastings Murphy (right) to benefit its libraries. The bequest is one of the largest gifts from an individual



in the university's history and the largest in support of the university libraries. Hastings Murphy was the first person to hold the position of director of university libraries, retiring in 1970. The university will name the library's Preservation Laboratory in honor of Hastings Murphy's gift....

University at Albany, June 5

[Man with gun at Kalamazoo library](#)

An incident involving a man carrying a gun at the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Public Library's Summer Reading Party (right) shows the need to add libraries to the list of gun-free zones in Michigan, said Library Director Ann Rohrbaugh. But a spokesman for Michigan Open Carry says the library owes the man an apology.



Rohrbaugh said the man had a handgun in a holster at the June 8 event in the parking lot of the downtown library. When approached by library staff, "he told us that he carries a gun to protect his young daughter," Rohrbaugh said....

Kalamazoo (Mich.) Gazette, June 17

[Rose Reading Room closes for six months](#)

The New York Public Library's Rose Main Reading Room will remain closed for the next six months for inspection and repairs after a plaster rosette fell from its ceiling on May 29 (right). The reading room is the jewel of the library's flagship Fifth Avenue building, which draws 2.3 million visits a year. The room's 52-foot-tall ceilings are adorned with painted clouds and other decorations molded in plaster. NYPL will conduct a "full-scale inspection" of the ceilings in both the reading room and the catalog room....



Wall Street Journal, June 16

[Schomburg establishes center to study the slave trade](#)

New York Public Library's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture is establishing a major center for the analysis of the transatlantic slave trade, the only such center based in a public research library. Expected to open in January 2015, it will be called the Lapidus Center for the Historical Analysis of Trans-Atlantic Slavery and endowed with a \$2.5 million gift from Ruth and Sid Lapidus. The gift includes about 400 rare books and other printed material about the slave trade....



New York Times, June 12

[Romare Bearden murals move to Hartford Public Library](#)

Two abstract murals commissioned by Hartford, Connecticut, three decades ago will get the

display and respect usually accorded works of public art. The Hartford Public Library has agreed to exhibit the murals by Harlem Renaissance painter Romare Bearden (1911–1988) in its main branch beginning in mid-July, after the collages are removed from the city's XL Center, where they have hung in relative obscurity since the late 1980s and required the price of a ticket for viewing....

Hartford (Conn.) Courant, June 13



[LC names Charles Wright new US poet laureate](#)

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington has appointed Charles Wright (right) the library's 20th [Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry](#) for 2014–2015. Wright will open the library's annual literary season with a reading of his work at the Coolidge Auditorium on September 25. He is the author of 24 collections of poems, the most recent of which is *Caribou* (2014). Wright taught for many years at the University of Virginia, where he was the Souder Family Professor of English....

Library of Congress, June 12; From the Catbird Seat, June 13



[Atari party at Sunnyvale Library](#)

Add a new category of folks who enjoy an occasional but precious trip into the past: Atari aficionados. More than 100 of them—including many who fondly remember playing Atari video games as kids in the 1970s or 1980s on the company's original, ground-breaking consoles—flocked June 14 to an Atari party at Sunnyvale (Calif.) Public Library. The event also featured two speakers—former Atari engineer Dan Kramer, who championed the creation of the Trak-Ball controllers for the Atari 2600, and Pong creator Al Alcorn (above)....

San José (Calif.) Mercury-News, June 14



[Librarians return to Winchester](#)

It took a decade, but full-time librarians have finally returned to each of the elementary schools in Winchester, Massachusetts. Faced with tight budgets, the School Committee had cut the district's five library resource managers at the start of the 2004–2005 school year. Parent volunteers opted to keep them open with the help of 20 to 30 parents at each school. Since then, librarians have been slowly returning to the schools....

Winchester (Mass.) Star, June 16

[Idaho school libraries try to stop summer slide](#)

Six school libraries in Idaho are staying open during summer break, thanks to an innovative pilot project the Idaho Commission for Libraries is undertaking. Schools in Coeur d'Alene, Plummer, Meridian, Jerome, Burley, and Caldwell are remaining open two days per week to help stop the "summer slide" that occurs when young minds sit idle for three months. Boise State University Literacy



Professor Roger Stewart (above) is researching whether opening school libraries over the summer can maintain or increase youth literacy skills....

Spokane (Wash.) Spokesman-Review, June 12

[Grand jury: Mendocino County owes library \\$1.2 million](#)

Mendocino County, California, may owe its library more than \$1.2 million because the county librarian's salary was improperly paid out of the library's budget for 15 years rather than out of the county general fund, according to a report released recently by a Mendocino County grand jury. The library's budget paid an estimated \$1,280,00 between 1998 and 2013 for the county librarian's salary and benefits, which is against the law, according to the grand jury....

Ukiah (Calif.) Daily Journal, June 16



[Director sues over disability discrimination](#)

The director of the Ansonia (Conn.) Library (right) is suing the city over what she calls unfair treatment because of a physical disability. Joyce Ceccarelli, who has been employed as library director since 1995, has filed a federal lawsuit under the Americans with Disabilities Act seeking unspecified damages. She suffers from multiple sclerosis. Although in 1999 the city granted her "reasonable accommodation" to perform her job, Ceccarelli claims the city told her in 2012 that "she was no longer permitted to work an altered work schedule."...

New Haven (Conn.) Register, June 13



[Woman arrested for soliciting in Tewksbury library](#)

A 20-year-old woman was charged with offering to perform sex acts at the Tewksbury (Mass.) Public Library on June 10. Brittany Macintyre was arrested after she allegedly offered her services as a prostitute to an undercover detective who had been alerted by a library patron. Macintyre and the police officer exchanged written notes as they negotiated the transaction. Library workers said they were shocked to hear what was taking place inside....

WCBV-TV, Boston, June 11

[Yale acquires Sackville-West papers](#)

Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library has acquired the papers of Vita Sackville-West (right) and Harold Nicolson, prominent figures in English arts and letters in the 20th century whose complex relationship was intimately recounted in the 1973 biography, *Portrait of a Marriage*. Sackville-West, an accomplished writer and gardener, is best known for her novels, poetry, and gardening books. Nicolson is remembered as a diplomat, novelist, and historian....

Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, June 14



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Issues

[Supreme Court delivers key free-speech victory](#)

On June 16, the Supreme Court, in a unanimous 9–0 ruling for [Susan B. Anthony List v. Driehaus](#), upheld the right of people and organizations to preemptively challenge a law that infringes on First Amendment rights. The decision represents a key victory for free speech. The central issue of the case was the right to bring “pre-enforcement” challenges to potentially unconstitutional laws....

Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, June 18

[Time to retire the “digital divide”?](#)

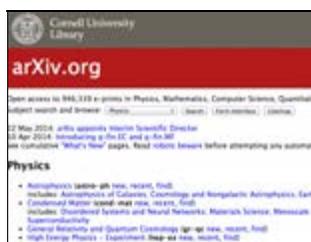
Margaret Kavaras writes: “On June 17, prominent researcher John Horrigan proposed a new take on what many have referred to as ‘digital literacy’ as part of a new report released at the Information and Technology Innovation Foundation. *Digital Readiness* ([PDF file](#)) shares findings from a 2013 national survey and questions the logic of the typical framing and focus on the digital divide.” A panel of experts weighed in on the report; the full discussion is on [video](#) (1:27:00)....

District Dispatch, June 17; YouTube, June 17

[Does the scientific journal have a future?](#)

Bonnie Swoger writes: “This summer, scholars will use the break from teaching to submit manuscripts, review papers, and develop new ideas. But even as the major functions of scholarly publishing march on, scholars, publishers, and librarians start to ask, ‘What does the future of the scholarly journal look like?’ Perhaps we should be asking a different question. Perhaps we should be asking, ‘Does the scholarly journal have a future?’”...

Scientific American: Information Culture, June 18



[Engaging girls in STEM](#)

C. M. Rubin writes: “In Finland (unlike the United States), the math and science achievements of girls and boys, as tracked by national and international measurements, are very even. Pasi Sahlberg (right), one of Finland’s visionary educators, said that strategies have included ‘making sure that curricula and textbooks are gender-neutral.’ In Finland, students do not take any standardized tests until the end of their high school education. Sahlberg believes that this allows for more focus on project-based creative learning versus simply remembering facts.”...

Huffington Post Blog, June 12



[How your phone lets others listen in](#)

Sean Gallagher writes: “For every data leak that has been plugged by the major websites, another springs up on mobile. Mobile devices are the ones that face the greatest risk of surveillance and attack—not so much from the National Security Agency, but from companies and criminals looking to track and target individuals on a smaller scale. Depending on how a public Wi-Fi network is configured, anyone connected to it could collect the same sort of data based on your internet traffic.”...

Ars Technica: Risk Assessment, June 13

[Five myths about net neutrality](#)

Nancy Scola writes: “It’s not you. Net neutrality is confusing. As broadband internet has replaced dial-up in the United States, the FCC

has struggled to come up with rules to make sure high-speed internet service providers adhere to the principle of 'neutrality.' Fans and foes of net neutrality both say that if they don't get their way, the internet will be ruined. But will it?"...

Washington Post, June 12

[The library isn't flat](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "Something a faculty member said a few weeks ago when we were discussing threshold concepts may have actually been a threshold concept for me. These are the ones that are troublesome, irreversible, integrative, and transformative. They may disturb the way you think about the world, but can also profoundly change the way you think about the world. This new insight may not seem all that profound, but it put a burr under my intellectual saddle. She said that Google seems to flatten knowledge."...

