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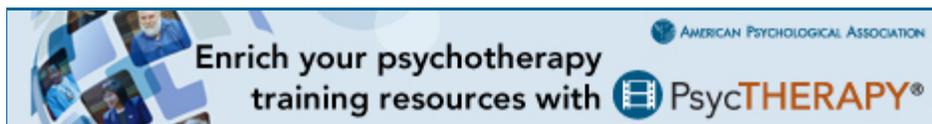
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American Libraries Online

The second wave of the Digital Divide

Corey Taylor writes: "Progress has been made in closing the digital divide between computer-based tools and infrastructure, but an equally debilitating digital divide in internet literacy affects the American public, according to 'Responding to the Second Wave of the Digital Divide,' a briefing of local government, public policy, and library experts held May 6 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. ALA President Barbara K. Stripling had several recommendations to address the perils of digital readiness."...

AL: The Scoop, May 7

Summit on the Future of Libraries

Laurie D. Borman writes: "'Librarians From Now On: Imagining the Future,' a [national summit](#) on the future of libraries held May 2–3 in the Library of Congress Members' Room (right), went fast and furious through two days of impressive speakers and discussions with invited library thought leaders. More than 80 participants, including librarians of all types, foundation leaders, publishers, and library vendors, spent time sharing ideas after each speaker's presentation to begin a national conversation about the libraries of the future." After each speaker, participants gathered at tables to discuss [perceptions and ideas](#) on the presentations. These were captured by a facilitator and will be available at a later date. Nine [video interviews](#) are available online....

AL: The Scoop, May 2, 5



Equity, diversity, and inclusion

ALA President Barbara K. Stripling (right) writes: "I am issuing a clarion call for us to act on our values of social equity, diversity, and inclusion. Through public and honest conversation and individual actions, we can build an equitable and just society for our members, for



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the field of librarianship, and for our communities. ALA has made progress in fostering inclusiveness. What we know, however, is that we are not doing enough. Members of our communities and profession continue to face inequity and discrimination."...

AL: President's Message, May 5

[A project for ALA and all types of libraries](#)

ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels (right) writes: "All around us, libraries are transforming as they adapt to broader changes in the communities they serve and the environment in which they now operate. In the process, librarians have discovered that as they better understand their communities and their aspirations, the more deeply they are 'engaged'; the more impact they can have on their communities; and the more support they will receive in return."...



AL: Executive Director's Message, May 5

[Now trending: Tech and people news](#)

Laurie D. Borman writes: "This issue ([May 2014](#)) we invited Marshall Breeding to give us a [status and trends report](#) on strategic products of the library technology industry. He has been reporting on technology in the industry for more than a decade and regularly provides updates for us and on his own site. Flip to the [back page](#) of this issue and you'll find our new feature, The Bookend. We're profiling librarians and their work in this new addition to *American Libraries*."...



AL: Editor's Letter, May 5

[Tune in for a talk on library security](#)

In the next broadcast of [American Libraries Live](#), Steve Albrecht—a library security expert, consultant, and author of several books on workplace violence—will lead our expert panel in a discussion on both preventative and reactive security strategies. Tune in at 2 p.m. Eastern time on May 8 for this free, streaming video broadcast....

American Libraries, Apr. 29

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Libraries on Film



[Stepping Out](#) (1991). Andrea Martin plays Dorothy, a drab librarian with allergies who takes tap-dancing lessons.



ALA News

[Sari Feldman wins ALA presidency](#)

Sari Feldman (right), executive director of the Cuyahoga County Public Library in Parma, Ohio, has been elected ALA president for the 2015–2016 term. Feldman received 5,184 votes, while her opponent, Maggie Farrell, dean of libraries at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, received 4,185 votes. Feldman will serve as president-elect for one year before stepping into her role as president at the close of the 2015 ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco....

AL: The Scoop, May 2



[ALA councilors elected](#)

33 members have been elected as councilors-at-large on ALA Council for three-year terms. The terms begin at the conclusion of the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas and extend through the end of the 2017 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago....

Office of ALA Governance, May 2

[Figueroa to head Center for the Future of Libraries](#)

Miguel A. Figueroa (right), former director of the ALA Office for Diversity and Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, has been named to head the new ALA Center for the Future of Libraries. As its first director, Figueroa will be responsible for identifying and disseminating information on long-term societal, technological, educational, and demographic trends that may affect libraries and their future. The director will also promote and support the incorporation of "futures thinking" into library policy and planning in libraries of all types....

Office of ALA Governance, Apr. 30



[ALA applauds USA Freedom Act](#)

On the eve of the House Judiciary Committee's markup of the USA Freedom Act, which would end the bulk collection of data on Americans, ALA President Barbara Stripling released the following statement on May 6: "Going forward, librarians in every state and congressional district are committed to working with Sen. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) and Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) in the Senate to strengthen the public's privacy protections in H.R. 3361."...

Office of Government Relations, May 6

[Virtual Library Legislative Day\(s\)](#)

If you couldn't make it to Washington, D.C., for National Library Legislative Day, you can still advocate for libraries by calling or emailing Congress as part of Virtual Library Legislative Day anytime from May 7 to May 9. Library supporters can let their legislators know just how important our nation's libraries are to the communities they serve....

United for Libraries, May 6



[Virtual Membership Meeting, June 5](#)

ALA members are invited to participate in the 2014 Virtual Membership Meeting, 2–3:30 p.m. Central time, June 5. VMM is an annual online forum where ALA leaders present information about

[Stones of Death](#)

(1988, Australia). A high school student studying late in the library of a seaside housing development is attacked by a bizarre spider.



[Storm Center](#) (1956).

Bette Davis plays Alicia Hull, the Kenport public librarian who refuses to remove *The Communist Dream* from the shelves, an action the city fathers have made a prerequisite for granting funds for a children's wing. At the town meeting, attorney Paul Duncan (Brian Keith) accuses her of being a communist herself and turns the citizens against her, ultimately undermining the loyalty of a young patron, Kevin Coughlin as Freddie Slater, who burns the library down. Martha Lockridge (Kim Hunter) is the assistant, then acting librarian; Carl (Burt Mustin) and Susie (Darlene McCullough) are library staffers. Scenes were filmed in the Santa Rosa (Calif.) Public Library, a Carnegie building that was torn down in 1964. The screenplay was loosely based on Ruth Brown, librarian at the Bartlesville (Okla.) Public Library, who was fired in 1950, ostensibly for having

topics of interest to the general membership. All ALA personal members may [register](#). Virtual Membership Meetings are part of ALA's ongoing efforts to reach out interactively to members about its strategic direction, budget priorities, and other topics of interest. Live captioning is provided....

ALA Connect, May 6

[New activities at the Placement Center](#)



During the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, the ALA JobLIST Placement Center will introduce several new activities to help library workers get their careers on track: Check Out a Librarian on June 28 and On-the- Fly Mentoring on June 29. All slots for the professional [photography service](#) on June 28–29 have been filled....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, May 6

[Placement Center open house](#)

To provide networking opportunities for employers and job seekers, the ALA JobLIST Placement Center will host an open house on June 29 during the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. There is no cost to participate and no appointments are necessary. Job seekers can just show up and talk to employers. Employers interested in participating in the open house should complete and submit a participation form ([PDF file](#)) to [Beatrice Calvin](#) by June 6....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, May 6

[Our library ecosystem is under threat](#)

ALA President Barbara K. Stripling writes: "The sounds of libraries today reveal the impact of libraries throughout our lives. All types of libraries—school, public, and academic—form a library ecosystem that provides and supports lifelong learning, and they work together to deliver learning opportunities for people of all ages. However, a threat to one part of the system stresses the entire system. At this moment we are facing a serious threat to school libraries, and thus to the entire library ecosystem."....

The Huffington Post, Apr. 16

[STEAM in Libraries webinar](#)

STEAM Learning, a framework for teaching across the multiple disciplines of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, is the focus for the next webinar in Barbara Stripling's "Libraries Change Lives" series. This free webinar will concentrate on introducing the STEAM philosophy into school and public libraries; highlighting its project-based learning and collaborative qualities. Mark your calendar for 1–2 p.m. Central time, May 19. [Registration](#) is free but mandatory....

Office for Library Advocacy, May 2

[2014 International Games Day launched](#)

For the first time, ALA is officially partnering with two international organizations to bring you International Games Day on November 15: the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), ALA analogue Down Under; and Nordic Game Day, who have been successfully running game days in Scandinavian libraries alongside IGD for the past few years. The event is still volunteer-run, but being able to call on the networks and some of the resources of other groups is a huge help in expanding the reach of the day....

International Games Day, May 5

subversive books in the library, but in reality for her civil-rights activism in the 1940s.



[The Story of the Vatican](#) (1941). This *March of Time* documentary shows the Vatican Library and some of its holdings, including papal bulls, manuscripts, and other examples of Catholic church history. Some of the footage came from "The Vatican of Pius XII" newsreel released in February 1940.

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](#).



[People to People delegation to India](#)

Consider joining a custom-designed library 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



[How to host programs about privacy](#)

Mike Robinson writes: "I have been working with several libraries in Alaska to offer programs about online privacy. We offered two programs so far and are taking what we learned to create a series of programs this year. I would like to share how we got started, what we learned, and what we are planning for this year in the hope that it will inspire you. If we can do it, anyone can."...

OIF Blog, May 4

[Just another hysterical librarian for freedom](#)

Nancy Kranich writes: "Are librarians hysterical about protecting user privacy, as Attorney General John Ashcroft contended in 2003? That was the question asked on April 23 when LIS students at Rutgers University heard from two librarians on the front lines defending and promoting intellectual freedom since the September 11th terrorist attacks. The colloquium, 'Libraries, Privacy, and National Security,' featured George Christian and Patrice McDermott."...

OIF Blog, May 5

[Five elected to FTRF board of trustees](#)

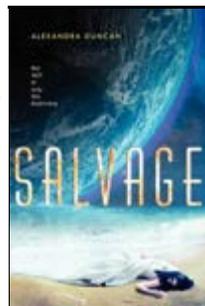
Five members of the Freedom to Read Foundation were elected to two-year terms on the board of trustees in the annual election. Current FTRF President Julius C. Jefferson Jr. was reelected to the board, while Gretchen McCord, Kathy Ishizuka, and Em Claire Knowles were elected for the first time. Martin Garnar, who also won election, previously served on the board as an ex-officio member when he was chair of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee....

Freedom to Read Foundation, May 6

[Slutshelf Giveaway benefits FTRF](#)

After discovering the main character in her debut novel *Salvage* had been labeled a "slut" on Goodreads, Alexandra Duncan was inspired to turn the word around by initiating a giveaway of *Salvage* and other books that have been "banned, challenged, or generally derided for including mention of sex and sexuality." She has offered to donate up to \$1,000 to the Freedom to Read Foundation as part of this effort—a dollar for every entrant. And her agent agreed to match the donation. The [Slutshelf Giveaway](#) will run through May 19....

FTRF Blog, May 6



[Health sciences reference sources](#)

Prepared in collaboration with the Medical Library Association, the sixth edition of [Introduction to](#)

Career Leads from JobLIST

[Library Media](#)

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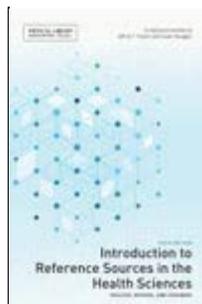
Digital Library of the Week



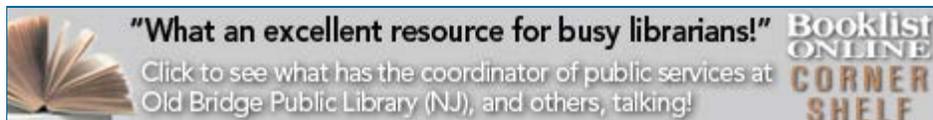
The Indiana State Library has introduced an [Indiana Digital Historic Newspapers](#) platform to its Indiana

[Reference Sources in the Health Sciences](#), published by ALA Neal-Schuman, lists classic and up-to-the-minute print and electronic resources in the health sciences, helping librarians find the answers that library users seek. Compiled and edited by Jeffrey T. Huber and Susan Swogger, the guide includes new chapters on health information seeking, point-of-care sources, and global health sources....

ALA Neal-Schuman, May 2



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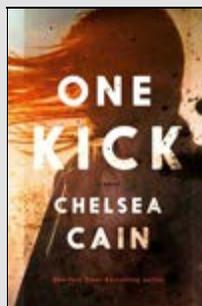


Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Adult crime fiction](#)

Cain, Chelsea. *One Kick*. Aug. 2014. 320p. Simon & Schuster, hardcover (978-1-4767-4978-5).

Cain has a new publisher and a new series, and even those fans most devoted to the Archie Sheridan and Gretchen Lowell novels will find plenty to race their pulses when they encounter Kick Lannigan, a woman on a mission. Part Lisbeth Salander and part Susan Ward, the punky reporter from the Sheridan-Lowell novels, Kick is a 21-year-old martial-arts expert who was abducted from her Seattle home at age six and rescued five years later, but not before being forced to star in a series of kiddie-porn videos still the rage on the underground internet. Now Kick is obsessed with tracking other abducted children, especially two who have gone missing in the last three weeks....



[The year's best crime novels, 2014](#)

Bill Ott writes: "Series versus stand-alone, hard-boiled versus cozy, historical versus contemporary, a carefully planned menu versus potluck? Picking the best crime novels of the year is no easy trick. There is so much to consider beyond the book in front of you, which is why we choose to forget all that, just pick our favorites, and let them stand together. That's what we did, and it worked out pretty well. Our top 10 includes six stand-alones, two series entries, and two books that seem to be the first volumes in new series."...



Memory digital library. This collection contains 14,216 issues comprising 95,463 pages from some 30 Indiana newspapers from 1840 to 1922. The content is displayed in Veridian software, which allows registered users to correct OCR errors. The Indiana Memory site itself launched an improved web interface in late March.