Insider Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, June 12

[Copyright decision-making flowchart](#)

Nancy Sims writes: "On June 12, a new [infographic](#) on copyright decision-making for teachers started making the rounds in my social media spheres. Because several people asked my opinion of it, I thought it'd be worthwhile to post a review. I wanted to both praise the good parts, and highlight the parts that make me believe it should not be shared in its current form."...

Copyright Librarian, June 13



[Can I sell my iPod?](#)

Abby Lull writes: "At present, digital ownership and copyright is a complicated issue, a fact made clear during an educational briefing hosted by the Congressional Internet Caucus Advisory Committee on June 13. The panel included industry representatives Sandra Aistars of the Copyright Alliance and Keith Kupferschmid of the Software and Information Industry Association. Their stance was that the first-sale doctrine only applies to tangible goods, and any changes in the copyright law to reflect a 'digital first sale' were unwarranted."...

District Dispatch, June 17

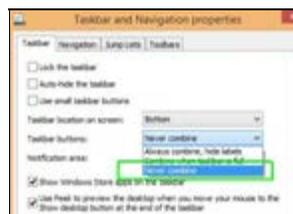
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Tech Talk

[Out-of-the-box laptop tips](#)

Avram Piltch writes: "You pull your brand-new notebook out of its packaging and plug it in for the first time. Then you go through the Windows setup, and you're all done, right? Not really. Your laptop is not really ready—or truly yours—until you do some tweaking. Here are 10 things you should do with your new system."...

Laptop, June 13



[EBSCO adds metadata sharing to 50 more databases](#)

EBSCO has increased the number of databases that are included in its policy for metadata sharing and technology collaboration partnerships with discover vendors. The company now makes all metadata (and full text when contractually allowed) available for a new total of 179 full-

text databases, as well as all 74 full-text historical digital archives and all 550,000+ EBSCO eBooks....

EBSCO, June 16

[The CreoPop: A versatile 3D pen](#)

Signe Brewster writes: "The CreoPop is a new 3D printer pen that debuted on Indiegogo on June 17. It is a totally quiet device that works with ink that is cool to the touch, making it more friendly for use by children. The pen is based on a rival 3D printing technology known as stereolithography. It puts out a light-sensitive goop, which is then hardened by a UV light attached to the pen's front. Other 3D printing pens melt plastic that hardens as it cools, producing a lot of noise and, at times, fumes."...

GigaOM, June 17



[How to anonymize everything you do](#)

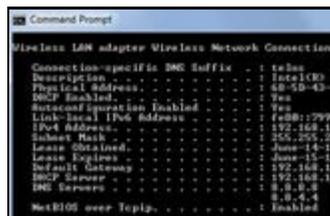
Andy Greenberg writes: "Cryptography has shifted from an obscure branch of computer science to an almost mainstream notion: It's possible, user privacy groups and a growing industry of crypto-focused companies tell us, to encrypt everything from emails to IMs. Mere encryption hides content, but not who's communicating. Use cryptographic anonymity tools to hide your identity, on the other hand, and network eavesdroppers may not even know where to find your communications."...

Wired: Threat Level, June 17

[22 common network jargon names explained](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "Computer networking is filled with jargon that isn't self-explanatory. Here's a quick overview of many of the terms you'll see when you glance at the network status information on any device. We're definitely simplifying things a bit here—this isn't an in-depth look at any one term."...

How-To Geek, June 16



[The best mobile hotspots](#)

Eugene Kim and Alex Colon write: "Looking to get online anytime, anywhere? Mobile hotspots are a great one-size-fits-all solution because they let you connect laptops, tablets, or any other Wi-Fi-enabled devices to the mobile network of your choice. If you need to get online when you're out of the house, or even overseas, mobile hotspots will work just as well with your laptop as they will with an iPad, iPod touch, or Kindle Fire HDX. Here is our roundup of the best mobile hotspots on the market today."...

PC Magazine, June 11



[Saving old software from extinction](#)

Ron Amodeo writes: "Some software has come to depend so completely on cloud servers that we are starting to create an ecosystem that will be historically untraceable. That's an issue, because software we use today will eventually be an important part of history. It's about time we started asking ourselves: What are we leaving behind for future generations? When our descendants look back on the computer revolution, what will they *still* have access to?"

" ...

Ars Technica, June 18

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E-Content

[Apple reaches settlement in ebook lawsuit](#)

Apple has reached a settlement in a civil class-action lawsuit pertaining to the pricing of ebooks, according to a filing with a New York court on June 16. Steve Berman, an attorney representing consumers and some US states, said Apple and the plaintiffs reached an agreement in principle. The exact terms of the settlement are under seal and need to be approved by the court. The plaintiffs had been seeking \$840 million from Apple....

Wall Street Journal, June 17

[ALA's path to ebook progress](#)

Molly Raphael writes: "Flash back to just three years ago. Chances are, if you were working in a library at that time, the rapidly changing issues around access to digital content challenged you and your library. To be sure, information in digital form had been in libraries for decades. Libraries had become quite adept at not only acquiring but also applying finding aids to that information. What confronted us in 2011 was different."...

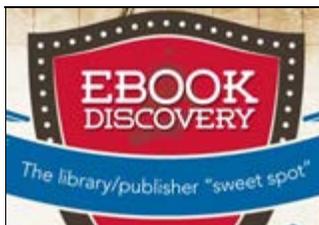
American Libraries feature



[Ebook discovery](#)

Larra Clark writes: "Libraries and publishers are in the business of connecting readers and authors. Bestsellers make up the majority of traffic in public libraries, but how can libraries, publishers, and others in the ecosystem team up to help readers discover the best fit for their tastes? This is the brass ring that supports a diversity of thought and reading experiences, creates markets for more authors to survive and thrive in their profession, and elicits the joy of finding a new title for a reader."...

American Libraries feature



[College libraries push back over ebook price hike](#)

Avi Wolfman-Arent writes: "Academic librarians have long decried the prices commercial publishers charge for access to serial publications, particularly electronic journals in the sciences. With journal packages taking up increasingly large chunks of library budgets, the prospect of publishers' ramping up prices on another digital format has spooked some librarians. At issue is a short-term loan model for ebook purchasing that has been tested over the past two years."...

Chronicle of Higher Education, June 16

[Oyster expands to Android, Kindle Fire, and Nook](#)

The \$9.95 per month ebook subscription service Oyster, which was previously only available on iOS, expanded to Android, Kindle Fire, and Nook HD tablets June 17—thus removing one of the differentiating factors between it and rival service Scribd. New features include "read time" for books and the ability to turn a book's pages using the volume buttons....

GigaOM, June 17

[How libraries can survive in the digital age](#)

Lauren C. Williams writes: "Books as we know them are clearly in a state of flux. One in five Americans now read on e-readers or tablet computers, and most things that can be found in a book are little more than a click or touch away online. A fast-evolving digital world has created a dichotomy where there's an increased opportunity to access troves of information, but access isn't guaranteed. That's where libraries come in."...

Think Progress, June 12

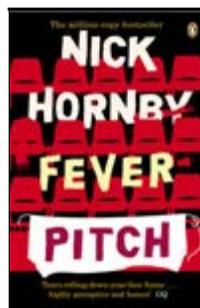
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Books & Reading

[The best books about soccer](#)

Edd McCracken writes: "For four weeks in 12 cities across Brazil, 32 countries will battle it out in 64 games to decide who will go home with the greatest sporting trophy of them all. Curiously when it comes to literary heft, compared to such other sports as boxing and baseball, soccer (or 'football' to a decent chunk of the world) punches well below its weight. Here's a handy list of some of the best books—both fiction and nonfiction—to read if you want to double down on soccer during World Cup season."...

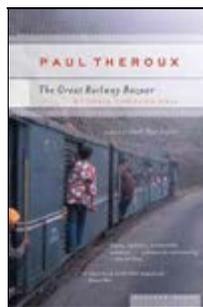
Book Riot, June 11



[NPR's summer reading lists](#)

Beth Novey writes: "In previous summers, we gave you lists of new books organized by genre. And that was fun. But this summer we wanted to try something different. This year, we are highlighting books that feature themes or memorable scenes of transportation and transit. Eventually we settled on 12 lists: [trains](#), [planes](#), [cars](#), [bikes](#), [boats](#), [on foot](#), [city transit](#), [horses](#), [balloons](#), [rocket ships](#), [time](#), and a miscellaneous category that includes [drugs](#), [dragons](#), and [giant peaches](#)."...

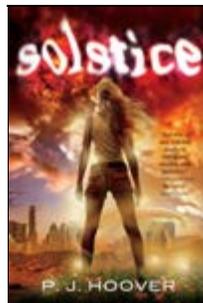
NPR: Morning Edition, June 17



[Summer solstice reads](#)

Anna Dalin writes: "The summer solstice is the longest day of the year, or in other words, the 24-hour period with the greatest amount of sunlight. It usually falls on June 21. There are several young adult novels concerning or including the summer solstice, in particular a few which have been published fairly recently. Here is a sampling. Grab one on Saturday, go relax in the sunshine, and enjoy."...