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

"Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time. It is the feeling of privacy in the voting booths, the feeling of communion in the libraries, the feeling of vitality everywhere. Democracy is a letter to the editor."

—Writer E. B. White (1899–1985), in the "[Notes and Comments](#)" section of *The New Yorker*, July 3, 1943.

@ [More quotes...](#)

Calendar

May 16:

Mystery Month: Don't miss it

Keir Graff writes: "As everyone in the law-abiding world knows, May is the time when we celebrate the publication of *Booklist's* annual Mystery Showcase issue with a happening we like to call Mystery Month. We kicked things off on Tuesday with a webinar, and our May 1 print issue is now live. Our blogs will be chock-full of crime-fiction posts, too, and we'll be sharing gems from our mystery vault on Twitter and Facebook. Speaking of Twitter, we'll be tweeting each and every one of our 41 starred mystery reviews before the end of the month."...

Likely Stories, May 1

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Las Vegas Update

Best Las Vegas buffets

At the top of this list of nine buffets is the [Wicked Spoon Buffet](#) at the Cosmopolitan casino, 3708 Las Vegas Boulevard South. The Wicked Spoon is divided into sections, beginning with a salad area that includes Italian panzanella bread salad, chickpea salad, hummus, pita slices, and a nice selection of pungent cheeses. It also has a seafood station, an Italian food area, and an Asian station. The highlight is the gelato bar which serves the rich, creamy Italian treat in a wide variety of flavors....

iVegas, Mar. 30



Going healthy in Las Vegas

Stephanie Rosenbloom writes: "There was a time when yoga and Sin City were like fire and ice. But practicing a tree pose while a family of bottlenose dolphins looks on is just one of many health initiatives being introduced by hotels once known only for bars, buffets, and smoky casinos. The [Mirage Hotel and Casino](#) has cornered the dolphin-Ashtanga market, but its competitors have their own offbeat mind-body prescriptions."...

New York Times, Nov. 29, 2013



Miniguide to Las Vegas resort fees

Charles Higgins writes: "Resort fees are mandatory add-on charges for assorted amenities and services most Las Vegas hotels now tack on to nightly room rates. Our previously published guide is now obsolete, as more Vegas hotels have either initiated or increased daily resort fees within the last two years. These extra charges don't sit

[LIBRIS 2014](#), Madren Conference Center, Clemson (S.C.) University. "Orange You Glad You Work in a Library."

May 28–31:

[Canadian Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Victoria Conference Center, Victoria, British Columbia.

June 2–3:

[Rhode Island Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Salve Regina University, Newport.

June 2–4:

[New Jersey Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Revel, Atlantic City.

June 6:

[New England Library Instruction Group](#), Annual Program, UMass Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

June 8–10:

[Special Libraries Association](#), Annual Conference, Vancouver Convention Center, Vancouver, British Columbia.

June 9–12:

[Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums](#), International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums, Palm Springs, California.

June 9–13:

[Association of Christian Librarians](#),

well with most Vegas visitors but, like it or not, they're not going away and will likely increase with time."...

Las Vegas Examiner, Jan. 3

[A glimpse of Las Vegas](#)

This timelapse video (1:03) by Lu Natalino offers a look at the hustle and bustle you will likely experience in the "Entertainment Capital of the World." This screenshot (right) shows Dale Chihuly's *Fiori di Como* installation at the Bellagio Hotel on the Strip...

Vimeo, Apr. 29



[Find Vegas shows](#)

Vegas.com helps you get tickets for the most popular Las Vegas shows. From musical acts like Celine Dion, the Motown Show, Million Dollar Quartet, Boyz II Men, and the Osmonds, to the acrobats of Cirque du Soleil, this Las Vegas show guide provides you all the details you need, including price, show dates, show reviews, and an easy-to-use purchase process....

Vegas.com

[Blu Marble turns trash into treasure](#)

Tourists living the high life on the Las Vegas Strip are leaving thousands of pounds of trash behind. Alcohol bottles are some of the most difficult for casinos to recycle, but now one local company is reimagining the trash and making money off of it. It's called repurposed merchandise. Blu Marble, just west of the Las Vegas Strip, is taking trash, turning it into unique treasures, and selling them online....

KLAS-TV, Las Vegas, May 2



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Division News

[Snapshots of reality](#)

ACRL has published [Snapshots of Reality: A Practical Guide to Formative Assessment in Library Instruction](#) by Mary Snyder Broussard, Rachel Hickoff-Cresko, and Jessica Urick Oberlin. In 10 practical chapters, *Snapshots of Reality* works from the assumption that classroom-based assessment does not have to take away from invaluable instruction time, nor does it have to be an overwhelmingly complicated task, and it outlines the concept of formative assessment....

ACRL, May 2



[Violence prevention in the public library](#)

Public library staff are particularly vulnerable to encountering dangerous or difficult individuals. Learn how to identify potentially violent behavior as well as strategies to diffuse or, in the worst case, survive the situation in an hour-long, live webinar, "[Violence Prevention in the Public Library](#)," presented by



Annual Conference, Huntington University, Huntington, Indiana. "Crossroads to Discovery."

June 18–19:

[Colorado Academic Library Association](#),

Biennial Summit 2014, online meeting. "Educating in a World of Diversity."

Aug. 13–15:

[Pacific Northwest Library Association](#),

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

Sept. 17–20:

[North Dakota Library Association](#),

Annual Conference, Ramada Inn, Bismarck.

Sept. 24–27:

[Wyoming Library Association](#),

Annual Conference, Casper.

Oct. 1–3:

[South Dakota Library Association](#),

Annual Conference, Best Western Ramkota, Pierre. "Libraries: The Center of It All."

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PLA on May 14. Instructor Kenneth Wolf is the director of Incident Management Team, Inc....

PLA, May 5

[Vailey Oehlke elected PLA president](#)

Vailey Oehlke (right), director of the Multnomah County (Oreg.) Library, has been elected PLA president for 2015–2016. Oehlke has led Multnomah through three successful funding efforts, culminating in 2012 with the formation of a library district to provide stable funding for the library’s 150th year of service. She has been consistently dedicated to furthering the larger field of public libraries—serving on the PLA Board (2011–2013) and the Urban Libraries Council Executive Board....

PLA, May 5



[Ann Campion Riley elected ACRL president](#)

Ann Campion Riley (right), associate director for access, collections, and technical services at the University of Missouri, has been elected ACRL president for 2015–2016. Riley’s activities in ACRL include serving as a member of the ACRL Board of Directors (2009–2013), ACRL Chapters Council (2003-2005), ACRL Library Advocacy Institute (2003), Regional Advocacy Trainer (2003-2005), and member-at-large of the Distance Learning Section....

ACRL, May 5



[Andrew Medlar elected ALSC president](#)

Andrew Medlar (right), assistant commissioner for collections at the Chicago Public Library, has been elected ALSC president for 2015–2016. Medlar currently serves as ALSC’s division councilor and has served on ALSC committees, including Budget, Caldecott, and Sibert. He also has served on numerous ALSC task forces, including Friends of ALSC, Award Service and Social Media Review, and Online Continuing Education Strategy....

ALSC, May 5



[Leslie Preddy elected AASL president](#)

Leslie Preddy (right), school librarian at Perry Meridian Middle School in Indianapolis, has been elected AASL president for 2015–2016. Preddy has served as chair of the AASL Innovative Reading Grant Committee, and as a member of the AASL Distinguished School Administrators Award Committee and the ALA Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming....

AASL, May 5



[Thomas P. Dowling elected LITA president](#)

Thomas P. Dowling (right), director of technologies at the Z. Smith Reynold Library at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has been elected LITA president for 2015–2016. Dowling served on the LITA Board of Directors in 2000–2002 and



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currently serves as chair of the LITA Publications Committee, 2012–2014....

LITA, May 6

Ed McBride elected United for Libraries president

Ed McBride (right), has been elected United for Libraries president for 2015–2016. McBride was formerly chief member engagement officer at Lyrasis, senior vice president of Cengage Gale's Customer Resource Center, and director of support services for the San Francisco Public Library. He is currently enrolled in the MLS-Executive Librarian Program at San José State University....

United for Libraries, May 5



Jeff Steely elected LLAMA president

Jeff Steely, associate dean of libraries at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, has been elected LLAMA president for 2015–2016. Steely will become LLAMA President in June 2015....

LLAMA, May 5

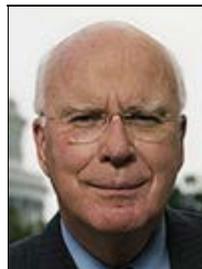
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Awards & Grants

Sen. Leahy accepts Public Service Award

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt., right) accepted the 2014 Public Service Award, given by United for Libraries, on May 5 during National Library Legislative Day activities in Washington, D.C. The award was given for Leahy's introduction of S. 1599, the USA Freedom Act, a companion bill to H.R. 3361 (also the USA Freedom Act). H.R. 3361 was introduced by Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), who also received the Public Service Award....

United for Libraries, May 6



Norman Horrocks Annual Conference Award

The ALA Retired Members Round Table has named Jennifer S. Kutzik (right) the winner of the Norman Horrocks–Scarecrow Press Annual Conference Award for 2014. She will receive up to \$1,000 to attend the ALA Annual Conference. Kutzik retired on June 30, 2011, from Colorado State University Libraries, after a 39-year career as a library and information professional....

Retired Members Round Table, May 6



Diversity Research Grant deadline extended

The ALA Office for Diversity has extended the deadline for proposals for its 2014 Diversity Research Grants from April 30 to May 16.

Applicants must be current ALA members, and 2014 proposals may concentrate on any diversity topic that addresses critical gaps in the knowledge of diversity issues within library and information science. Submissions should be either PDF or Word attachments and

[emailed](#)....

Office for Diversity, May 6

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[Frederick Stoss receives green education award](#)

Frederick Stoss (right), subject specialist for biological and environmental sciences and mathematics at the University at Buffalo, has received the first Friend of the Biblioteca Nacional Aruba (BNA, National Library of Aruba) Award for his work with the BNA in green education programming and for helping to create the library's Caribbean Energy, Environmental, and Sustainability Program. The award was made at the third annual Green Education Symposium Aruba, held April 7–11 at Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad, Aruba....



University at Buffalo, May 2

[ATLA Leaders of Tomorrow](#)

Nine participants were selected for the American Theological Library Association's [Creating the Leaders of Tomorrow](#) program, which works with mid-career theological or religious studies librarians to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to become effective library directors and leaders in the theological library community. Each participant is paired with an experienced library leader to serve as a mentor throughout their participation in the program....

American Theological Library Association, Apr. 23

[2014 Depository Libraries of the Year](#)

The US Government Printing Office recognized four libraries in the Federal Depository Library Program for their outstanding achievements and initiatives in 2013 and 2014. These Libraries of the Year were selected for their leadership, educational outreach, and commitment to providing free public access to information available from the federal government: Arizona State Library, Brooklyn College Library (right), University of Iowa Libraries, and the Ottenheimer Library at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock....



Government Printing Office, Apr. 30

[Excellence in Public History Award](#)

Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library's [Civil War on the Western Border](#) website, developed in collaboration with VTLS, won the 2014 Award for Excellence in Public History from the Society of Civil War Historians. The \$5,000 award recognizes the website as an outstanding public history project that improves public awareness and understanding of the Civil War era. The website includes an interactive timeline and map as well as an innovative relationship viewer....



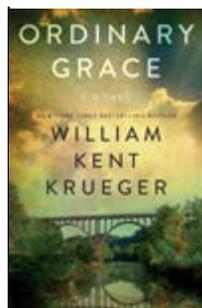
VTLS, May 6

[2014 Edgar Awards](#) (PDF file)

On May 1, Mystery Writers of America announced the winners of the 2014 Edgar Allen Poe Awards, honoring the best in mystery fiction, nonfiction, and television published or produced in 2013. The award for best novel went to William Kent Krueger for *Ordinary Grace* (Atria Books), the best paperback original prize went to Alex Marwood for *The Wicked Girls* (Penguin), and

Daniel Stashower was given the award for best fact crime for *The Hour of Peril: The Secret Plot to Murder Lincoln before the Civil War* (Minotaur)....

Mystery Writers of America, May 1



[2013 Agatha Awards](#)

At its annual Washington, D.C., convention on May 3, Malice Domestic announced the Agatha Award winners for books published in 2013. The awards celebrate "traditional mysteries" written in the style of Agatha Christie, meaning they contain no explicit gore, sex, or violence. Hank Phillippi Ryan won the Best Contemporary Novel award for *The Wrong Girl* (Forge), while Charles Todd won the Best Historical Novel award for *A Question of Honor* (Morrow)....

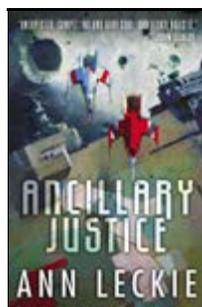
Malice Domestic, May 3



[2014 Arthur C. Clarke Award](#)

A debut novel narrated by a space ship has won Ann Leckie the UK's top science fiction prize, the Arthur C. Clarke Award. The American author's *Ancillary Justice* has already jointly won the British Science Fiction Association prize and is nominated for the Hugo best novel award. The award is worth £2,014 (\$3,397 US) this year. *Ancillary Justice* is narrated by what used to be the military space ship Justice of Toren, which now animates one possessed soldier....

The Guardian (UK), May 1



[2014 James Beard Foundation Book Awards](#) (PDF file)

The James Beard Foundation Book Awards were announced May 2 at Gotham Hall in New York City. British chef Heston Blumenthal's *Historic Heston* (Bloomsbury) won the Cookbook of the Year award, while Denver author Adrian Miller won in the Reference and Scholarship category for his book *Soul Food: The Surprising Story of an American Cuisine, One Plate at a Time* (University of North Carolina)....