YALSA The Hub, June 18

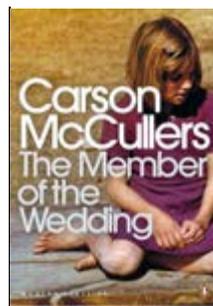


[Eight literary impostors](#)

Ariel Schrag writes: "In my novel, *Adam*, a 17-year-old straight boy finds himself spending the summer surrounded by lesbians and ends up wooing one of them by allowing her to believe he is a trans man. The following list explores some of my favorite chameleon characters—dear souls who, for a wide

variety of reasons, find it preferable at some point in time, to lead others to believe they are people they aren't. A warning: Some of what follows contains spoilers."...

Huffington Post Blog, June 13



[A roundup of LGBTQ teen lit](#)

Lalitha Nataraj writes: "June is Pride Month, which celebrates the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community and affirms their right to live visibly in dignity and equality. In honor of Pride, I want to share some amazing LGBTQ novels (some of which aren't out yet, but you'll want to add them to your to-read pile) that had me laughing and crying all over the place. Michael Barakiva's *One Man Guy* is about a boy who experiences first love and the importance of living one's life with integrity."...

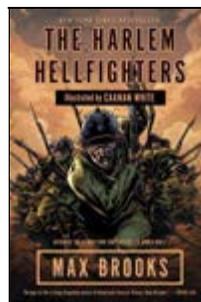
YALSA The Hub, June 13



[Riveting World War I reads](#)

Jade writes: "World War I reshaped nations, toppled empires, and inspired an outpouring of literature. From the very first week of battle, soldiers and civilians alike wrote reams of poetry. Later, the shell-shocked fields of France would echo in the Dead Marshes of J. R. R. Tolkien's Middle Earth. From the trenches emerged one of the most admired war novels of all time, Erich Maria Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front*. As we approach the 100th anniversary of the war, we've gathered together 20 of Goodreads members' favorite WWI books."...

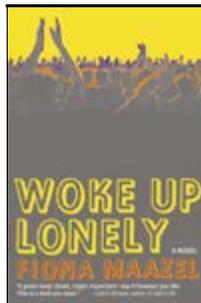
Goodreads Blog, June 17



[25 humorous books](#)

Jason Diamond writes: "What each of us defines as funny depends on the individual subject. Some of us might think there's something funny about *The Stranger* by Camus, while others prefer Adam Sandler making fart sounds. The point is that humor works as a device that can make you laugh with reckless abandon, but also ponder this strange situation we call life. These 25 books offer an opportunity to see how writers have used humor in different ways, leading to often brilliant results."...

Flavorwire, June 17



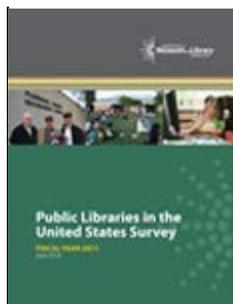
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Tips & Ideas

[IMLS releases 2011 Public Libraries report](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services released its [Public Libraries in the United States Report](#), an in-depth examination of Fiscal Year 2011 survey data with important findings about the state of public library service in the US. For the first time, the agency used statistical modeling to examine the relationship between investments in public libraries and use of libraries and found that in most cases when investment increases, use increases....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, June 18



[Apps for content creation](#)

Nicole Hennig writes: "Libraries maintain their relevance by offering programs and services that help users create content—such as helping local authors write books, offering coworking spaces, and helping people make interesting objects using 3D printing. It's good for librarians to know some of the best mobile apps to recommend to users as tools for their creative projects. Here is a sample of the many apps available that can be used for content creation and curation."...

Simmons GSLIS: Unbound, June 8



[How to create a Snapchat contest](#)

Paige Alfonzo writes: "In January I started hearing a lot of buzz about the privacy chat app Snapchat. From NPR to Mashable, everyone was discussing this new app. One fortuitous morning, I saw articles by both [TechCrunch](#) and [Mashable](#) reporting on a study that found that more than 77% of college students use Snapchat every day. This started my wheels turning, and I decided to launch a Snapchat contest for my library. Here are the steps I took to create the contest."...

Library Enumerations, June 12; TechCrunch, Feb. 25; Mashable, Feb. 24



[Image collections with many free images](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "I'm often asked where to go to find high-quality and hi-resolution still images for reuse, so I've put together this guide. There have been several new image collections that have opened up to the public just within the past year that not many people are aware of yet, but they offer access to thousands, or in some cases millions, of outstanding photographs that can be downloaded for free."...

iLibrarian, June 18



[Where gun stores outnumber museums and libraries](#)

Christopher Ingraham writes: "I thought it might be useful to map museums and libraries against an institution that conservatives might be more fond of: gun stores. I took the [IMLS museum counts](#) from June and added to [its count of libraries](#). The idea here is that museums and libraries play similar roles, as institutions of informal learning



where students and adults can go to learn more about their communities and the world around them.”...

Washington Post: Wonkblog, June 17

[Eight surprising things I learned about Google Scholar](#)

Aaron Tay writes: “Google Scholar is increasingly becoming a subject that an academic librarian cannot afford to be ignorant about. Recently, I’ve been fortunate to be able to encounter and study Google Scholar from different angles at work. I would like to set out eight points or features about Google Scholar that surprised me when I learned about them.”...

Musings about Librarianship, June 11

[Attention, authors](#)

Alan Henry writes: “Whether you’re learning English or you’ve been speaking it your whole life, [Ginger Page](#) (Android/iOS/Windows/Chrome) is a new writing tool that wants to make sure that your spelling and grammar are accurate. Ginger Page is both a translator and a grammar checker that will take what you write and help you spruce it up so it’s easier to read. It’ll correct your spelling, offer synonyms and alternate words in context with what you’re writing, and define words for you.”...

Lifehacker, June 17



[Future-proofing the research library](#)

The inaugural Judith Nadler Vision Lecture took place on May 22 at the University of Chicago’s Regenstein Library. Sarah Thomas (right), vice president for the Harvard Library, spoke on “[Future-Proofing the Research Library.](#)” A [video](#) of the entire lecture (1:02:30) is now available on YouTube....

YouTube, June 16; AL: The Scoop, May 26



[LC approves new class number for juvenile fiction](#)

Overcrowding in Library of Congress classification PZ7 makes classifying new materials there very difficult at times and leads to unwieldy Cutter numbers for the authors. A new classification number, PZ7.1, will therefore be approved for use. Classification in PZ7 and PZ7.1 will be based on the period of activity of the author, which mimics the way that adult literature is classed in PA–PT. Authors who began to publish in about 1870 through 2014 will continue to be classed in PZ7. Authors who begin to publish in 2015 and later will be classified in PZ7.1....

Library of Congress, June 13

[What you can do with Facebook graph search](#)

Amit Agarwal writes: “It’s your first day at work and you’re trying to figure out if there are other people from your hometown who happen to work in the same company. Now instead of approaching the HR, what you can do is log into your Facebook account and type a little query—*People from [Your Town] who work at [Company Name] in [Current City]*. You may even find connections with one degree of separation using a query like—*My friends of friends*



who work at [Company Name]."...

Digital Inspiration, June 17

[The British Library Big Data Experiment](#)

James Baker writes: "In early June, the British Library Big Data Experiment launched. A collaboration between the British Library Digital Research team, University College London Computer Science, and the UCL Centre for Digital Humanities, the effort will experiment with opening up the digital collections at the British Library to encourage research in the arts and humanities. The project is the first stage of a long-term collaboration that will see computer science students making use of British Library open data and public domain digital collections."...

British Library: Digital Scholarship Blog, June 6

[Weird and wonderful animals of the bestiary](#)

Sarah J. Biggs writes: "Those of you who follow our blog regularly will surely have noticed our deep and abiding love for medieval animals and bestiaries; in the past we've done posts about dogs, cats, elephants, hedgehogs, beavers, owls, and more. But today we thought we would have a look at a few of the more fantastic creatures that are featured in medieval bestiaries: the amphisbaena, the mantichore, the bonnacon, the leucrota, and the basilisk (above)."...

British Library: Medieval Manuscripts Blog, June 17



[UK librarians launch crowdfunded festival](#)

A group of British librarians hopes to launch a festival of public libraries, backed by a crowdfunded campaign. Sue Lawson and Richard Veevers (right) have set up the National Public Library Festival to celebrate the work of libraries around the UK. They hope to hold the festival at the Library of Birmingham on August 30 to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Museums and Public Library Act, which guaranteed that local authorities must provide a "comprehensive and efficient" library service. Watch the [video](#) (with subtitles, 2:06)....

The Bookseller, June 17; Vimeo, June



[Five awesome bike libraries](#)

Anna Brones writes: "A bike library is exactly what it sounds like: a place where you can check out a bicycle just like you would check out a book. That makes it easy to encourage cycling as a mode of transportation, even for people who don't own a bike. More people riding bikes? That's a good thing. From cargo bike rentals to fat-tire cruisers, here are a few bike libraries to check out."...

Care2 Causes, June 15



[The prison library on Orange Is the New Black](#)

Joe Hardenbrook writes: "Last year I binge watched season one of the hit Netflix series *Orange Is the New Black*. Now I'm doing the same with season two. Naturally, as a librarian, I've been tied to some of the



scenes involving the prison library and reading. There's a [Tumblr](#) devoted to the books shown in various scenes. On the series, the characters Taystee (above) and Poussey, two of my favorites, are shown working in the prison library, usually shelving books."...

Mr. Library Dude, June 14; Books of Orange Is the New Black

[More "Happy" videos from US libraries](#)

Gary Price writes: "About three weeks ago we shared a [music video](#) for the Pharrell Williams hit 'Happy' starring the staff of the D.C. Public Library in Washington, D.C. Today, we present a small collection of more 'Happy' music videos produced by libraries and starring library staff members from around the United States, including [Forsyth County \(N.C.\) Public Library](#) (4:30)."...