James Beard Foundation, May 5



[Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize](#)

Nathaniel Mackey (right) has won the 2014 Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize. The \$100,000 lifetime achievement award, one of the richest literary prizes in the world, is given annually by the Poetry Foundation. Mackey has served as chancellor of the Academy of American Poets and teaches creative writing at Duke. For decades he has been publishing poetry and prose, including a series of novels under the title *From A Broken Bottle Traces of Perfume Still Emanate*....

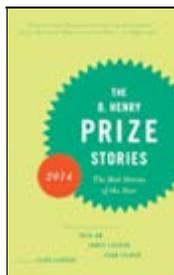
Washington Post: Style Blog, May 7



[2014 O. Henry Prize winners](#)

The 2014 winners of the short fiction O. Henry Prize were revealed May 5, recognizing both established writers and emerging voices. Chosen by series editor Laura Furman, the 20 stories will be collected into a single volume, published as an Anchor Books trade paperback original on September 9. Established in 1919, the prize is intended to “strengthen the art of the short story and to stimulate younger authors.”...

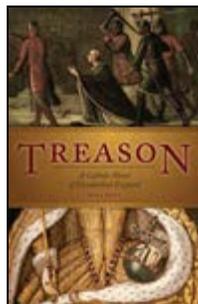
Publishers Weekly, May 5



[2014 Independent Publisher Book Awards](#)

The “IPPY” Awards, launched in 1996, are designed to bring increased recognition to the deserving but often unsung titles published by independent authors and publishers. Listed here are this year’s 78 National Category medalists, 275 in all, chosen from about 4,000 entries. The medal ceremony will be held on May 28 in New York City, on the eve of BookExpo America. The gold-medal winner in the religious fiction category was *Treason: A Catholic Novel of Elizabethan England*, by Dena Hunt (Sophia Institute Press)....

Independent Publisher, Apr. 30



[2013 Whitney Awards](#)

The Whitney Awards honor novels in various genres by authors belonging to the Church of Latter-Day Saints. Announced April 27, this year’s winners include *Blackmoore* by Julianne Donaldson, for best novel; *Steelheart* by Brandon Sanderson, for best youth novel; *Deep Cover* by Traci Hunter Abramson, for best mystery/suspense novel; and *All the Truth That’s in Me* by Julie Berry, for best YA general novel....

Whitney Awards, Apr. 27



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Get the inside scoop on pressing library topics.

Libraries in the News

[NYPL abandons controversial renovation plan](#)

In a striking about-face, the New York Public Library has abandoned its plan to turn part of its research flagship on 42nd Street into a circulating library and instead will renovate the Mid-Manhattan branch on Fifth Avenue, several library trustees said. The renovation, formerly known as the Central Library Plan, would have required eliminating the book stacks under the building’s main reading room. The change in course comes as Mayor Bill de Blasio prepares to announce his final budget on May 8....



New York Times, May 7

[Chicago's school libraries](#)

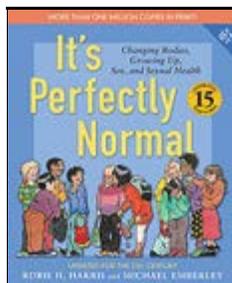
Lauren Fitzpatrick writes: "A beautiful new library opened in early May in the Humboldt Park neighborhood of Chicago for the 800 students of Daniel R. Cameron Elementary School. Still, 252 of the 527 Chicago Public Schools that are staffed by union teachers lack a librarian, and 18 more schools have just a part-time librarian, according to the Chicago Teachers Union. CPS said it will spend up to \$120 million making sure every classroom has air conditioning, but the district has allocated no money in FY 2015 directed specifically toward libraries...."



Chicago Sun-Times, May 4

[Perfectly Normal ebook challenged, retained](#)

A controversial ebook on sex education will still be available to middle school students in the Francis Howell School District in St. Charles County, Missouri. Some parents were outraged over the cartoon drawings of naked people in *It's Perfectly Normal* by Robie Harris and Michael Emberley. One parent filed a formal complaint, but school officials said "it was determined to keep the ebook available as a resource for check-out in the library."...



KSDK-TV, St. Louis, May 6

[Your own personal Multnomah librarian](#)

In April, the Multnomah County (Oreg.) Library quietly launched [My Librarian](#), an online tool that lets readers connect with a real-life librarian, without actually visiting a library branch. Instead, readers can build a relationship with one of 13 librarians through video chats, blogs, or phone calls to discuss their favorite books. The program, Library Director Vailey Oehlke said, is the first of its kind in the country....



Portland *Oregonian*, Apr. 30

[Quiet man didn't die alone](#)

Vincent T. Davis writes: "When Carly Hatchell learned her uncle, missing more than 10 years, had died in San Antonio, Texas, she feared the worst. She assumed Raymond E. Mueller had been alone and in pain. But when she came to the city, she discovered Mueller hadn't been alone at all. In fact, he had found some peace. He had refuge at the Central Library, surrounded every day by the books he loved. At night, he sought shelter at Haven for Hope, where he frequently stayed."...

San Antonio (Tex.) Express-News, May 2

[Saskatchewan to close four campus libraries](#)

Four of seven University of Saskatchewan libraries will likely close as part of the TransformUS cost-cutting program. New details about the budget-slashing measures are included in a group of "project brief"



documents on the university website. The plan for library services includes closing libraries in the education, law, and engineering colleges and in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. The university will move some collections into remote storage and could expand study space in the remaining libraries....

Saskatoon (Sask.) StarPhoenix, May 6

[Library changes seen as risk to Health Canada](#)

Managers at Health Canada admitted that changes to the department's library services would lead to risks to its credibility and its ability to produce evidence-based decisions.

The managers' concerns have one observer saying that if the federal health minister doesn't reverse the changes, "she's putting Canadians at serious risk." Health Canada moved its physical collection to the National Research Council in 2013. That led many scientists to use workarounds, like creating their own libraries....

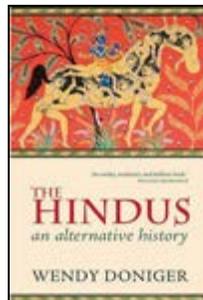
CBC News, May 5



[India: Censorship by the Batra Brigade](#)

Wendy Doniger writes: "In February, after a long career of relative obscurity, I suddenly became notorious. In 2010, Penguin India had published a book of mine, *The Hindus: An Alternative History*, which won two awards in India. But within months of its publication in India, a then-81-year-old retired headmaster named Dina Nath Batra brought the first of a series of civil and criminal actions against the book, arguing that it violated the Indian Penal Code, which forbids 'deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class' of citizens."...

New York Review of Books, May 8



[Vatican Library moves into the 21st century](#)

Aimee Chanthadavong writes: "The Vatican Apostolic Library has begun mass digitizing 82,000 historic manuscripts to make them available online. As part of the project, EMC Corporation has offered the library 2.8 petabytes of storage—enough to store about 40 million pages of digitized manuscripts. Speaking at EMC World 2014, Vatican Library Chief Information Officer Luciano Ammenti (right) said the project is halfway through." *IT World Canada* has [more information](#)....

ZDNet, May 6; *IT World Canada*, May 6



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Issues

[White House releases big data and privacy report](#)

The White House released a long-awaited report ([PDF file](#)) May 1 on how the technology industry's [collection of big data](#) affects the online privacy of millions of Americans. The report, authored by a



group led by White House counselor John Podesta, [recommends](#) that Congress pass national data breach legislation, extend privacy protections to non-US citizens, and update the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, which controls how the government can access email. Here is [danah boyd's take](#) on the report and an [analysis](#) by the Electronic Frontier Foundation...

Washington Post, The Switch, May 1; US Office of Science and Technology Policy, May 1; Nextgov, May 1; Apophenia, May 1; Electronic Frontier Foundation, May 4

[Yahoo! drops "do not track" policy](#)

Mark Hachman writes: "Yahoo said in early May that it will stop honoring 'do not track' requests made by a user's browser. It will now actively attempt to track your interactions with its site and its content. 'Here at Yahoo, we work hard to provide our users with a highly personalized experience,' the ironically named 'Yahoo Privacy Team' wrote in a [blog post](#). Yahoo said it had yet to see a single privacy standard that is 'effective, easy to use, and has been adopted by the broader tech industry.'"...

PC World, May 2; Yahoo Global Public Policy, Apr. 30



[Help EFF test Privacy Badger](#)

The Electronic Frontier Foundation is launching a new extension for Firefox and Chrome called [Privacy Badger](#), which automatically detects and blocks spying ads around the web and the invisible trackers that feed information to them. When you visit websites, your copy of Privacy Badger keeps note of the third-party domains that embed images, scripts, and advertising in the pages you visit. EFF is looking for intrepid users to try it out and let them know before they encourage millions of people to install it....

Electronic Frontier Foundation, May 1



[IMLS hearing on libraries and broadband](#)

Susan Hildreth writes: "On April 17, the Institute of Museum and Library Services convened the first public hearing it has ever held. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler (right) is working to modernize the E-rate, an important source of telecommunications discounts for libraries and schools. Considering the analysis of FCC data that IMLS released just prior to the hearing, this moment was perhaps of even greater importance than many of us had realized. More than 90% of public libraries, a total of 15,551 individual libraries, have used the discounts provided by the E-rate."...

UpNext: The IMLS Blog, May 5



[Measures of success](#)

Brett Bonfield writes: "The outcomes that librarians measure are not directly associated with practices that lead to improved lives for our patrons. If we cannot make that connection, we have no way of knowing how well we are really doing our jobs. There are four outcomes that librarians could use to measure success in improving our constituents' well-being: voting, literacies, employment, and social capital."...

In the Library with the Lead Pipe, May 7

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Tech Talk

[Give him a hand](#)

Marti Attoun writes: "Matthew Shields flashes a smile and high-fives Mason Wilde with the prosthetic on his right hand. Born without fingers on that hand, Matthew, 9, now uses his Robohand to open doors, carry books, and catch a ball—thanks to Mason, 17, who made the device with a 3D printer at the Johnson County Library in Overland Park, Kansas. Feeding and melting plastic filament to make parts on the 3D printer took about eight hours. Mason assembled the 20 pieces with nylon cord and stainless steel screws."...

American Profile, Apr. 29



[Top 10 ultrabooks](#)

Mark Spoonauer writes: "Ultrabooks are the best kind of laptop money can buy. Why? Because they're slim, light, and wake from sleep almost instantly. You should also expect long battery life, which is great for everyone from students to road warriors. There are many models to choose from at different prices, including hybrids that double as tablets for the ultimate in versatility. You'll also find new machines with super-sharp quad HD screens. Here's our list of the Top 10 Ultrabooks based on our extensive reviews."...

Laptop Mag, May 5



[Six new travel routers](#)

Michael Brown writes: "If you need internet access while you're away from home or work, you should carry a travel router in your bag. Free Wi-Fi hotspots are nearly always insecure, leaving your PC vulnerable to attack. Use a travel router to connect to a Wi-Fi hotspot or a facility's broadband connection, and it will create a private, secure, wireless network with a robust firewall. Here are the features you should look for when shopping for one and hands-on reviews of six new models."...

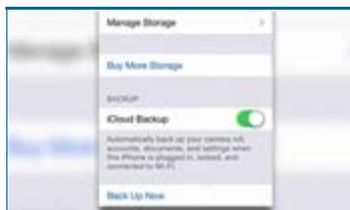
PC World, May 5



[How to back up your iOS device on the iCloud](#)

Jill Duffy writes: "Everyone who owns a mobile device should back up the data. Period. With iOS, you have two simple options: use iCloud or [use iTunes](#). iCloud is Apple's own cloud-based storage and backup solution for Apple software. It comes included with your device, and it's free for up to 5GB. This article explains how to back up using iCloud." Watch the [video](#) (1:44)....

PC Magazine, July 26, 2012; May 7



[Microsoft fixes IE bug—even for XP users](#)

Andrea Peterson writes: "Microsoft released a security update for its Internet Explorer browser on May 1 to fix a bug that allowed hackers to take over a computer. The tech company said it will be releasing a similar update for Windows XP, even though it dropped support for

the 12-year-old operating system in April. Users who have automatic updates enabled should not have to take any action.”...

Washington Post: The Switch, May 1

[OK, library](#)

Char Booth and Dani Brecher write: “Cool or creepy. Those are the two most common words we hear when sharing Google Glass with the Claremont Colleges Library user community, more often than not in the same sentence. What’s behind these polarized reactions, and why would a library want Glass to begin with?”...



College and Research Libraries News 75 (May): 234–239

[PC slowing down?](#)

David Pogue writes: “Modern PCs don’t require as much maintenance as they once did. But showing your hard drive some love now and then can make a difference in its speed and efficiency, especially if it’s fairly full. Here it is: the non-techie’s guide to optimizing your system using Disk Cleanup and Disk Defragmenter.”...

Yahoo! Tech, May 6

[Practice programming languages in your browser](#)

Carli Spina writes: “[Repl.it](#), which was designed by Amjad Masad and Max Shawabkeh, allows users to type code and see the results interactively within their browser. This allows users to get a sense for the language, practice writing programs and catch mistakes dynamically in the browser. It currently works with 18 programming languages, including JavaScript, Python, Ruby, and CoffeeScript.”...



Novel Technology, May 5

[Getting started with APIs](#)

Lauren Magnuson writes: “There has been much discussion in the library community regarding the use of web service APIs over the past few years. Though APIs can be very powerful and provide awesome new ways to share, promote, manipulate, and mash up your library’s data, getting started using them can be overwhelming. This post is intended to provide a very basic overview of the technologies and terminology involved with web service APIs, and I offer a brief example to get you started using the Twitter API.”...