InfoDocket, June 14; YouTube, Apr. 25, May 20,

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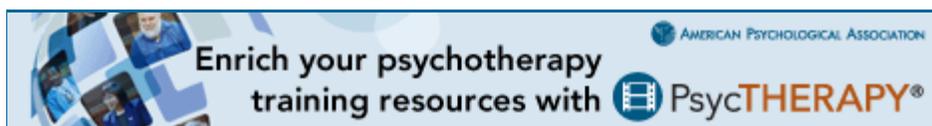
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[ALA, AASL urge Chicago to stop school librarian cuts](#)

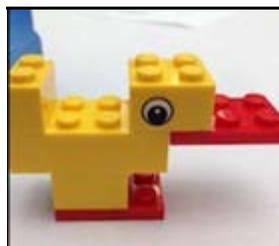
Marci Merola, director of the ALA Office for Library Advocacy, spoke on the importance of school librarians at an open hearing of the Chicago Board of Education June 25. The proposed Chicago Public Schools budget for 2014–2015 will leave librarians in only half of Chicago's 523 schools. Merola testified that "it's not too late to make Chicago a leader in education. I urge you to reinvest in school libraries and restore certified school librarian positions." She also presented a letter by ALA President Barbara Stripling and AASL President Gail Dickinson to Board of Education President David Vitale....

AL: The Scoop, June 25

[Creativity and play at the Next Library Conference](#)

Sanhita SinhaRoy writes: "You are in the most American of American cities,' Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel told an estimated 500 world library leaders during the opening ceremony of the Next Library Conference, held at the Harold Washington Library Center. The Urban Libraries Council and the Chicago Public Library co-hosted the June 20–25 conference, themed 'Accelerate Learning.' Keynote speaker Bo Stjerne Thomsen, director of research and learning at the Lego Foundation, challenged each audience member to take six Lego blocks and create a duck within one minute."...

AL: The Scoop, June 23



[A new nostalgia](#)

Sanhita SinhaRoy writes: "The civic role of libraries must be reconceptualized,' said John Palfrey, the June 24 keynote speaker at the Next Library Conference, held at the Harold Washington Library Center in Chicago. Palfrey, who chairs the board of the Digital Public Library of America and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation,



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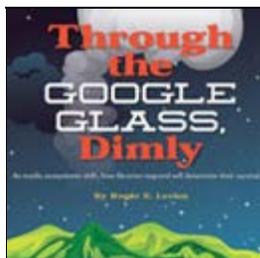
spoke to 500 library leaders about the disconnect between [research](#) that shows Americans love their libraries and the electoral will necessary to preserve them.”...

AL: The Scoop, June 24; Pew Research Center, Mar. 14

[The shifting tectonic plates of media ecosystems](#)

Roger E. Levien writes: “What kind of public library, if any, will the beginning librarian of 2014 retire from in 2054? What distinctive benefits will it deliver that will earn it a continuing place in its community? This article examines the external changes to which the public library must adapt during the next four decades. Changes in the five domains that affect the public library (information technology, media, the media ecosystem, society, and the economy) will be far-reaching and disruptive.”...

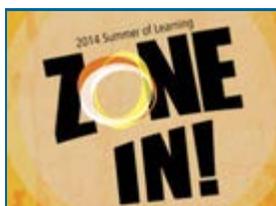
American Libraries feature



[Youth Matters: The myth of busy summers](#)

Linda W. Braun writes: “When library staff members serving youth tell me how much busier they are when school is out for the summer (and in preparing for students’ vacation time), it makes me a little crazy. I say to myself, ‘Shouldn’t library staff be this busy all year long?’ We need to think differently about the way we position summer programming within the full spectrum of our work with youth. A helpful way to think about this is to look at summer programming goals and objectives.”...

American Libraries column, June



[Another Story: Rolling the dice](#)

Joseph Janes writes: “As I’m getting ready for Annual Conference in Las Vegas, what would I be doing besides thumbing through the latest [Ithaka S&R survey](#) of academic library directors? There’s much familiar here, whether in the academic world or not: shifting and competing priorities, constrained resources, constituencies and stakeholders with varying visions and levels of support, the need for thoughtful planning and strategy toward a nonetheless uncertain set of futures. You know the drill.”...

American Libraries column, June



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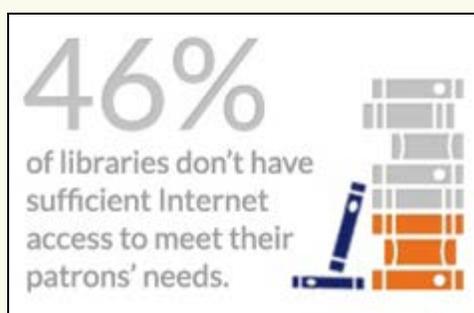
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- **Providence (R.I.) Community Library** uses our [mobile hotspots in the field](#) to remotely connect to their reference services to answer questions in real time, complete circulation duties, and provide free Wi-Fi for people in the area while hosting mobile events.

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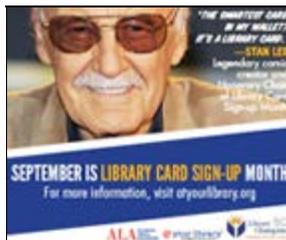
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ALA is now accepting applications for the 2015 class of Emerging Leaders. Details on the program criteria as well as a link to the application can be found on the [Emerging Leaders webpage](#). The program is designed to enable library workers to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership. The deadline to apply is August 1....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, June 19

[Stan Lee named honorary chair of Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)

This September, Stan Lee (right), cocreator of Spider-Man, the Hulk, X-Men, Iron Man, and the Fantastic Four, will encourage children to get the most important school supply of all: a library card. As the honorary chair of [Library Card Sign-up Month](#), Lee has donated his image



to a print and digital public service announcement. ALA will place the PSA in magazines and on websites to remind parents and educators that a library card is a key tool in achieving academic success....

Campaign for America's Libraries, June 24

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

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

ALA Connect, June 23

[Librarians Build Communities](#)

If you want to learn more about the ALA initiative [Librarians Build Communities](#), Emerging Leaders Team F is hosting an informational meeting at the 2014 ALA Annual Conference on Monday, June 30, at 2–3 p.m. in the [Networking Uncommons](#) at the Las Vegas Convention Center. The team will also distribute brochures and name-badge ribbons to conference-goers throughout ALA....

ALA Member Blog, June 25

[Explore the American Dream Starts @ your library](#)

Since 2008, the American Dream Starts @ your library grant initiative has supported English-language-learner programming in more than 100 libraries in 24 states. Learn about the opportunities and challenges libraries encounter as they provide innovative literacy services in their communities at "[Stories from the Field](#)" on June 29 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas....

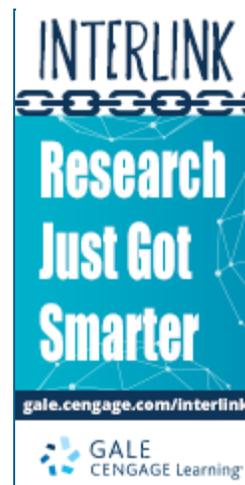
Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, June 24

[Take advantage of the ALA Opportunities Exchange](#)

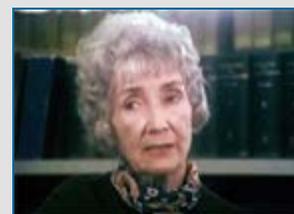
Jenny Levine writes: "You can now search the 800+ awards listed in the *Financial Assistance for Library and Information Studies (FALIS) Directory* in the [Opportunities Exchange](#) in ALA Connect. The directory is maintained by the Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment. All of the awards can now be searched by type, library type, education program level, state, keyword, and more. It is also still available as a [PDF file](#)."...

ALA Connect, June 25

[Kyle Cassidy's portrait sessions](#)



[Libraries on Film](#)



[The Speaker: A Film about Freedom](#)

(1977). Produced by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, this educational film centers on the attempt by a student current events committee and its adviser, history teacher Victoria Dunn (played by Mildred Dunnock), to invite a controversial speaker

[in Las Vegas](#)

Ingrid Abrams writes: "Do you want Kyle Cassidy of *Slate's* 'This is What a Librarian Looks Like' fame to take your portrait at ALA Annual Conference? Do you know a librarian who would be great for this project? Photo sessions welcome walk-ins and will be held on Friday and Saturday at 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30–10:30 a.m. in the Convention Center North Hall (N3 lobby), as well as at ALA Play on Friday night and the Librarian Wardrobe party on Saturday night...."

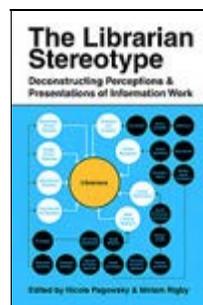
The Magpie Librarian, June 17



[The librarian stereotype](#)

ACRL has published [The Librarian Stereotype: Deconstructing Perceptions and Presentations of Information Work](#), edited by Nicole Pagowsky and Miriam Rigby. The book serves as a response to passionate discussions regarding the ways in which librarians are perceived. Through 12 chapters, covering topics such as racial and ethnic identity, professional personas, pop culture, and a variety of specific librarian stereotypes, it reignites an examination of how librarians are presented within the field and in the public eye, employing theories and methodologies from throughout the social sciences....