ACRL TechConnect Blog, May 1

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E-Content

[A world digital library is coming true](#)

Robert Darnton writes: “In the scramble to gain market share in cyberspace, something is getting lost: the public interest. Libraries and laboratories—crucial nodes of the World Wide Web—are buckling under economic pressure, and the information they diffuse is being diverted away from the public sphere, where it can do most good. No one can ignore the economic realities that underlie the new information age, but who would argue that we have reached the right balance between commercialization and democratization?”...

New York Review of Books, May 22

[Why paper books will persist](#)

Brandon Keim writes: "Paper books were supposed to be dead by now. Yet in a world of screen ubiquity, many people still prefer to do their serious reading on paper. What I've read on screen seems slippery; when I later recall it, the text is slightly translucent in my mind's eye. It's as if my brain better absorbs what's presented on paper. Pixels just don't seem to stick. And often I've found myself wondering, why might that be?"...

Wired, May 1

[DCL ebook report for May 2014](#)

James LaRue writes: "The Douglas County (Colo.) Libraries Ebook Report for May ([PDF file](#)) is now available. Out of curiosity, I added up the price of every single title available to libraries from each source. That is, suppose you decide to buy every *New York Times* bestseller title available to your library from each of the vendors in this DCL report. Which affords you the best deal?"...

AL: E-Content, May 7

EBOOKS			
Library Pricing		Consumer Pricing	
Overdrive	3M	Amazon	Barnes & Noble
\$16.99	\$16.99	\$11.99	\$11.99
\$90.00	\$90.00	\$7.50	\$14.99
\$5.97	\$5.99	\$1.99	\$1.99
\$84.00	\$84.00	\$8.99	\$14.99

[Ebooks and early reading skills](#)

Nate Hoffelder writes: "With some studies showing that [enhanced ebooks hurt](#), and other studies showing that ebook readers [help readers learn](#), the jury is still out on the topic of whether ebooks help or hurt reading comprehension. On May 2, a new study in *Frontiers of Psychology* added to the debate. A team of researchers at Kyoto University's Primate Research Institute have found that displaying a picture book on an iPad and combining it with narration improved small children's ability to understand the words they were seeing."...



The Digital Reader, Mar. 14, Apr. 14, May 6; *Frontiers in Psychology*, May 2

[Why Mattoon is cutting OverDrive loose](#)

Mattoon (Ill.) Public Library Director Ryan Franklin writes: "In my last article I said you would see places where we had to cut the budget. The most noticeable cut so far is OverDrive. We have been fortunate to have access to ebooks and e-audiobooks for more than 12 years, but the price to maintain OverDrive is becoming prohibitive. Last year our price to have service from OverDrive went up 250%. Before, each library paid a flat fee. This was a good policy for 11 years. However, last year pricing was redone to reflect the usage from each library."...

Mattoon (Ill.) Journal Gazette & Times-Courier, May 6

[Ebooks for submariners](#)

The Navy doesn't allow iPads or Kindles on submarines; they're too dangerous. Spies could use the camera to record inside, and cell signals could betray its location when it surfaces. So the Navy's General Library Program has just announced the NeRD, or [Navy eReader Device](#). It's an E Ink tablet that resembles a Kindle, except it has no internet capability, no removable storage, and no way to add or delete content. The Navy plans to send about five to each submarine to be shared. Each reader is preloaded with 300 books that will never change....

The Verge, May 7; Digital Book World, May 7



[Five past predictions on the future of the ebook](#)

Matt Novak writes: "The dream of the electronic library dates back to at least the 1950s, and arguably [much earlier](#). But it wasn't until the 1980s and 1990s that our ebook dreams slowly became a high-tech reality. Here we have a handful of predictions from the end of the last century about the future of the ebook and the various readers we'd be using to consume them."...

Paleofuture, May 5; Mar, 7, 2012



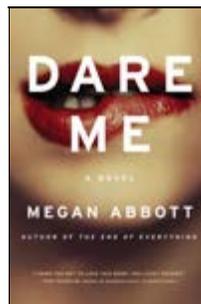
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Books & Reading

[10 rad female authors to read](#)

Rachel Manwill writes: "In response to Donna Tartt's well-deserved Pulitzer win for *The Goldfinch*, *Time* magazine posted an [article](#) listing 21 female authors you should be reading. Though there are some amazing authors on that list, if you're a book lover like me, many of them are probably already on your radar. If you're looking for a few more solid women to add to your reading repertoire, here are 10 more that you might not have heard of yet."...

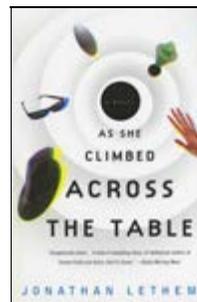
Book Riot, May 2; *Time*, Apr. 16



[The 18 most hipster books of all time](#)

Maddie Crum writes: "We got to thinking about which books are commonly enjoyed by the younger, trendier counterculture. It's easy to make jokes about hipsters, which is exactly why we will. But it's also interesting to examine the commonalities these stories share and why these books resonate so strongly with contemporary readers. So if a hipster is a talented, socially conscientious creative type who sometimes struggles with sincerity, what's a hipster book?"...

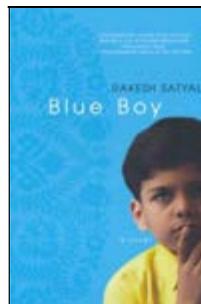
The Huffington Post, May 6



[The Indian-American experience in YA lit](#)

Lalitha Nataraj writes: "I continue to search for books in which I find my personal cultural experiences accurately mirrored. Discovering a story where the characters eat the same food as I do, pepper their English-dialogue with Indian language, and express the frustration of straddling two cultures elicits an internal sigh, like, 'Finally! Someone else gets it!' The month of May marks [Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month](#), and I'm excited to share a few YA titles that focus on the Indian-American experience and Indian culture."...

YALSA The Hub, May 7

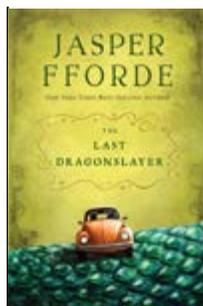


[New YA dragon books](#)

Molly Wetta writes: "There's one type of fantasy book I'm always getting requests for: dragon books! Since they are so popular at my library, I was thrilled to find

not only quite a few new releases featuring dragons, but also that the selection is quite diverse. There are dragon books inspired by Asian mythology, those that take their inspiration from tales of medieval Europe, and those that imagine our world if dragons were real, or even a post-apocalyptic future where dragons are kept on reservations."...

YALSA The Hub, May 5



[More historical fashion hits and misses](#)

Laura Perenic writes: "Many books from specific dates and locations feature outfits as cover art that either haven't been invented yet or are way out of fashion. I was eager to know if these same mistakes were being made in young adult historical fiction. Here are some examples of books that got it right (the Infernal Devices series) and those that got it wrong (*A Darkness Strange and Lovely*)."...

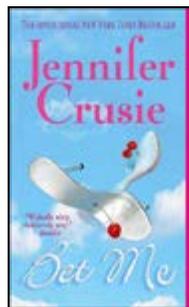
YALSA The Hub, May 6



[Why don't romance novels get any respect?](#)

Noah Berlatsky writes: "I'm a guy who loves romance novels. Or, rather, I would like to love romance novels. Jane Austen is just about my favorite novelist. Witty heroines and dashing heroes circling each other with arch asides, and sudden plunges of emotion that would make me cry the way that last paragraph about Dorothea and Will always makes me cry in *Middlemarch*. How hard could that be to find? The answer is: ridiculously hard."...

Salon, Apr. 21



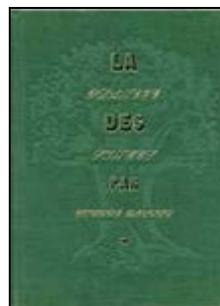
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Tips & Ideas

[How to identify Book Club editions](#)

Kristin Masters writes: "If you collect modern first editions, you have probably encountered Book Club editions. Book Club editions are differentiated from trade editions. There are some notable exceptions in which the book club edition may actually be the first edition, such as with Pierre Boulle's *La Planète des Singes* (*Planet of the Apes*) (right), where the true first French edition of the original text is also the book club edition for Le Cercle de nouveau livre. But this is the exception, not the rule."...

Books Tell You Why, Apr. 29



[Survey on CIP data](#)

The Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication program is seeking input as it considers changes to the content and layout of the CIP data block, which LC produces for publishers to print on the copyright page. The CIP data block is one of the most visible public reminders

of the work done by LC catalogers and reinforces the library's brand. This survey should take 45 minutes to complete. The deadline is June 1....

CIP Data Block Committee

[What do we mean by special populations?](#)

Amy Seto Musser writes: "Since I started serving on the ALSC Committee for Library Services to Special Population Children and their Caregivers I am often asked, 'What do you mean by special population?' The more I think about this question, the more I realize that the answer is far from straightforward."...

ALSC Blog, May 3

[High tech has board games rolling again](#)



Nick Wingfield writes: "Technology, by all rights, should have killed old-fashioned games, which can never equal the eye-popping graphics, visceral action, and immense online communities of today's video games. Yet the opposite has occurred. Largely because of new technologies, there has been a creative outpouring of games by independent designers. New tools now power the creation of tabletop games (many in the strategy or fantasy genres) from idea to delivery."...

New York Times, May 5

[Metadata games](#)

A new collaboration between the British Library and games research center Tiltfactor offers an innovative way for the public to explore and tag the British Library's collection of more than one million public domain images that were posted onto Flickr Commons in December 2013. By playing [Ships Tag](#), players produce in-game tags that directly contribute to the library's content knowledge. The game launched on May 1....



Tiltfactor blog, Apr. 25

[Minecraft programming for tweens](#)

Ernie Cox writes: "Has your library ventured into the realm of Minecraft? Are you looking for new ideas to serve your tween patrons? I encourage you to consider investing in a [MinecraftEdu](#) account. This digital environment offers your tweens and the librarians serving them a wealth of programming options. If you're ready to step into the role of [digital media mentor](#), this is a prime opportunity to do so."...



ALSC Blog, May 6

[Standalone Google apps for docs and spreadsheets](#)

Kif Leswing writes: "On April 30, Google introduced [standalone apps](#) for Google Docs and Google Spreadsheets. Slides, Google's presentation app, will be released soon. Users can still browse and edit your documents through the Drive app, but eventually they'll be prompted to download the standalone apps when editing or creating a document in Drive. The new apps are almost identical to their implementation inside the Drive app, which will be relegated to organization and viewing duties."...



GigaOM, Apr. 30; Official Google Blog, Apr. 30

[Three good pieces of Google Apps news](#)

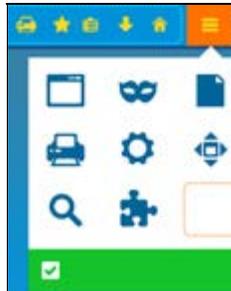
Richard Byrne writes: "Over the last seven days Google has made a few announcements that educators should note. The most significant of those announcements came today with the news of [Classroom by Google](#), a new tool designed to help teachers organize workflow inside of Google Apps for Education. Within Classroom by Google teachers will be able to distribute assignments, create folders for students, and push announcements to students." David Nagel has [more details](#)....



Free Technology for Teachers, May 6; *THE Journal*, May 6

[A new, enhanced Firefox](#)

Farhad Manjoo writes: "Mozilla has just released the latest upgrade to Firefox, its popular open-source browser. We're at version 29 now, which as software goes is pretty long in the tooth. But when I first opened Firefox 29, which became available in late April, I felt a surge of nostalgia. It instantly reminded me of what I liked best about the open-source browser in its heyday. Opening it up is like running into an old friend who had gone astray; he's cleaned up, gotten his act together, and now he's ready to escort you on a journey across the web."...



New York Times: Bits, May 2

[Multi-language spell-checking in Chrome](#)

When you install Google Chrome, a default language and dictionary file is automatically installed during the process. Chrome sets the language as the browser's primary language, which means that it won't offer to translate web pages published in it and display spelling corrections automatically when you write in the browser. But you can add additional languages and dictionaries to the browser. Here's how....

gHacks, Apr. 30

[Vine opens up](#)

Kurt Wagner writes: "Visitors to [Vine.co](#) will now be able to watch Vine videos without creating or signing into an account, an element that the old site didn't offer. Users were greeted with a login page, but didn't have access to videos unless they had that video's direct URL. Vine also added a search tool for finding new content, a noticeably absent element of the previous site. The new website also includes content sections like playlists, featured videos, and 'popular now' videos."...



Mashable, May 1

[Ooberdocs: From email to Dropbox](#)

Alex Wilhelm writes: "Tired of having your files pile up in different buckets? Want better harmony between your email and cloud storage account? [Ooberdocs](#) solves that issue by copying attachments sent to your email address into your Dropbox account. The hack is currently live, functional, and slightly buggy. At the moment, you can use Ooberdocs with Gmail and some other webmail services."...



TechCrunch, May 4

[Versus compares two things](#)

Patrick Allan writes: "The website [Versus](#) takes away some of the tedious research involved with comparing certain products. Two similar items get compared side by side, showing you to the top reasons one item is better than the other. The comparisons cover a wide range of things, including cameras, graphics cards, watches, washing machines, and even universities or cities. An [Android app](#) is available."...

Lifehacker, May 5



[What you need to know to take a librarian job abroad](#)

Celia Emmelheinz writes: "When they are worn out by studies and dreaming of a future post-MLIS life, many library students start to imagine what it would be like to travel somewhere far, far away. With a beach, ideally, and palm trees, and a small waterproof hut for books and technology. If you're looking outward to the rest of the world for library opportunities, the first thing I'd do is to encourage you to go for it. After you've applied and started getting interviews, there are several things to keep in mind."...