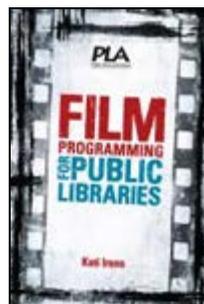
ACRL, June 24



[Film programming for public libraries](#)

Screening movies is a fun, engaging way to bring people of all ages into the library, and [Film Programming for Public Libraries](#), published by ALA Editions, offers the tools to make movie programming a reality at any public library. Kati Irons, a public librarian who has overseen a county-wide movie program, offers a complete guide to creating, mounting, running, and evaluating a successful program....

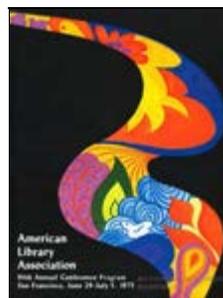
ALA Editions, June 19



[An ode to the ALA conference program book](#)

Cara Bertram writes: "Among all of the exhibits, sessions, speakers, and free swag, there is one item that is essential to get around any conference: the program. The program is the guide that allows people to navigate the conference, select which events to go to, which speakers to listen to, and where to obtain a free lunch. Over the years, the Annual Conference program book has become thicker as the conference has expanded, and it has changed its appearance."...

ALA Archives blog, June 23



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to the high school. They contact a scientist notorious for espousing the racist theory that black people are genetically inferior to whites. Parents and students protest, so the school board steps in and cancels the invitation. Three uncredited actors play librarians. Designed to serve as a focal point for discussions about the First Amendment, it became a divisive issue at the 1977 ALA Annual Conference in Detroit ([PDF file](#)), denounced by some librarians who called it "insulting in its characterization of black people." A [discussion about the film](#) will be held at the Annual Conference in Las Vegas on June 30.



[Special Agent](#) (1949).

William Eythe as railroad agent Johnny Douglas visits the public library to ask the librarian (uncredited) why robbers might have gone there before the crime. She is upset that they scratched the floor with their shoes.

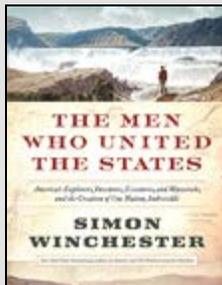


Booklist ONLINE

Featured review: Adult nonfiction media

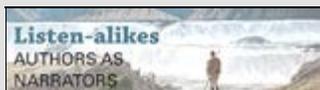
Winchester, Simon. *Men Who United the States: America's Explorers, Inventors, Eccentrics, and Mavericks, and the Creation of One Nation, Indivisible*. Simon Winchester, reader. Oct. 2013. 13.5 hrs. Harper, CD (978-0-06-228281-6).

Winchester celebrates the history of the US and the men, many forgotten, whose innovative use of technology connected its disparate regions. It's a sweeping history, but his focus establishes a human connection, along with the historical and geographical accounts. Winchester sets his characters in time and place and offers an intriguing social history: Lewis and Clark's expedition west; Mason and Dixon and their surveying; Samuel Morse, whose telegraph sent news across the country (and around the world); and Thomas Hutchins, who plotted the land of the Northwest Territory. Although it is occasionally startling to hear quintessentially American names and places in Winchester's British accent, he proves an excellent narrator....



Listen-alikes: Authors as narrators

Joyce Saricks writes: "Few authors are skilled enough to read their own work, but this group, like Simon Winchester, reading his *The Men Who United the States*, make companionable narrators. While their narrative nonfiction titles cover a wide range of subjects, they are all great storytellers who write expansively, embellishing their writing with personal anecdotes that make it even more accessible. As narrators, they all read with genuine, palpable enthusiasm for their chosen topics, inviting listeners to share their passions and their discoveries."...



See you in Las Vegas?

Sarah Grant writes: "Booklisters are packing their bags for the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Are you going, too? We hope you'll make time for some of the following events."...

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Spellbound (1945).

Ingrid Bergman as psychoanalyst Constance Peterson borrows a copy of a book by Dr. Anthony Edwardes (Gregory Peck) from the library of the Green Manors mental hospital where they are working together. Later she notices that his autograph in the book does not match his current handwriting.



Spencer's Mountain

(1963). Virginia Gregg as teacher Miss Parker encourages Col. Coleman (Hayden Rorke) to set up a free library in a log cabin on Spencer's Mountain in Wyoming so that Clayboy Spencer (James MacArthur) can work as the librarian (for \$10 a week), learn Latin, and meet a university entrance requirement. He falls in love with Claris Coleman (Mimsy Farmer) while studying there.

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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Las Vegas Update

Last-minute tips from ALSC

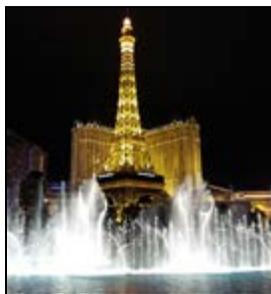
Bethany Lafferty writes: "Here are the Top Five Tips the Local Arrangements Committee members want to make sure you have before you arrive in Las Vegas. Number 4: Everything in Las Vegas is indeed larger than life. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time to travel between hotels and to the Las Vegas Convention Center. Just because something is 'just across the street' doesn't mean you can just cross the street. You must get a cab at designated cab stands, easily accessible at all hotels."...

ALSC Blog, June 24

Just before you go: 40 free things

Tammilee Tillison writes: "We find that a trip to Las Vegas can be either really expensive or really cost-effective depending on what you like to do and whether you spend any time at the tables or slot machines. We are not huge gamblers so we go to Las Vegas for the sites, people watching, amazing food, shows, and so much more. I love how many free things there are to do in Las Vegas."...

Tammilee Tips, July 30, 2013



Epic Las Vegas desserts

Joanna Haugen writes: "Vegas isn't just good at [destroying hotels](#), it will also gleefully destroy your waistline with things like [giant steaks](#), [chef-lebrity burgers](#), and this collection of Sin City's most epic desserts, including s'mores you make at your table and a sundae that runs \$1,000. And [Sprinkles's cupcake ATM](#) (right) can save the day (or night) with a walk-up, on-the-go vending machine at 3545 South Las Vegas Boulevard stocked with the shop's flavor of the day for just 4 bucks."...

Thrillist, Oct. 16, Nov. 25, 2013; Feb. 25, Apr. 1



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Division News

YALSA's 2014 Maker Contest

YALSA invites libraries with brilliant summer "maker" programs to compete in its 2014 Maker Contest. Qualified maker programs must be specifically designed for and targeted at young adults ages 12–18, take place during the summer months of June–August, and engage young adults in some aspect of making as defined in the Making in



Career Leads from JobLIST

Central Library Manager

Alexandria Library, Alexandria, Virginia. The Librarian IV is responsible for the operation of the City of Alexandria's Central Library, the largest library in the system. This position manages several citywide library services, including Interlibrary Loan Service, Talking Books Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and Outreach Services. The Librarian IV supervises the Circulation, Adult Services, and Youth Services Section Managers of the Central Library. The Librarian IV receives general supervision from the Deputy Director of Libraries....



the Library Toolkit ([PDF file](#)). [Applications](#) must be submitted by September 1....

YALSA, June 18

[Collecting building use data](#)

LLAMA will present "Beyond the Gate and Counting: Collecting and Organizing Building Use Data in Public and Academic Libraries" on July 23. Organized by the LLAMA MAES Data Collection for Library Managers Committee, this webinar will feature two presentations exploring multiple aspects of collecting space and building use data. [Register](#) online....

LLAMA, June 24

[Applications, nominations invited for C&RL editor](#)

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of editor of [College & Research Libraries](#) (C&RL), the scholarly research journal of ACRL. The association seeks an innovative, experienced candidate to lead its top-tier, open access journal with an eye to the future of scholarly publishing. The editor is appointed for a three-year term, which may be renewed for an additional three years. Applicants must be a member of ALA and ACRL at the time of appointment. The deadline is October 31. Email [Dawn Mueller](#)....

ACRL, June 24

[Feedback wanted on ACRL information literacy framework](#)

The ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education Task Force seeks feedback on the revised draft of the division's [Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education](#). Since the publication of the first standards in 2000, the information environment has evolved into a fragmented, complex information ecosystem that demands greater sense-making and metacognition from the student. [Suggestions](#) will be accepted through July 15....

ACRL, June 19

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Click to register for free, hour-long webinars that feature *Booklist* editors, publishing representatives, and librarian experts discussing everything from Common Core to weeding.

Awards & Grants

[2014 I Love My Librarian Award nominations](#)

ALA is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Carnegie Corporation of New York/*New York Times* I Love My Librarian Award. The award invites library users nationwide to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, college, community, or university librarians. [Nominations](#) will be accepted through September 12. Ten librarians will each receive a \$5,000 cash award, a plaque, and a travel stipend to attend the awards ceremony in New York City....

Campaign for America's Libraries, June 24



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Digital Library of the Week



The [Princeton University Library Western Americana Collection](#) consists of photographs of Indians of the Americas and views of the American West, including landscapes, cityscapes, and mining, railroad, and agricultural operations. Also included are views of towns in Mexico. The bulk of the photographs date from the 19th century.

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

"The stories and the images that children store up in their minds from fairy tales have a very powerful imprinting effect on their tender

[ALA awards 50 Spectrum Scholarships](#)

The ALA Office for Diversity has awarded 2014–2015 Spectrum Scholarships to 50 exceptional students pursuing graduate degrees in library and information studies. Since 1997, ALA has awarded more than 850 Spectrum Scholarships. The scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable award of \$5,000. A prestigious committee of seven jurors selected this year's Spectrum Scholars based on their commitment to diversity, commitment to entering the library profession, demonstrated community outreach, academic ability, and achievements and leadership potential....