Hack Library School, May 2

[10 best free historical newspaper sites](#)

Kenneth R. Marks writes: "As I have recently completed [51 different articles](#) that contain links for each state (and D.C.) for online historical newspaper research, I offer you my opinion on which sites I think are my Top 10 favorite free sites. My criteria include the size of the collection, the underlying software, its usability and features, and the extent to which the collection is representative of the number of newspapers ever published vs. the amount that is online in the state."...

The Ancestor Hunt, Apr. 12, 30



[The beauty of the injured book](#)

Erik Kwakkel writes: "While our eyes are naturally drawn to pages filled with color and gold, those without decoration can be equally appealing. Indeed, even damaged goods—mutilated bindings, torn pages, parchment with cuts and holes—can be highly attractive. The visual power of damage may be generated by close-up photography, with camera and book at just the right angle, catching just the right amount of light. These images celebrate the beauty of the injured book, the art of devastation."...

Medieval Fragments, May 2



[Secret libraries of New York City](#)

Allison Meier writes: "As the debate continues over the renovation of the main branch of the New York Public Library, we are looking at some of the city's less visible libraries. The NYPL has an incredible branch system around the boroughs, but it's only a part of New York City's literary resources. From private clubs to nonprofit societies to pop-up places right out in the streets, here are some of our favorite secret libraries of the



city.”...

Atlas Obscura, May 2

[Stand-Up Librarian carves out a career with the tools at hand](#)

Meredith Myers (right)—clad in a tool-motif dress with a red petticoat, pigtails, and a variety of power tools—performed April 12 at the ARTpool Gallery, an artist co-op and vintage store in St. Petersburg, Florida. Myers is part comedian, part performance artist, part book nerd, and part librarian who has created an act for herself as the Stand-Up Librarian. “I am a librarian with a master’s degree working for a home improvement center and having the time of my life,” she told the crowd. “Do it yourself. Do not wait around for people to give you a job.”...

Tampa Bay (Fla.) Times, Apr. 30



[University of Michigan’s napping stations](#)

For those students studying in the University of Michigan’s Shapiro Undergraduate Library, relief is not far away. The Central Student Government has implemented its first napping station. The idea is geared toward those who are studying hard for tests but live too far from the library to run home for a quick nap....

Michigan Radio, May 1



[Do you wanna go to Starbucks?](#)

Two students from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Jené Nicole Johnson and Olivia Mowry, produced this [musical parody](#) (2:13) of *Frozen*’s song, “Do You Wanna Build a Snowman?” to demonstrate the need for caffeine during finals week. PLNU Instructional Services Librarian Denise Nelson helped out with the video, which was filmed in the Ryan Library. Meanwhile, Book Riot has compiled some other [“librarian parody videos.”](#)...

YouTube, May 3; Book Riot, May 6



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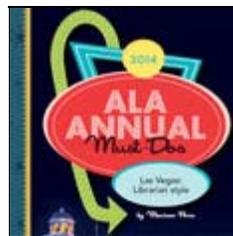


American Libraries Online

[2014 ALA Annual must-dos](#)

American Libraries Associate Editor Mariam Pera offers some suggestions on what Annual Conference attendees absolutely must do in Las Vegas this summer. From speakers to professional development, awards and honors, the exhibit hall, staying connected, and some personal must-dos, here is how to experience the city, librarian-style....

American Libraries feature



[Chicago Public Library to loan out robots](#)

Timothy Inklebarger writes: "As part of its ongoing initiative to offer library patrons access to 21st-century technology, Chicago Public Library has added programmable [Finch Robots](#) (right) to its catalog. The library is partnering with Google to offer 500 of the robots, which can be picked up at six locations in the city. The robots were developed at Carnegie Mellon University's CREATE Lab and aim to teach children and adults the fundamentals of computer programming. They are geared toward patrons ages 8 and up."...

AL: The Scoop, May 14



[Librarians reimagine book clubs](#)

Apryl Flynn Gilliss writes: "In our more modern, connected, and ever-busy age, traditional library book clubs have been undergoing a quiet revolution. Lack of time, scheduling conflicts, mobility issues, desire for anonymity, and other factors have moved the conversation online—namely onto social media. Tech-savvy librarians aware of these trends are using emerging technologies to both enhance physical book clubs and to replace them with online ones."...

American Libraries feature



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[2014 Annual](#)

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[Exhibition](#), Las Vegas,

June 26–July 1. The

[Scheduler is open](#). Use

it to plan your time, browse sessions and events, add personal meetings to your schedule, find an attendee, share your plans with others if you choose to, create a list of exhibitors to visit, get updates, and keep track of all the details.

[Another story: Privacy matters, but why?](#)

Joseph Janes writes: "So much of the discussion of late around privacy centers on its tradeoffs with security. Want to feel safe on a plane? Then you won't mind having a full-body X-ray or a pat down that could easily be mistaken for a third date. Want to fight terrorism? Then it'd be fine to have the government read all your emails, listen to your phone calls, and know what you search online. Besides, if you don't have anything to hide.... Which precisely misses the point about privacy."...

American Libraries column, May



[Dispatches from the Field: Media in the classroom](#)

Julie A. Decesare writes: "Media is a complicated format for librarians. Issues involving fair use limitations, individual versus institutional rights, closed-circuit rights, public-performance rights, and copyright questions are ever-present.



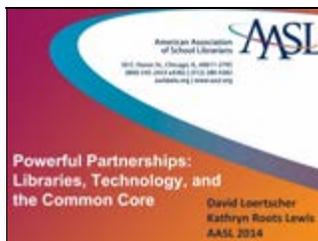
Finding titles in a required format can also be problematic. The payoff comes in the many video resources available, both for free and through fees, that are ideal for library instruction, research, outreach, and use within the curriculum by way of content and learning management systems."...

American Libraries column, May

[Youth Matters: Knowing what readers need](#)

Ernie Cox writes: "The era of Common Core State Standards in American education carries both promise and peril. Pundits readily discuss varied perspectives about CCSS in everything from traditional journals to social media. While it is vital for school librarians to participate in this discussion, many are realizing how important it is to work with fellow educators to understand and teach to these standards. ALA's youth divisions have created [resource pages](#) with CCSS in mind."...

American Libraries column, May



[AL Live summary: Library security](#)

Steve Albrecht, security consultant, moderated "Library Security," the May 8 episode of [American Libraries Live](#). The panel also included Jennifer Velasquez, teen services coordinator at San Antonio (Tex.) Public Library, and Catherine Hakala-Ausperk, executive director of the Northeast Ohio Regional Library System. The panel



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With more than a million followers on Twitter, Printz Award-winner John Green has a lot to say. When he declares "Reading is Awesome," on this [new poster](#), we couldn't agree with him more. John is the *New York Times* best-selling author of *Looking for Alaska*, *An Abundance of*

discussed dealing with challenging or problematic patrons, codes of conduct, and safety for library staff and customers, and also took audience questions from the chat. Here are the essential points discussed....

AL: The Scoop, May 14

[Libraries find success in crowdfunding](#)

Megan Cottrell writes: "When the Northlake (Ill.) Public Library District wanted to grow its popular graphic novel collection and add a fun element to attract young adults, the staff decided to dream big—really big. As in 9-foot-tall-and-green kind of big. Staff members launched a crowdfunding campaign in 2013 through the website Indiegogo to raise \$30,000 to buy a statue of the Incredible Hulk, a stack of new graphic novels, and new technology, including a 3D printer and an iMac with a drawing pad."...

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ALA News

[Virtual Membership Meeting, June 5](#)

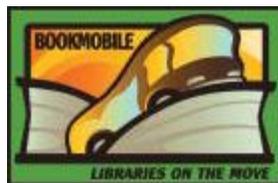
ALA members are invited to participate in the 2014 Virtual Membership Meeting, 2–3:30 p.m. Central time, June 5. VMM is an annual online forum where ALA leaders present information about topics of interest to the general membership. All ALA personal members may [register](#). Virtual Membership Meetings are part of ALA's ongoing efforts to reach out interactively to members about its strategic direction, budget priorities, and other topics of interest. Live captioning is provided....

ALA Membership, May 12

[Celebrate mobile libraries in Las Vegas](#)

Bookmobile Saturday, a series of programs and events highlighting the critical services bookmobiles provide, will be held on June 28 during the ALA 2014 Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Learn about the latest trends and model practices during "[Bookmobiles 101](#)," a panel discussion featuring experts from the mobile outreach field and bookmobile industry. Tickets to a [luncheon](#) featuring Josh Hanagarne must be purchased online by June 14....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, May 12

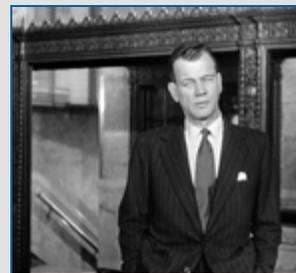


[Advocating for Better Salaries toolkit](#)

The ALA–Allied Professional Association has released the fifth edition of its *Advocating for Better Salaries Toolkit*. It is available free of charge ([PDF file](#)). Initially created in 2002, the revised toolkit is designed to help library workers advocate and negotiate for better salaries and address pay equity issues in a post-recession, more-with-less environment....

Katherines, Paper Towns, Will Grayson, Will Grayson, and most recently, *The Fault in Our Stars*. [Bookmarks](#) are available too. **NEW!** From ALA Graphics.

Libraries on Film



[The Steel Trap](#)

(1952). Joseph Cotton as bank officer James Osborne goes to the Los Angeles Public Library to look up information on extradition treaties and finds out that Brazil will provide a safe haven where he can abscond with his stolen million dollars.



[Stellina Blue](#) (2009). Shawn M. Richardz plays a librarian.



ALA–Allied Professional Association, May 12

[Coretta Scott King Awards Breakfast](#)

The ALA Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table and the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee will celebrate 45 years of the best in children's and young adult literature representing the African-American experience at the 2014 [Coretta Scott King Book Awards Breakfast](#). The breakfast will be held on June 29 in the Caesars Palace Milano Ballroom during ALA's 2014 Annual Conference in Las Vegas....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, May 12

[Stonewall Book Awards Brunch](#)

Join the ALA Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table and award-winning authors in celebration of the very best in GLBTQ literature at the 2014 [Stonewall Book Awards Brunch](#), held during the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. The brunch will take place on June 30 at Paris Las Vegas....

Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, May 13

[2014 Google Policy Fellow selected](#)

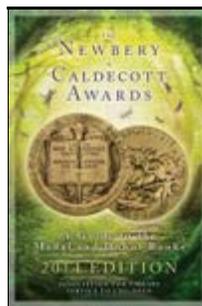
Margaret Kavaras will serve as the ALA 2014 [Google Policy Fellow](#). She will spend 10 weeks this summer in Washington, D.C., working on technology and internet policy issues. Kavaras is a recent graduate of George Washington University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in international affairs and history....

District Dispatch, May 14

[2014 Guide to Newbery and Caldecott Awards](#)

Updated to include the 2014 award and honor books, the 2014 edition of [The Newbery and Caldecott Awards: A Guide to the Medal and Honor Books](#), published by ALA Editions, gathers together the books deemed most distinguished in American children's literature and illustration since the inception of the renowned prizes. Librarians and teachers everywhere rely on this guidebook for quick reference and collection development and also as a resource for curriculum links and readers' advisory....

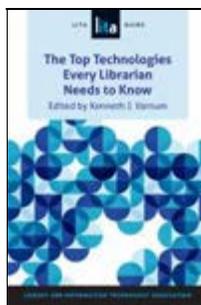
ALA Editions, May 12



[The top technologies you need to know](#)

While it's inspiring to ponder the libraries of the 22nd century, it's a lot more practical to think ahead to the next five years. That's just what editor Kenneth J. Varnum and his hand-picked team of contributors have done in [The Top Technologies Every Librarian Needs to Know: A LITA Guide](#), published by ALA TechSource, showing library technology staff and administrators where to invest time and money to receive the greatest benefits....

ALA TechSource, May 13



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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!

[The Stepford Children](#)

(1987, made for TV). Patricia Darling is a librarian in Stepford, Connecticut.



[Stephen King's It](#)

(1990, made for TV, US/Canada). Tim Reid is Mike Hanlon, librarian at Derry (Maine) Public Library; Megan Leitch plays a library aide. The evil clown Pennywise (Tim Curry) throws blood-filled balloons at Richie Tozier (Harry Anderson) as he reads a woman's magazine in the library.

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

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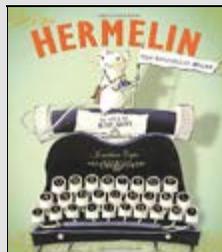
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Booklist ONLINE

Featured review: Mystery for youth

Grey, Mini. *Hermelin the Detective Mouse*. Aug. 2014. 32p. Preschool–Gr. 3. Knopf, hardcover (978-0-385-75433-7).

This winning picture book opens with a scene of a tiny community of attached houses on Offley Street, where the residents and their pets are engaged in all sorts of activities simultaneously. Next, the narrator introduces himself. Hermelin, a charming white mouse, lives in an attic and enjoys typing messages on an upright typewriter. After reading on a notice board that his neighbors have lost a number of items, he quickly solves each case and also saves a baby from an untimely end. The residents gather to thank their unknown benefactor, but when the mouse appears, panic ensues....



Top 10 crime fiction for youth: 2014

Ilene Cooper writes: "There are mysteries here for all ages: new readers, middle readers, YAs—come on up and get a clue. These books were reviewed in *Booklist* between May 1, 2013, and April 15, 2014."...



Core collection: Never too young for a mystery

Ilene Cooper writes: "Even new readers—maybe especially new readers—like to try and solve a mystery. This list of books, for emerging readers and those getting into chapter books, will satisfy the urge to follow the clues and figure out where they lead."...



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Career Leads from JobLIST

Library Supervisor, Digital Initiatives.