Office for Diversity, June 24



[ProQuest broadens commitment to Spectrum Scholarships](#)

ALA Library Champion ProQuest will broaden the scope of its long-standing support for the [Spectrum Scholarship Program](#). In support of Spectrum's goal to increase opportunities for students from groups currently underrepresented in the library profession, ProQuest will donate \$52,000 per year through 2016. The contribution will fund a total of 24 scholarships, including one each year awarded in memory of Ron Clowney, a beloved ProQuest executive and champion of the Spectrum program....

Office for Diversity, June 24



[2014 Sarah Jaffarian School Library Program Award](#)

An Indiana middle school library has been recognized by ALA for its work in creating an innovative genealogy program for 8th-graders. Perry Meridian Middle School in Indianapolis won the 2014 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming for its "[R.O.A.D. \(Research, Observe, Analyze, Discover\) I Travel](#)" unit. The library will receive \$5,000 and promotion on ALA websites and communications....

Public Programs Office, June 24



[2014 Presidential Citations](#) (PDF file)

The 2014 ALA Presidential Citations for Innovative International Library Projects will go to the Edge, State Library of Queensland, Australia; the Jagodina Public Library in Serbia and its five village library branches; the Topic Room iPad Application at the ZLB Library in Berlin, Germany; and the In-House Library Training Program Supporting Roma People at the Public Library Fran Galović in Koprivnica, Croatia. Recipients will receive their awards at the [IRRT International Librarians Reception](#) on June 30....

International Leads 28, no. 2 (June): 6

[2014 Jesse H. Shera Award](#)

The ALA Library Research Round Table has chosen Paul Conway as the winner of the 2014 Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research for the article "[Preserving Imperfection: Assessing the Incidence of Digital Imaging Error in HathiTrust](#)" in *Preservation, Digital Technology, and Culture* 42 no. 1 (2013): 17–30. Conway's article exemplifies well-defined research, with a clear problem statement as well as good application of research methods....

young souls. And the bottom line is that no responsible library should ever include a book like this on its shelves, and no responsible school should ever use this book as a part of its curriculum."

—Bryan Fischer, director of issue analysis for the American Family Association, on *The Princess and the Treasure* by Jeffrey A. Miles, a gay-marriage themed fairy tale book, "[Public Libraries Stock Gay Fairy Tale Book](#)," *Christian Post*, June 20.

@ [More quotes...](#)

Calendar

July 2–5:
[Association of European Research Libraries](#), Annual Conference, Riga, Latvia. "Research Libraries in the 2020 Information Landscape."

July 12–15:
[American Association of Law Libraries](#), Annual Meeting and Conference, San Antonio, Texas. "Beyond Boundaries."

July 21–23:
[Northeast Document Conservation Center](#), Conference, World Trade Center Portland, Portland, Oregon. "Digital Directions: Fundamentals of Creating and Managing Digital Collections."

July 23–25:
[Library Instruction West 2014](#), Conference, Portland

Office for Research and Statistics, June 24

[Andrew Carnegie Medal finalist read-alikes](#)

This year, readers' advisory experts on the Notable Books Council of RUSA's Collection Development and Evaluation Section have compiled a list of read-alikes for this year's Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction finalists. Similar titles are recommended for each shortlisted book in both the fiction and nonfiction categories....

RUSA News, June 23

[ALA scholarship winners announced](#)

ALA has chosen nine students to receive scholarships to help them pursue an LIS master's degree: Elizabeth L. Lieutenant ([Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship](#)), Alice Krebill ([Mary V. Gaver Scholarship](#)), Angela D. Price ([Christopher Hoy/ERT Scholarship](#)), Sue E. Graves ([Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship](#)), Elizabeth June-Helene Dobbins ([Tony B. Leisner Scholarship](#)), Hannivett D. Nabahe ([David H. Clift Scholarship](#)), Lauren Stamm ([Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship](#)), Michael L. Peterson ([ALA Century Scholarship](#)), and Samuel Dodson ([Peter Lyman Memorial Scholarship](#))....

Office of ALA Governance, June 19, 24

[South Carolina librarian wins prize for best first novel](#)

James E. McTeer II (right), librarian at the Polo Road Elementary School in Columbia, South Carolina, has won the 2014 South Carolina First Novel Competition for *Grave Dust from the Islands Far* (Hub City Press). The South Carolina Arts Commission sponsors the annual competition to discover new novelists in the state....

Columbia (S.C.) Free Times, June 18



[Texas A&M Map Library wins Esri award](#)

The Map and GIS Library at Texas A&M University in College Station was selected by GIS software producer Esri to receive its Special Achievement in GIS Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions in GIS to the global community. The award will be presented during the 2014 Esri International User Conference, July 14–18. The award cited the library's popular [Mapping Historic Aggieland](#) digital exhibit....

Texas A&M University Libraries, June 18



[Knight News Challenge winners](#)

On June 23 the Knight Foundation announced 19 winners of the Knight News Challenge on Strengthening the Internet, with awards totaling \$3,466,000. Three libraries won prizes for their projects in the "access" category: Chicago Public Library won \$400,000 for its [Internet to Go](#) project, and the New York Public Library won \$500,000 for [Check Out the Internet](#), both of which involve lending out wireless hotspots. The Digital Public Library of America won \$300,000 to build simplified and more coherent [proposals](#) for intellectual property rights....

Knight Blog, June 23

[2014 CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals](#)

State University Library, Oregon. "Open, Sustainable Instruction."

Aug. 1:

[Indiana University Libraries](#)

[Information Literacy Colloquium](#), Indiana University, South Bend. "Metaliteracy: Seeking Connections and Challenging Traditions."

Aug. 7–9:

[Document Academy](#),

Annual Meeting, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. "Documents Without Borders."

Aug. 13–15:

[Pacific Northwest Library Association](#),

Annual Conference, Great Northern Hotel, Helena, Montana. "Mining the Past to Plan for the Future."

Sept. 19–23:

[Southeast Florida Library Information Network](#),

Virtual Conferences. "User Experience: Seeing Your Library through the User's Eyes, Mobile Devices: Gateway to Your Library; eBooks: Benefits, Challenges and the Future; Library Resource Sharing: Emerging Trends and Technologies."

Sept. 28–30:

[International Library Symposium](#),

The Southport School, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. "Embracing New Landscapes."

Oct. 1–3:

[Georgia Council of Media Organizations](#),

Kevin Brooks and Jon Klassen are the winners of the 2014 Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals presented by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in the UK. Brooks was awarded the Carnegie Medal for the YA book *The Bunker Diary*, a fictional diary of a kidnapped boy held hostage in a bunker. Klassen, the first Canadian to be awarded the prestigious illustration prize, won the Kate Greenaway Medal for *This is Not My Hat* (Walker Books), which sees a thieving fish get his comeuppance....

The Telegraph (UK), June 23



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Libraries in the News

[Leawood, Kansas, shuts down boy's little free library](#)

A 9-year-old Kansas boy and his family have moved their "little free library" after their town said it violated city code banning detached structures in the front yards of single-family homes. Spencer Collins (right) and his parents moved the library to the garage after the town of Leawood [warned in a letter](#) that they would receive a citation if they didn't act. Collins planned to speak to the city council to ask for a change in the law to exempt little libraries....

ABA Journal, June 20; *Prairie Village (Kans.) Post*, June 18



[USF Library to lend drones to students](#)

Beginning in the fall, students at the University of South Florida in Tampa will be able to check out remote-controlled drones for school-related projects. The library purchased two drones with some leftover money from a grant to remodel its facility with new technology. The drones are capable of taking aerial video and photography. Dean of USF Libraries Bill Garrison says the drones could be a great [resource for students](#) working on multimedia projects, and sees the program working in conjunction with other university departments....

CNN, June 21; WTSP-TV, Tampa, Fla., June 21



[Florida school drops Paper Towns from summer reading](#)

When Joanne Corcoran's daughter, Hope, picked the John Green's 2008 novel *Paper Towns* from the 8th-grade summer reading list at Dr. John Long Middle School in Wesley Chapel, Florida, she decided to read it too—after the 13-year-old girl came to her, book in hand, asking for a definition of "masturbation."

Annual Conference,
Augusta.

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Laurie D. Borman,



Corcoran sent an email and by June 23, the title no longer appeared on the school's summer reading list, in apparent violation of the district's own policy regarding objections to books....

Tampa Bay (Fla.) Times, June 24

[University of Arkansas suspends website's research privileges](#)

The University of Arkansas has temporarily blocked the *Washington Free Beacon* from its special collections after the conservative website published audio recordings of Hillary Clinton without asking for the university's permission. The library issued a [statement](#) June 20 saying that it would "reinstate that organization's privileges to access Special Collections pending confirmation that the organization will follow the rules similar to all other patrons."...

Politico, June 19; University of Arkansas Libraries, June 20

[San Rafael offers bamboo library cards](#)

Sarah Houghton writes: "Starting on July 1, the San Rafael (Calif.) Public Library will begin issuing bamboo library cards to users. We are proud to be the first library anywhere in the world (that we know of) to be offering library cards made out of renewable bamboo. We have partnered with Grovemade, a leading designer of handcrafted wooden and leather accessories."...