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Venice Campus, Sarasota. Provides oversight for the SCF Libraries digital initiatives. The successful candidate serves the faculty, students, staff of the college and researchers within the college community by developing, implementing, and maintaining new and existing digital delivery and publishing platforms, programs, and services. Responsibilities also include supervision of library staff, student assistants, and volunteers at the Venice campus....



@ [More jobs...](#)



Las Vegas Update

Top 10 tips for reluctant networkers

Mary-Michelle Moore writes: "It's nearly summer, which means: conference season. In addition to the chance to go to presentations and sightsee, this is one of the best ways to network with your fellow librarians. Here are 10 great tips for networking with colleagues at in-

Digital Library of the Week



The American Museum

person events.”...

INALJ, May 13

[Las Vegas in YA literature](#)

Jennifer Jost writes: “When most people think of books set in Las Vegas, the first thing to come to mind is probably Hunter S. Thompson’s *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*. While that title certainly captures one man’s interesting experience in the Las Vegas of the 1970s, there are many other sides to this town and many other stories to be told. Numerous YA authors have chosen our unique city as a backdrop for their novels. Here a just a few selections.”...

YALSA Blog, May 13



[Las Vegas turf wars](#)

For decades, Las Vegas casinos have been trying to one-up each other with high-end restaurants, mega clubs, and even thrill rides—all in a bid to lure gamblers. But the latest attraction, built by Caesars, is part of a bigger strategy to win the Vegas turf war, once and for all. Bloomberg’s Trish Regan took a spin on the appropriately-named “High Roller” with CEO Gary Loveman to get his strategy. The video (4:05) also provides a glimpse into how the casinos have divided up the strip....

Bloomberg, May 6



[Casinos for the younger crowd](#)

Simon says: “You’ve probably heard people bragging about how amazing Bellagio is, or how you need to stay at Palazzo. If you’re in your early 20s, you might not love those casinos as much as others. Some resort casinos skew older. Others are built for first-time gamblers and college-aged students who crave fun. Today, I’ve got my list of my four go-to casinos for the younger crowd.” If you’re [on a budget](#), you might also investigate the Facebook game, [MyVEGAS Slots](#); the points you earn can be redeemed for real rewards like free rooms, free or discounted meals, and show tickets....

Silver Oak Online Casino, May 8; Club Thrifty, May 9



[The Cosmopolitan turns on its love lights](#)

A casino may seem like an unlikely ally for the arts, but take a look at the neon signage at The Cosmopolitan. Written across its façade are messages from none other than British artist Tracey Emin, part of a project called “[I Promise to Love You](#).” Six of Emin’s artworks appear as digital renderings on all eight of the casino’s LED screens every hour for three minutes through February 2015. The messages move across the screens as if they are being written across the building....

Complex Art + Design, Apr. 3



[The best Chinese food?](#)

David R. Chan writes: “There is good and authentic Chinese food to be found in Las Vegas, particularly since the completion of the Las Vegas Chinatown mall on Spring Mountain Boulevard in 1995. In the

of Natural History’s Research Library has launched a [Digital Special Collections Archive](#) that includes at least 7,000 images that had previously only been accessible in person on the museum’s fourth floor in New York City. The museum hopes to eventually digitize up to one million images from the research library’s collection. The current set includes archival photographic images, art, memorabilia, and illustrations from its Rare Book Collection.

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

Noted and Quoted

“Librarians are qualified to degree level, yet we think it’s acceptable to replace them with well-meaning volunteers. Much has been spoken about library closures and I’ve ranted about this too, but now I’m becoming concerned about the de-skilling of our service. We need the people who run our libraries to understand the potential of books to inspire, inform, and change lives.”

—Crime writer Ann Cleeves, [“Join the Library, Borrow Books, and Make Government](#)

years following the construction of [ChinaTown Plaza](#), the Spring Mountain corridor has become a real Chinatown, sprinkled with other Asian influences. Interestingly, Las Vegas continues to be a magnet for Los Angeles-area Chinese restaurants that want to set up satellite locations.”...

The Huffington Post: Menuism, Apr. 1



[A culinary taste of Las Vegas](#)

Gone are the days of discount buffets dominating the Las Vegas culinary landscape. See how Sin City has become a foodie’s paradise. For example, two blocks from the Fremont Street Experience, the Beat Coffeehouse, 520 East Fremont Street, energizes downtown’s cool crowd with sturdy joe, sandwiches, and a browse space that includes a vintage vinyl store and a warren of three dozen creative businesses, including galleries and artist studios....

Sunset: Culinary Travel in the West



[The Burlesque Hall of Fame](#)

The Burlesque Hall of Fame, 520 East Fremont Street, is the world’s premier organization dedicated to preserving the living legacy of burlesque as an artform and cultural phenomenon. With a collection of several thousand costumes, stage props, photographs, and personal effects documenting the careers and lives of burlesque dancers, comics, and producers over nearly a century, the museum is a growing testament to the power and social impact of the art of the tease....

Burlesque Hall of Fame



[How to find the best deals in Vegas](#)

Las Vegas is a magnet for entertainment on the planet; with all its options, it can be difficult to distinguish what’s actually worth your time and your money. Party tour promoter World Crawl created this list of strategies on finding the best match for your budget....

World Crawl



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Division News

[Program proposals for AASL Conference](#)

AASL invites proposals for preconference workshops and concurrent sessions to be presented during its 17th National Conference and Exhibition taking place November 5–8, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio. The preconference workshop deadline is August 15, 2014, and the concurrent session deadline is November 7. Submissions will only be accepted via two online forms: [preconference workshops](#) and [concurrent sessions](#)....

[Sit Up and Take Notice.](#) *The Guardian* (UK), May 13.

“In campus cultures where being smart means being a critical unmasker, students may become too good at showing how things can’t possibly make sense. They may close themselves off from their potential to find or create meaning and direction from the books, music, and experiments they encounter in the classroom.”

—Michael S. Roth, [“Young Minds in Critical Condition.”](#) *New York Times*: Opinionator, May 10.

@ [More quotes...](#)

Calendar

June 12:
[Metrolina Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Harris Conference Center, Charlotte, North Carolina.

June 17–19:
[European Business Schools Librarians’ Group](#), Annual Conference, St. Petersburg, Russia. “Library Redesign For the Next User Generation.”

July 9–11:
[Science Boot Camp for Librarians](#), University of

AASL, May 9

[Candice Mack elected YALSA president](#)

Candice A. Mack (right), senior librarian and system-wide coordinator at the Los Angeles Public Library, has been elected YALSA president for 2015–2016. Mack currently serves as a director-at-large on YALSA's board of directors and chair of the Board Standing Committee on Advocacy. She also reviews graphic novels and YA fiction for *Booklist*....

YALSA, May 9



[Norm Medeiros elected ALCTS president](#)

Norm Medeiros (right), associate librarian for collection management and metadata services at Haverford College, has been elected ALCTS president for 2015–2016. Medeiros currently serves as a director-at-large on the ALCTS board and as book review editor for *Library Resources and Technical Services*. He has also served as chair of the division's Planning Committee, as a member of the Publishing Review Task Force, and as chair of the Publications Committee....

ALCTS, May 12



[Two join the lineup for "The Laugh's on Us"](#)

Stephanie Evanovich and Issa Rae will join the lineup of authors at United for Libraries' "[The Laugh's On Us](#)," sponsored by Sage and featuring standup comedian Paula Poundstone, on June 29 at the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Evanovich is the bestselling author of *Big Girl Panties*, and Rae is the creator of the hit web series *The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl*....

United for Libraries, May 13

[3D printers and library policies](#)

Many public and academic libraries are making 3D printers available for patron use. At "[3D Printers and Library Policies](#)" on June 28 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, a panel will talk about this new trend, including concerns and issues to address when creating library policies related to patron access to and use of 3D printers. [Registration](#) is open....

United for Libraries, May 13

[United for Libraries hosts "Isn't It Romantic?"](#)

United for Libraries will present "[Isn't It Romantic?](#)" an author panel featuring romance writers, on June 28 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Popular romance authors Shelley Coriell, Deborah Coonts, Jeaniene Frost, Jill Shalvis, and Ryan Winfield will discuss their books and sign copies following the program.

[Registration](#) is open....

United for Libraries, May 13

[Developing school library collections](#)

The newest publication from AASL, [Developing Collections to Empower Learners](#), examines collection development in the context of today's shift toward digital resources, while emphasizing the foundational beliefs of the school library profession. Written by AASL member Sue Kimmel, the book provides practical advice about needs assessment, planning, selection, acquisitions, evaluation, and



Washington, Seattle.

July 23–25:

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

Aug. 1:

[Indiana University Libraries Information Literacy Colloquium](#), IU South Bend.

Aug. 13–14:

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

Aug. 20:

[Midwest Youth Services Unconference](#), St. Peters, Missouri.

Aug. 21–24:

[Baltimore Summer Antiques Show and Antiquarian Book Fair](#), Baltimore Convention Center.

Aug. 25–26:

[IFLA Rare Books and Manuscripts Section](#), IFLA Satellite Meeting, Lyon, France. "History of Librarianship."

Sept. 2–4:

[International Society of Addiction Journal Editors](#), Annual Meeting, Hampton Inn and Suites, Chicago.

Oct. 8–10:

[Ohio Library Council](#), Annual Conference and Expo, Greater Columbus Convention Center and Downtown

continuous improvement for collections to support AASL's *Standards for the 21st-Century Learner*....

AASL, May 9

[ALSC releases 2014 Summer Reading lists](#)

ALSC has updated and released three Summer Reading lists. The lists are full of book titles to keep children engaged in reading throughout the summer. Lists are available for K–8 students. Each is available to [download for free](#) from the ALSC website in color or black-and-white. Lists can be customized to include library information, summer hours, and summer reading programs for children before making copies available to schools and patrons....

ALSC, May 13



[New Choice operations manager](#)

Rachel Hendrick (right) has been named operations manager of *Choice*, effective immediately. The premier source of reviews of academic books and digital resources of interest to scholars and students in higher education, *Choice* is an ACRL publication. Hendrick brings an academic background in librarianship and over 10 years magazine publishing experience to the position....

ACRL, May 13



[How data promotes interdepartmental partnerships](#)

While many academic libraries host external campus departments, it is less common for libraries to work with these departments to create and offer integrated services. Careful planning is critical to their success and includes not only communication among different units, but also thorough assessment and data gathering. The June 11 webinar "Using Data to Facilitate Interdepartmental Partnerships" will showcase the importance and practical use of data collection within academic library public services. [Registration](#) is open....

LLAMA, May 13

[New issue of JRLYA](#)

Summer reading, library services to teens, cyberbullying, comics, and graphic novels are topics explored in the newest open access issue (volume 4, May 2014) of the YALSA *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults (JRLYA)*, available now [online](#). The journal's purpose is to enhance the development of theory, research, and practices in support of young adult library services....

YALSA, May 9

[Connecting research and the Common Core](#)

An upcoming webinar from AASL will demonstrate how research—done correctly—will touch almost every one of AASL's *Standards for the 21st-Century Learner* and the "anchor standards" in the Common Core State Standards. Presented by Paige Jaeger, "Repackaging Research: Recipe for the Common Core" will take place on May 20. For more information and to register, visit the [eCOLLAB website](#)....

AASL, May 9

[Public librarians and the Common Core webinar](#)

The archive of the webinar "The Common Core and the Public Librarian: Reaching Patrons and Students" is now available to view as

Hilton, Columbus.

Nov. 4–7:

[Wisconsin Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells.

Nov. 29–

Dec. 7:

[Guadalajara International Book Fair](#), Mexico. Argentina is the guest of honor.

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part of the AASL professional development repository, eCOLLAB. The webinar explores the ways public librarians can become involved in the implementation of the Common Core State Standards and support their school librarian colleagues. To view, visit ecollab.aasl.org and click on "Complimentary Content."...

AASL, May 9

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Awards & Grants

[Five libraries awarded National Medals](#)

Jazzy Wright writes: "On May 8, First Lady Michelle Obama joined Institute of Museum and Library Services Director Susan H. Hildreth to award exemplary libraries and museums National Medals for their service to their communities. Now in its 20th year, the National Medal is the nation's highest honor conferred on museums and libraries, and celebrates institutions that make a difference for individuals, families, and communities."...

District Dispatch, May 12



[Honorary Member nominations open](#)

Nominations are being accepted for ALA honorary membership, the Association's highest honor, which is bestowed on living citizens of any country whose contributions to librarianship or a closely related field are so outstanding that they are of significant and lasting importance to the whole field of library service. Members who wish to forward nominations must complete the online ALA Honorary Member [nomination form](#) by September 2....

Office of ALA Governance, May 8

[2014 Robert L. Oakley Memorial Scholarship](#)

ALA has awarded Carla Myers (right) the 2014 Robert L. Oakley Memorial Scholarship. Myers serves as the director of access services at the University of Colorado's Colorado Springs campus. The Library Copyright Alliance, which includes ALA, established the scholarship to support research and advanced study for librarians in their early-to-mid-careers who are interested and active in intellectual property, public policy, copyright, and their impact on libraries....

Office for Information Technology Policy, May 13



[Ellen Fader donates to Spectrum Scholarship fund](#)

Ellen Fader (right), ALSC president in 2005–2006, has provided a generous donation to the Spectrum Scholarship. Her contribution will support a student through the 2014–2015 school term, cover a follow-up grant for a Spectrum Scholar alumna entering the final semester of work in the fall of 2014, and provide a grant to attend the 2014 ALSC National Institute, plus discretionary funds to use towards job interviews....

ALSC, May 12



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[CCC scholarships to ALA Annual Conference](#)

The Copyright Clearance Center has named the four winners of its [Conference Scholarship Program for Academic Librarians](#): Susan Van Alstyne, Berkeley College; Nina Collins, Indiana Institute of Technology; George Gottschalk, Rogers State University; and John-Bauer Graham, Jacksonville State University. Each received a travel stipend of \$1,500 to attend the ALA Annual Conference June 26–July 1 in Las Vegas....

Copyright Clearance Center, May 13

[2014 Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship](#)

Librarian of Virginia Sandra G. Treadway (right) has received the \$1,000 National Genealogical Society's Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship. The award was presented at the NGS Family History Conference on May 6. Treadway was recognized by the society for her efforts to expand patron access to information and for the preservation of historical records....

National Genealogical Society, May 6



[University librarian is honorary bat girl](#)

Eleanor Uhlinger (right), university librarian at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, was named [honorary bat girl](#) for the San Francisco Giants by the Major League Baseball organization. A total of 39 winners were selected, and all of them were recognized on-field at Major League ballparks on May 11 or an alternative date. Uhlinger also serves as recording secretary for the Breast Cancer Assistance Group of the Monterey Peninsula....

Jason Aldean, May 4; MLB.com



[2014 Carle honorees](#)

The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art has announced its 2014 Carle honorees who will be acknowledged at Guastavino's in New York City on September 18. Children's librarian Henrietta Smith (right) was given the "Mentor" honor, and children's book illustrator Jerry Pinkney was awarded the "Artist" honor. Françoise Mouly, publisher and editorial director for TOON Books and art editor of *The New Yorker*, won the "Bridge" honor....

Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, May 7



[2014 Awards for Federal Librarianship](#)

The Federal Library and Information Network has announced the winners of its national awards for federal librarianship. The two winners of the Federal Library or Information Center of the Year were the Information Services Office of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (right) in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and the Joint Base Librar-e and Resource Commons of the 87th Force Support Squadron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey....

Library of Congress, May 13

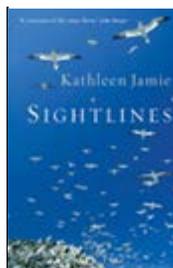


[2014 Orion Book Award](#)

Canadian author Margaret Atwood has won the *Orion*

Book Award for fiction for her work *MaddAddam*. Scottish writer Kathleen Jamie won the prize for nonfiction for her work *Sightlines: A Conversation with the Natural World*. The prizes are awarded by *Orion* magazine to books that “deepen the reader’s connection to the natural world through fresh ideas and excellence in writing.”...

GalleyCat, May 8



[2013 George Wittenborn Memorial Book Award](#)

Interaction of Color by Josef Albers (app for iPad), published by Yale University Press in 2013, was awarded the 35th Annual George Wittenborn Memorial Book Award at the annual conference of the Art Libraries Society of North America held in Washington, D.C., May 1–5. The award is given each year to North American art publications that represent the highest standards of content, documentation, layout, and format in art publishing....

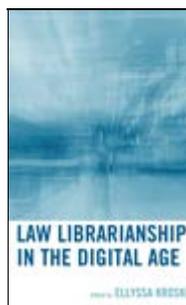
Art Libraries Society of North America, May 8



[2014 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award](#)

The American Association of Law Libraries has awarded *Law Librarianship in the Digital Age* edited by Ellyssa Kroski (Scarecrow, 2013) with its Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award. The award honors a significant textual contribution to legal literature. Kroski’s go-to resource covers the most cutting-edge developments that face today’s modern law libraries....

American Association of Law Libraries, May 8



[Little Rebels Children’s Book Award](#)

Gillian Cross was awarded the [Little Rebels Children’s Book Award](#) at the London Radical Bookfair, for her book *After Tomorrow* (Oxford University). Little Rebels judge Wendy Cooling called the book “a frighteningly believable story, a real page-turner with a strong sense of danger always present, and many big issues of a possible future just below the surface.” The award recognizes fiction for readers aged 0–12 that promotes social justice....

The Guardian (UK), May 10



[2014 British Columbia Book Prizes](#)

British Columbia’s top authors, poets, and illustrators were honored in early May at the Lieutenant Governor’s BC Book Prizes Gala in Vancouver, British Columbia. There are seven annual prizes, including prizes for fiction, poetry, and children’s literature. The Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize went to *Anatomy of a Girl Gang* by Ashley Little, and the big prize, the Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Literary Excellence, was awarded to beloved children’s author Kit Pearson....

AbeBooks’ Reading Copy, May 5



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Libraries in the News

[Queens Library sticks to its guns](#)

Continuing to defy the city comptroller and insisting on adhering to an agreement reached with one of his predecessors in 1997, the Queens (N.Y.) Library again decided May 8 to withhold documents that are being sought for an audit. The administration has refused the requests of Comptroller Scott Stringer to provide all financial records for the audit, which was prompted earlier this year by revelations about library spending and operations. On May 9, Library CEO Thomas Galante requested an independent review of the issues by the New York City Independent Budget Office....

Queens (N.Y.) Chronicle, May 9

[Parent arrested after protesting challenged book](#)

The father of a high school student was handcuffed and led out of the Gilford (N.H.) School Board meeting on May 5 after he protested the fact that his 9th-grade daughter was assigned the novel *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult, which is about a fictional high-school shooting. According to police, William Baer (above) went past his two-minute limit and interrupted the speaker who was given the floor next. The school district is considering a policy that would make information available to parents sooner about classroom reading assignments....

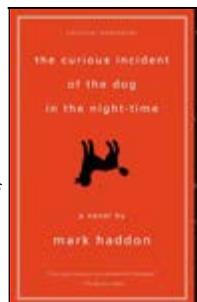
Laconia (N.H.) Daily Sun, May 6



[School board removes *Curious Incident* from reading list](#)

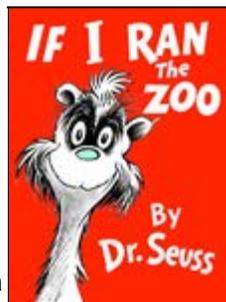
A Wilson County (Tenn.) Board of Education vote to ban a book from the schools' required reading list may violate board policy, but returning the book to students without a vote to do so could be a violation of the state Open Meetings Act. The quandary arose May 9 after interim Director of Schools Mary Ann Sparks released a statement that said the book *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon would remain on the freshman reading list, one day after the board voted to remove it....

Lebanon (Tenn.) Democrat, May 10



[Dr. Seuss challenged in Vancouver](#)

Every year the Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library is asked by members of the public to remove some books from its shelves, books that have upset someone's sensibilities, and in 2013 a children's book by Dr. Seuss was among them. It turns out there is a legitimate concern with *If I Ran the Zoo*, published in 1950. For one thing, there is a line in the poem about helpers who "all wear their eyes at a



slant," accompanied by illustrations that are racial stereotypes of Asians....

Vancouver (B.C.) Province, May 12

[State College public library shuts down for a week](#)

There were no chants, no slogans, and no pickets, but there was also no question how dozens of protesters felt about the [week-long closure](#) of the Schlow Centre Region Library in State College, Pennsylvania. The library closed its doors May 12, putting staffers temporarily out of work. Administrators blame years of state budget cuts for the decision to close down for a week. Community leaders pleaded for increased funding from the state....

StateCollege.com, May 14



[All 60 Brooklyn branches now open](#)

From Coney Island on up to Clinton Hill, all 60 Brooklyn Public Library branches have reopened following a lengthy string of repairs that have stretched for nearly two years. The Clinton Hill branch (right), the last of about seven libraries to shutter during the past 21 months, reopened April 14 following a \$900,000 overhaul that included the installation of a self-checkout station, air conditioning and heating, LEED lighting, and a drawable wall in a children's room....

New York Daily News, May 12



[New SFPL North Beach branch opens](#)

The new North Beach branch of the San Francisco Public Library opened May 10 to great community fanfare, following a ribbon-cutting ceremony and traditional lion dance. North Beach is the 24th and final branch library to be built or remodeled through the Branch Library Improvement Program, a \$105.9 million bond measure approved by voters in 2000. The branch, 60% larger than the earlier building, includes a community room with after-hours access, a larger children's area and new teen space, and additional public computers....

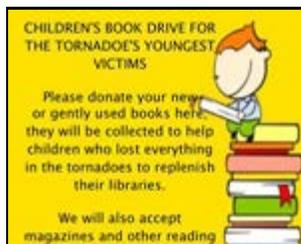
San Francisco Public Library, May 10



[Arkansas librarians help tornado victims](#)

On April 27, a tornado devastated hundreds of homes and took 15 lives in the suburbs of Little Rock, Arkansas. The Central Arkansas Library System decided to donate their overdue [book fines](#) during the week of May 5–12 to the local nonprofit overseeing relief operations. CALS has also donated approximately 14 cases of children's and YA books to residents whose homes were destroyed and CALS will donate "as much as the volunteers can fit in their car" in order to meet an estimated need of 1,500 books....

School Library Journal, May 8; Little Rock Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, May 3



[Santa Clara libraries offer energy-saving toolkits](#)

Silicon Valley Energy Watch is providing do-it-yourself home [energy-saving toolkits](#) stocked with supplies and measuring devices to libraries in Santa Clara County for residents to use. Much like a book, the toolkits can be checked out. Users can install the supplies and then return the toolkit and devices. The toolkits include an illustrated user guide that provides step-by-step instructions....



San José (Calif.) Mercury News, May 7

[Louisville's How-To Festival](#)

There are few places you can learn to belly dance, make a fascinator, build a chicken coop, juggle, and fix your car—all in one day. But the Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library fit the bill May 10 as it hosted its annual [How-To Festival](#) at the Main Library. Nearly 4,000 people showed up to take lessons from experts on various topics, such as chess, hiking, hula hooping, international travel, archery, fencing, hip-hop dancing, composting, plumbing, and gardening....



Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, May 10

[Elementary school library to stay after outcry from parents](#)

The library at Bedford Hills (Va.) Elementary School will stay in place following an outcry from the elementary school's teachers and parents. School board members had voted at their last meeting to move the library to a mobile unit and turn the current library space into three classrooms. But because the school board decision came suddenly, it provoked an equally swift backlash from teachers and parents....



Lynchburg (Va.) News and Advance, May 6

[Farmington librarian rediscovers letters from students in 1967](#)

In 1967, the Vietnam War, miniskirts, and space travel were on the minds of 8th-grade students at Hermosa Middle School in Farmington, New Mexico. Forty-seven years ago, the students mentioned those topics in letters they wrote to a future generation. School Librarian Lola Delaney found the letters while cleaning the school's library....



Farmington (N.Mex.) Daily Times, May 10

[COSLA names first executive director](#)

(PDF file)

The Chief Officers of State Library Agencies announced May 12 that Timothy Cherubini (right) has been named the organization's first executive director. In this new role, Cherubini will provide leadership and capacity to implement COSLA's five-year organizational plan, an effort completed in conjunction with the organization's 40th anniversary celebration in 2013 and aimed at strengthening state library agencies and the library field....



Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, May 12

[Willie Nelson donates archive to Briscoe Center](#)

Singer-songwriter Willie Nelson has donated major portions of his collection of correspondence, manuscripts, records, and awards to the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin. Along with other music collections at the center, the Willie Nelson Collection provides scholars with a deeper understanding of Nelson's music, career, relationships, and creative process...

UT Austin Briscoe Center for American History, May 8



[National Archives unveils donated Hitler art album](#)

The Monuments Men Foundation, which is dedicated to the story of the art looted by the Nazis during World War II, gave the National Archives the last known album (right) of photos the Nazi looters took of their stolen art. The album, containing over 70 black-and-white images of paintings seized in France, was compiled by the Nazi task force whose job was to scour Europe for artistic treasures for Hitler. The donation came on the anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany...



Washington Post, May 8

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Issues

[Warnings along the FCC fast lane](#)

David Carr writes: "A topic that generally begets narcolepsy is about to become, well, interesting. On May 15, the Federal Communications Commission will vote on whether to move forward with a proposal that would allow broadband providers to charge extra to content providers if they want their programming delivered in a fast lane so it streams reliably. Regardless of how the [FCC spins it](#), the agency is really proposing two internets: one slow, where most of the traffic lives, and one fast, for those who can afford it." One question for debate: Is broadband internet a [public utility](#)?...

New York Times, May 11; Mashable, May 9; The Wire, May 13

[FCC workshop on e-rate modernization](#)

Charles Wapner writes: "Library and school broadband took center stage May 6 at a [day-long FCC workshop](#) on e-rate modernization. The workshop convened library professionals, education administrators, nonprofit leaders, and local government officials to discuss a host of connectivity topics. It also afforded the library community an additional opportunity to offer perspectives and guidance to the FCC as it continues its e-rate modernization proceeding." Marijke Visser [sums up](#) recent e-rate developments....



District Dispatch, May 12, 14

[Libraries are a key player in broadband adoption](#)

Schools, libraries, and health care providers were pivotal in making the rapid expansion of broadband possible in 2010–2014. These anchor institutions already had close ties to their communities, recognized the enormous benefits high-speed internet affords, and possessed skilled staff to organize classes and broker learning resources. On May 9, the Department of Commerce released four more of the 15 case studies that detail the impact of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program's matching grants....

US Department of Commerce, May 9

[The NYPL controversy and the future of public libraries](#)

Kathryn Zickuhr writes: "The New York Public Library [recently announced](#) that it is rethinking its controversial plans to turn parts of its 42nd Street location into a public lending library. The broader public debate was centered around NYPL abandoning its books in favor of digital resources. As many Americans embrace the idea of a library experience that offers a wider variety of services and resources, most are wary of deemphasizing print books' central place."...

Pew Internet Libraries, May 13; *New York Times*, May 7

[European Court: Google must delete links on request](#)

The highest European court on May 13 gave individuals the right to influence what can be learned about them through web searches, rejecting long-established practices about the free flow of information on the internet. Before, people who did not like what was being said about them online needed to go the original source of the information and persuade the website to delete it. But the European court now says the search engine can be asked to simply delete the links. The *Wall Street Journal* has some [questions](#), and John C. Dvorak thinks this means the [end of internet search](#)....