San Rafael (Calif.) Public Library, June 23



[Mental health sensitivity training for librarians](#)

Josh Berk has worked at libraries throughout the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania for 15 years and worked with homeless patrons in all three locations. But until April he never received training on how to deal with people with mental illness. Inspired by a conference he attended that looked at the connection between libraries and mental health services, Berk took part in a mental health sensitivity training session at the Recovery Partnership in Bethlehem....

Easton (Pa.) Express-Times, June 23



[Queens Library reform bill passes New York Senate](#)

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz praised the New York State Senate for voting 59-1 on June 20 for a measure that would reform the appointment of members to the Queens (N.Y.) Library board of trustees, replace the committee that oversees the library's personnel with an executive committee, and require the library to respond to the state's Freedom of Information Law. The bill, authored by Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry and Katz, passed the State Assembly unanimously by a vote of 132-0 on June 9....

Queens (N.Y.) TimesLedger, June 20

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[Yale's Beinecke Library to close for renovations](#)

Following commencement ceremonies in May 2015, Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library will close its iconic building for 16 months to undergo a major renovation that will replace its climate-control systems and double its classroom space. The 50-year-old library building will reopen in September 2016, poised for another 50 years as a world-class center of scholarship and learning....

Yale News, June 17



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Issues

[Education at a tipping point](#)

A new OCLC report suggests that the cumulative weight of changing consumer habits, enabling technologies like MOOCs and mobile, and the high cost of postsecondary education are resetting expectations and bringing permanent changes to education and lifelong learning. On June 25, the organization released [At a Tipping Point: Education, Learning, and Libraries](#), the latest in a series of OCLC Membership Reports designed to explore emerging trends that impact libraries and librarianship. Watch the [video](#) (1:07)....

OCLC, June 25; YouTube, Jan. 25



[Pediatricians: Read aloud to kids from birth](#)

Doctors will tell parents to read aloud to their infants from birth, under a [new policy](#) that the American Academy of Pediatrics announced at the annual [Clinton Global Initiative America](#) meeting in Denver on June 24. AAP is asking its members to become powerful advocates for reading aloud and tell parents they should be "reading together as a daily fun family activity" from infancy. To aid the initiative, [Scholastic is donating](#) 500,000 books that [Reach Out and Read](#) will deliver to more than 5,000 sites nationwide. The AAP and [Too Small to Fail](#) will develop an online early literacy tool kit doctors can share with parents and caregivers....

New York Times, June 24; Pediatrics, June 23; On Our Minds, June 24



[The FCC plan to close the Wi-Fi gap](#)

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler has a plan to close the gap between schools and libraries that have wireless internet and those that don't. On June 20, Wheeler unveiled his plan to spend \$2 billion over the next two years to close this "Wi-Fi gap" as an expansion of the FCC's E-Rate program, which comes after pressure from the White House to increase connectivity in schools. Wheeler proposes spending \$1 billion next year and another \$1 billion in 2016 to put Wi-Fi networks in schools and libraries. ALA is [encouraged](#) by Wheeler's commitment to reform....

The Hill, June 20; District Dispatch, June 20

[Mobile phones will not close the Digital Divide](#)

Bobbi L. Newman writes: "Reports and studies show that minorities and lower-income households rely on mobile access because they do not have access at home. I agree that mobile technology is improving at a rapid pace. However, it is not on par with a computer with a high-speed internet connection. There are many things you still cannot do with a smartphone. Are we really willing to say that this less robust point of access is acceptable for minorities and the economically challenged?"...

The Librarian By Day Notebook, June 20

[What academics should know about net neutrality](#)

Margaret Heller writes: "John Oliver [described](#) net neutrality (13:17) as the most boring important issue. More than that, it's a complex idea that can be difficult to understand without a strong grasp of the architecture of the internet, which is not at all intuitive. This post will only scratch the surface. Despite the technical and legal complexities, net neutrality is worth understanding, since as academic librarians our daily lives and work revolve around internet access for us and for our students."...

ACRL TechConnect Blog, June 23; YouTube, June 1



[Universities get poor value from journal Big Deals](#)

Many universities are [paying too much](#) for scores of academic journals provided by major publishing companies, according to a [recent article](#) in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. Barbara Fister writes: "The study demonstrates two things. First, nonprofit publishers don't gouge libraries nearly as much as for-profit publishers do. And second, the differences in pricing among schools are huge and difficult to justify. In any case, it's high time these secret contracts were disinfected with a little sunshine."...

Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, June 23; *The Guardian* (UK), June 16; *Proceedings of the NAS*, June 16

[What's next for school libraries?](#)

Luba Vangelova writes: "At a time when public libraries are starting to offer everything from community gardening plots to opportunities to check out humans for conversations, some school libraries are similarly reevaluating their roles and expanding their offerings. Case in point: Monticello High School in Charlottesville, Virginia. 'People no longer have to come to a library to get information,' she said, 'so the library has to get people coming in for different reasons. Students need somewhere to socialize, create things, and collaborate.'"...

KQED: Mind/Shift, June 18



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Tech Talk

[How to circulate Roku streaming devices](#)

The Indian Prairie Public Library in Darien, Illinois, began offering Roku checkouts to its patrons on January 2. As of June, it is



circulating six devices with approximately 82 titles. Head of Technical Services Ann M. Stovall has shared data on the costs and details of the procedure on the library's website, in case other libraries wish to explore this service....

Indian Prairie Public Library

[Open Wireless Router will open up Wi-Fi networks](#)

Joe Silber writes: "The Electronic Frontier Foundation plans to unveil open-sourced router firmware called [Open Wireless Router](#) at the Hackers on Planet Earth conference in July. The firmware would enable individuals to share a portion of their Wi-Fi networks with anyone nearby, password-free. It also utilizes smart technologies that prioritize the network owner's traffic over others, and it walls off each connection from all other connections."...

Ars Technica, June 20; *Wired*, June 20

[Samsung Galaxy Tab S 10.5](#)

Mark Spoonauer writes: "Thanks in part to Samsung's own success with big-screen phones, tablets have begun to lose their luster. The Galaxy Tab S 10.5 literally brings it back with a display so vibrant and colorful that it promises to make the iPad look dull.



The 10.5-inch tablet is also thinner than the iPad Air and lets you control your Galaxy Phone from its eye-popping canvas. It borrows some features from the Galaxy S5 smartphone, including its fingerprint scanner. Although its performance and app selection could both be stronger, overall the Tab S is an excellent Android tablet." And here's a review of Samsung's new [8.4-inch tablet](#). [Gizmodo](#) and [PC Magazine](#) like them too....

Laptop, June 24; Gizmodo, June 24; *PC Magazine*, June 24

[Adobe's new sketching and drawing hardware](#)

Kyle Russell writes: "Adobe has made its first foray into the realm of hardware gadgets with its June 18 announcement of the [Ink and Slide](#), a combination smart stylus and digital ruler. The company describes the pair of gadgets as a 'Creative Cloud Pen and Digital Ruler.' In my time with the Ink and Slide, I've found that it works quite well in concert with [Adobe Line](#), one of the company's latest apps designed specifically for the iPad."...



TechCrunch, June 19; *PC Magazine*

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E-Content

[Hachette, Ingram buy Perseus Group](#)

The Perseus Books Group, founded by the late Frank Pearl in 1996, is being sold to the Hachette Book Group. Through the deal, Hachette will then sell Perseus'



distribution business to Ingram. The company now publishes more than 6,000 backlist titles. The deal is not expected to close before July 31....

Publishers Weekly, June 24

[OverDrive signs deal with Warner Bros.](#)

Digital media lending platform OverDrive has announced an agreement with Warner Bros. Digital Distribution to offer hundreds of popular streaming video titles to public and government library partners in the US and Canada. With these titles, libraries will be able to benefit from a transactional, pay-per-use lending model from OverDrive for the first time. The model eliminates the need to purchase titles in advance of their use and ensures that they are available instantly to all patrons simultaneously....

OverDrive, June 25



[Building a publisher "maker" culture](#)

Peter Brantley writes: "For ebooks, it seems, if all is not well, then it is better than it might have been. Libraries have fairly effectively, though not without a struggle, preserved their lending rights for ebooks through persistence, public relations, and hard negotiating. I think there are new opportunities and choices ahead. We are on the cusp of witnessing the full impact of the internet on the book business, and it will sweep away much of what we understand today about publishing."...

American Libraries feature



[Book and ebook sales visualization](#)

Wonder how much money is spent on books at retail in the US per second? Retale has created an [infographic](#) with a feed that breaks out print book sales versus ebook sales and also includes a comparison with Amazon's net sales, smartphones sold, Walmart and Best Buy retail sales, and firearms sold. The site offers a glimpse of how and where Americans spend their cash and just how quickly these numbers grow....

GalleyCat, June 19



[What's next for ebooks in libraries?](#)

Andrew Albanese writes: "Here's the good news: When it comes to libraries and ebooks, there's been progress. All the major publishers are now participating in the library ebook market, and there are a number of competing platform providers in the space. The big question now is, can the library ebook experience meet users' expectations?"...

Publishers Weekly, June 20

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Books & Reading

[Diverse YA titles to look for at ALA Annual Conference](#)

Sharon Rawlins writes: "I'm here to list some upcoming YA books that contain non-white, non-heterosexual, non-cisgendered, or differently-abled characters that you should be on the lookout for. If you are attending the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, ask the publishers about ARCs for many of these. Not all of them will be available as ARCs because some aren't being published until 2015, but publishers' reps should still be able give you the scoop on them."...

YALSA The Hub, June 24



[Literary Legos](#)

Kelly Jensen writes: "How about some scenes from classic, contemporary, and YA literature as rendered in Lego? All of these are from the awesomely fun Tumblr titled [LEGO Stories](#), and it goes beyond novels. The creators have also included Lego creations for films, television, famous people, and comics. It's an extremely simple idea and a lot of fun (trying to guess what the figures are acting out before seeing the caption or accompanying story makes it a challenge)."...

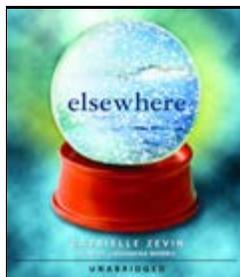
Book Riot, June 16



[Audiobooks for reluctant listeners](#)

Colleen Seisser writes: "June is Audiobook Month. Where should you start if you have never listened to an audiobook before? Some great awards and lists are put out every year: the [Odyssey Award](#), the [Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults](#) annual list, and the [Audies](#) are a few places to start. Here I have compiled some of my favorites that I think will be a great first listen for all of you who are new to audiobooks and want to give them a try."...

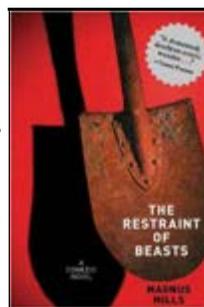
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[What do librarians read?](#)

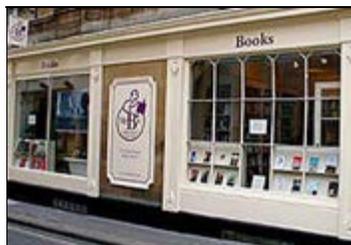
Margaret Aldrich writes: "If you were lucky enough to spend your day surrounded by stacks and stacks (and stacks) of books, what would you pick up next? In this blog series, I'll talk with people deep in the book world and all its book-y secrets to hear about their personal reading lists. Here, librarians from around the country reveal what's on their nightstands." NYPL's Lynn Lobash: "The book I have recommended more than any other is probably *The Restraint of Beasts* by Magnus Mills. I love that book. It is so deadpan, odd, sinister, and funny. It's like watching a Coen brothers movie."...

Book Riot, June 24



[Thoughts on reader's advisory](#)

Amy Koester writes: "At the end of April, I decided to spend a few hours of my vacation in a [Reading Spa](#) at Mr. B's Emporium of Reading Delights, a fabulous indie bookshop in Bath, England. For me, this Reading Spa was pure luxury. It was wonderful to be on the other end of talking



about books—me sharing what I like as opposed to me being the careful listener of others' tastes. I left with a big stack of 15 books as well as some thoughts on reader's advisory. Three big ideas follow."...

The Show Me Librarian, June 9

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Tips & Ideas

[LC acquires African-American video collection](#)

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced the donation of a video archive of thousands of hours of interviews—The HistoryMakers—that captures African-American life, history, culture, and achievements. The collection consists of 2,600 videotaped interviews with African-Americans in 39 states, averaging three to six hours in length. The videos are grouped by 15 different subject areas ranging from science, politics, and the military to sports, music, and entertainment. Watch an [excerpt](#) (1:00) from a 2010 Maya Angelou interview....



Library of Congress, June 24; *New York Times*, June 23

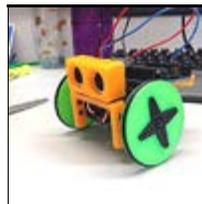
[Formats for long-term preservation](#)

The Library of Congress has released a set of [recommended format specifications](#) for a broad spectrum of creative works, ranging from books to digital music, to inform the library's acquisition practices. The format recommendations will help ensure the library's collections processes are considering and maximizing the long-term preservation potential of its large and varied collections....

Library of Congress, June 23

[Robots teach the basics](#)

Kristi Sadowski writes: "The Booth and Dimock Memorial Library in Coventry, Connecticut, purchased its very own 3D printer this past winter. That forced us to take the leap from encouraging the maker-mentality to full-on makerspace. It is still a work in progress (and always will be) but we learned many great things during the past few months. Here is my favorite: Sometimes it takes a complex project to make you learn the simplest of tasks." Learn more from YALSA's Making in the Library Toolkit ([PDF file](#))....



YALSAblog, June 19

[Creating computer games with MaKey MaKey and Scratch](#)

Amy Koester writes: "Last week, I took advantage of two newer additions to my library district's programming supplies to offer a school-age STEAM maker program. I had sent to my branch one of our mobile computer labs—eight laptops, plus an instructor laptop, so those of us without dedicated program computer lab space can offer computer programs—and a [MaKey MaKeys](#) kit and a group of 9–12 year-olds. I set to creating our own computer games with the added excitement of using the MaKeys to play them. Here's what we did."...



The Show-Me Librarian, June 23

[Facebook page likes don't matter anymore](#)

PC Sweeney writes: "I know we all spend so much time cultivating the likes on our library's Facebook pages, but guess what? That's so over. Facebook killed likes. But don't worry, I'm going to talk to you about why they don't matter, and why I think that killing likes is a fantastic thing, and what you need to do."...

PC Sweeney's Blog, June 25



[Reaching teen parents](#)

Carrie Rogers-Whitehead writes: "On May 30, Salt Lake County Library Services partnered with the [Granite School District Young Parents program](#) for a "Teen Parent Picnic" to serve this at-risk population. About 30 young parents and their families came to the library to sign up for library cards, participate in storytimes, have snacks, and learn about the library. Each young family took home free children's books and other materials donated by the library and the Assistance League of Salt Lake City."...

The Outreach Librarian, June 25



[Academic patron-driven acquisitions](#)

Stephen Arougheti writes: "At times a subjective practice, academic collection development relies on the professional knowledge of librarians to select material tailored to course curricula and the anticipated demands of library users. It is best to view PDA as one tool among several to augment a library's collection development policy. The foresight required to refine a comprehensive collection for future scholarship and address ongoing subject trends requires the continued role of librarians in advancing an inclusive strategy."...

ACRL Keeping Up With..., June 19

[Digital displays on public screens](#)

Jamie Lausch Vander Broek writes: "Recently I opened a folder of images submitted by a colleague to display in the University of Michigan Library's digital gallery space, Bert's Study Lounge. A soldier stared obliquely back at me, his rifle displayed across his midsection. I sighed, my heart sinking. Though we've gotten used to our space's format and medium, each successive partner—from library colleagues to campus departments, faculty members, and individual students—confronts it anew, and this is where the awkwardness comes in."...

Programming Librarian, June 20



[10 tips on organizing an exhibition](#)

Freda Matassa writes: "All of us who put on exhibitions know there is never enough time. Even when dates look good, there are always changes and unforeseen problems. In the run-up to the opening, it really does seem to prove Parkinson's Law: No matter how much time you have, it always seems to go up to the wire. Here are my 10 tips for organizing a successful exhibition."...

Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, June 17

[Audio archaeology](#)

Karen Fishman writes: "In the past few years, LC's National Audio-Visual Conservation Center has been

working with the Document Scan Center to digitize around 1 million pages of public-domain, media-related periodicals such as *Radio and TV Mirror* and *Radio Digest*, as well as trade publications like *The Phonoscope*, *Talking Machine World*, and *Variety Radio Directory*. All are available on the [Internet Archive](#), but the [Media History Digital Library](#) also harvests these scans for presentation on its site along with other books, periodicals, and pamphlets. Here are a few examples.”...

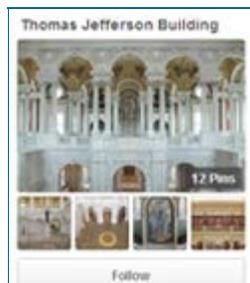
Library of Congress: Now See Hear!, June 19



[LC's new Pinterest boards](#)

Continuing its effort to make its digital educational, historical, and cultural resources available to web users across many platforms, the Library of Congress on June 20 launched an account on Pinterest. The library's [initial boards](#) include the Thomas Jefferson Building, the *Library of Congress Magazine*, the Library of Congress Shop, the National Book Festival, vintage travel posters, baseball, and the Star-Spangled Banner, which celebrates its 200th anniversary this year....

Library of Congress, June 20



[Summer slump](#)

Melanie A. Lyttle and Shawn D. Walsh write: "At some point in 'the season' everyone gets tired and cranky. Summer slump, sheer exhaustion, or whatever phrase you choose to use happens to everyone in your reference desks or outreach departments. It's not just a malaise of people in the children's departments. Summer slump affects library morale. What can you do to improve morale?"...

Public Libraries Online, June 18

[Conservation of World's Fair pop-up books](#)

Katie Wagner writes: "A set of four pop-up books from the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 were recently treated in the book conservation lab. The books are part of the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum Library World's Fair materials. The chromolithographic prints are still vibrant and the paper supports, while brittle, are still in good condition. Pop-up books tend to break at the hinges or moveable supports. In the best-case scenario, the missing pieces are still housed with the book and can be located and reattached."...

Smithsonian Libraries Blog, June 18



[The old Cincinnati Public Library building](#)

Vanessa Grall writes: "The old Public Library of Cincinnati was the sort of place you only see in a Harry Potter film: colossal cast-iron book alcoves and spiral staircases that went several stories high, checkerboard marble floors that shone beneath the skylight roof, a magnificent maze of books. In 1955, the building was



demolished when the library opened a more sizeable and contemporary building just a few blocks down on Vine Street. Today, a parking lot and an office building stand in its place.” Here are some historic photos....

Messy Nussy Chic, June 17

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