New York Times, May 13; *Wall Street Journal: Digits*, May 13; *PC Magazine*, May 14



[New author's group espouses fair use](#)

Peter Brantley writes: "For authors in the digital age, with an ever-broadening set of interests and goals, the Authors Guild is no longer the only game in town when it comes to advocacy. On May 21, the [Authors Alliance](#) will officially launch. Formed in the wake of the Google library litigation by University of California, Berkeley Law Professor Pamela Samuelson (among others), the Authors Alliance endeavors 'to further the public interest in facilitating widespread access to works of authorship.'"...

Publishers Weekly, May 13



[Reading, writing, and coding](#)

Seven-year-old Jordan Lisle joined his family at a packed after-hours school event in April aimed at inspiring a new interest: computer programming. The event was part of a national educational movement in computer coding instruction that is growing at internet speed. Since December, 20,000 teachers from kindergarten through 12th grade have introduced coding lessons, according to [Code.org](#), a group backed by the tech industry that offers free curricula....

New York Times, May 10

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Tech Talk

[How to choose the right monitor for gaming](#)

John R. Delaney writes: "Whether you're a hardcore PC gamer or a casual after-hours warrior, your hardware can mean the difference between victory and defeat. To get the most out of the latest fast-action games, you'll not only need a [gaming PC](#) with a powerful graphics solution, you'll need a monitor that can display the action without subjecting you to blurred images, flicker, tearing, and other motion artifacts. In this guide we'll help you choose a display that will give you an edge over your opponents while delivering a smooth, immersive gaming experience." ...

PC Magazine, Oct. 24, 2013; May 12



[A guide to getting better tech support](#)

Eric Ravenscraft writes: "When you need help fixing your computer, the last thing you want is a communication problem. Before you call tech support or file a bug report, there are a few things you should do to make sure you get the best help possible." ...

Lifehacker, May 14

[Make web pages easier to read on the iPhone](#)

David Pogue writes: "For internet surfing on the iPhone, the Reader button in the Safari address bar is amazing. With one tap, it eliminates *everything* from the web page you're reading except the text and photos. No ads, toolbars, blinking, links, banners, promos, or anything else. The text is also changed to a clean, clear font and size, and the background is made plain white. Basically, it makes any web page look like a printed book page, and it's glorious." ...

Yahoo Tech, May 9



[An app for presentation videos](#)

Michael Hession writes: "Everyone with a cool new idea or vision wants a concise and beautiful video to illustrate the story and broadcast it to the world. Adobe's new free iPad app, [Voice](#), is there to hold your hand in the making of presentation videos. The story you tell with Voice consists of a narrated explanation of whatever it is you are presenting, coupled with appropriate artwork, your own photography, and text—all swirled together with seamless animations and set to music." ...

Gizmodo, May 8



[Inventables to donate 3D carving machines to libraries](#)

Chicago-based Inventables says it plans to give away 3D carving machines to libraries and other public makerspaces in all 50 states. CEO Zach Kaplan says the inspiration comes from the success of the

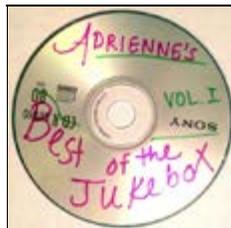
Chicago Public Library's Maker Lab. "We believe that to ignite the digital manufacturing revolution, we need to provide free access to these important 3D carving tools to as many people as possible," Kaplan said....

Chicago Tribune: Blue Sky Innovation, May 12

[LC is testing CD preservation](#)

Fenella France, chief of preservation research and testing at the Library of Congress, and her colleagues are trying to figure out how compact discs age so that we can better understand how to save them. This is a tricky business, in large part because manufacturers have changed their processes over the years but won't say how. "We're trying to predict, in terms of collections, which of the types of CDs are most at risk," France said....

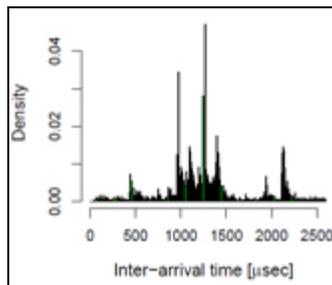
The Atlantic, May 13



[How anyone can measure your Wi-Fi fingerprint](#)

Wireless internet access has become one of the enabling technologies of the modern world. But it is also a security threat. Anybody can access a wireless network by masquerading as a computer that already has access. This technique is known as media access control (MAC) spoofing: the action of taking the MAC address of another computer to benefit from its authorization. One way to prevent this is to have some other way of identifying the computer trying to get access. The question is how....

MIT Technology Review, May 6



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E-Content

[Describe materials through metadata gaming](#)

Bianca Gelli writes: "The British Library warned that by 2020, legacy content will remain undigitized and in danger of becoming inaccessible to future generations. What resulted from the British Library's call was a tool called [Metadata Games](#) by academic Mary Flanagan and archivist Peter Carini. It was designed specifically to work as a facilitator between the soon-to-be digitized materials and the people who want to help. This toolset is made up of games crafted around adding tags to materials that need classification."...

Gamification Corp., May 12



[OverDrive expands its Japanese content](#)

OverDrive has announced a strategic alliance with top Japanese publisher aggregator [MediaDo](#). The alliance, called OverDrive Japan, will enable distribution of popular and bestselling Japanese content, including manga and adult fiction, through the OverDrive



network of libraries and schools worldwide. In addition, the new venture extends the OverDrive platform and catalog of more than 1 million ebook and audiobook titles to Japanese libraries and schools....

OverDrive Blogs, May 13

[Texas students gain access to Gale databases](#)

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has contracted to provide access to Gale research databases for all public school libraries throughout the state. More than 5 million Texas public school students in more than 9,000 schools will have online access to 15 Gale databases and a collection of ebooks from the *Gale Virtual Reference Library*....

Gale Cengage, May 13

[Textbook publisher tinkers with first-sale opt-out](#)

Danya Perez-Hernandez writes: "Responding to a campaign by law professors, a leading legal publisher said May 8 that its new casebook-publishing program would not threaten students' ability to buy and sell used textbooks. The professors feared that Casebook Connect, a new offering from Wolters Kluwer's [Aspen Law](#) imprint, would be a step toward the eradication of students' first-sale rights." Kevin Smith offers some [commentary](#)....

The Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus, May 9; *Scholarly Communications @ Duke*, May 10



[Brewster Kahle, the librarian of 404 billion websites](#)

Nadja Sayej writes: "Brewster Kahle, founder of the [Internet Archive](#), is a digital librarian who has been working towards the universal access of knowledge since founding the site in 1996. I recently had the chance to speak with Kahle about the open source and nonprofit web, the Internet Archive, and [Open Library](#), which seeks to build a web page for every book ever published and loan those books out through the web."...

Motherboard, May 13



[How to cull your e-bookshelf](#)

Jessica Pryde writes: "The first thing I did after charging my brand-new iPad 2 in 2011 was go on iBooks and download everything free ever. I doubt I've read 50 of them in three years. So I decided to change that in January. I started at the very bottom of my Kindle app, and I read the first thing I bought, then the second and the third. But then I started to read the fifth book, and it was just *awful*. It was at this time that I decided it was my duty—to *myself*—to do a thorough cull of all of my e-reading bookshelves."...

Book Riot, May 9

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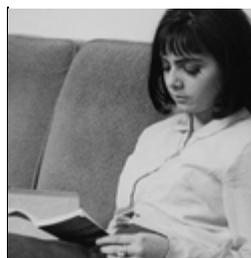
Books & Reading

[Why aren't teens reading like they used to?](#)

Jennifer Ludden writes: "*Harry Potter* and *The*

Hunger Games haven't been big hits for nothing. Many teens and adolescents still read quite a lot. But a roundup of studies ([PDF file](#)), put together by the nonprofit Common Sense Media, shows a [clear decline](#) over time. Nearly half of 17-year-olds say they read for pleasure no more than one or two times a year—if that. That's way down from a decade ago."...

NPR: Morning Edition, May 12; Common Sense Media, May 12



[Read, kids, read](#)

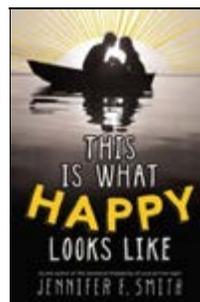
Frank Bruni writes: "About books, I'm steady. Relentless. I'm incessantly asking my nephews and nieces what they're reading and why they're not reading more. I'm reliably hurling novels at them, and also at friends' kids. I may well be responsible for 10% of all sales of *The Fault in Our Stars*, a teenage love story to be released as a movie in June. Never have I spent money with fewer regrets, because I believe in reading—not just in its power to transport but in its power to transform."...

New York Times, May 12

[Reading for the fun of it](#)

Carla Land writes: "May 11–17 is Reading Is Fun Week, run by [Reading Is Fundamental](#), an organization that works to get books into the hands of children so that they can discover the joys of reading. I am aware that what I consider *fun* may not be fun for others, and vice versa. When I really sit down and think about it, fun is quite subjective. What follows are some of my favorite fun YA reads, some of which I had to go browse my Goodreads list to remember."...

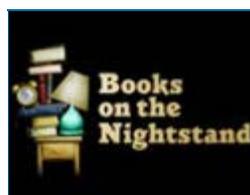
YALSA The Hub, May 13



[Eight literary and storytelling podcasts](#)

Andrea Badgley writes: "With limited time to consume print media, but with ample time to listen, I have become an avid fan of podcasts, and my hungry mind devours the bookish and storytelling podcasts below. These shows provide the literary fix I need as a word nerd. I plan special walks or add extra chores to my list when any of these drop new episodes. I hope you enjoy them, too."...

Andrea Reads America, Apr. 24



[University presses under fire](#)

Scott Sherman writes: "On May 24, 2012, the University of Missouri System announced that it would close the University of Missouri Press so that it might focus more efficiently on strategic priorities. Admirers of the press mobilized rapidly to save it, and four months later the university reversed its decision. The Missouri case starkly illustrates a dual reality about the world of university press publishing—many university presses exist on the edge, and a large number of people want them to survive and flourish."...

The Nation, May 26

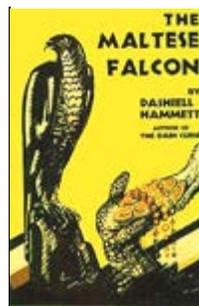


[The Maltese legacy: Sam Spade, the bird,](#)

[and beyond](#)

Ben Segedin writes: "Born in 1894, Samuel Dashiell Hammett lived until 1961. As a young man he was an operative for the Pinkerton National Detective Agency. From 1922 to 1934, he wrote more than 80 short stories and five novels. Hammett's most memorable creation, Sam Spade, the private detective from *The Maltese Falcon*, set the template for the entire archetype of the hard-boiled private dick: tough, cold, independent, cynical, capable and self-sufficient, determined, of questionable morality, a quick study with a wry and acerbic wit, brutal, brutish, even sadistic, yet irresistible to women."...

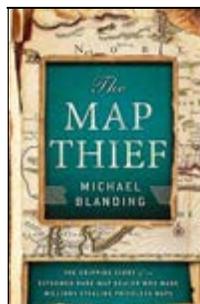
Booklist Online: Likely Stories, May 9



[The map thief story](#)

A new book offers the best glimpse yet of the social-climbing sneak thief who stole millions of dollars in rare maps from Yale, Harvard, New York Public Library, Boston Public Library, the British Library, and Newberry Library a decade ago. E. Forbes Smiley III, a Gatsby-like character who rose from modest beginnings to the inner circle of the rare map world, is the central figure in *The Map Thief* (Gotham Books) by Michael Blanding. It arrives in bookstores in early June....

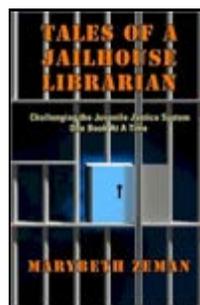
New Haven (Conn.) Register, May 11



[Tales of a jailhouse librarian](#)

Kids need books, not jail. That is the message author Marybeth Zeman is hoping to get across in her new nonfiction book *Tales of a Jailhouse Librarian*. Zeman is technically a counselor, but she has a degree in library science and has become the jail's de facto book minder. When she started working in the Nassau County Jail on Long Island in 2010, the jail had very few books, so she filled a rolling cart with titles and started bringing it around to the pubescent inmates....

Brooklyn (N.Y.) Daily, May 9



[NoveList adds listeners' advisory](#)

EBSCO's [NoveList](#) resource has expanded its readers' advisory resources by including new tools for listeners' advisory. NoveList will now offer audiobook recommendations through [NoveList Plus](#); it has also enhanced the user interfaces of all of its products....

EBSCO, May 8

[25 greatest homes in literature](#)

Jason Diamond writes: "Great characters in literature get all the credit, but the fictional spaces they occupy are often just as interesting and can provide an opportunity for the reader to go even deeper into a story. What would some of your favorite stories be without the creepy old farmhouses, crumbling castles, and estates overlooking a body of water whose waves crash against the rocks at night? We're rounding up the most memorable structures that served as settings for some of our favorite stories."...

Flavorwire, May 13



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Tips & Ideas

[The best places to find free, high-res images](#)

Amit Agarwal writes: "The web offers billions of photos that are just a Google search away. The images that are in public domain, or licensed under the Creative Commons license, can be used without any [copyright issues](#). The only problem is that Google may not always surface the best content that is free. If Google isn't helping in your quest for images, here are some of the best websites where you may find high-quality photos for free."...

Digital Inspiration, May 12; July 17, 2012



[Best practices for adult financial literacy services](#)

Melissa Jeter writes: "Over the last three years, I have partnered with librarians in the business technology services department to determine how librarians in our large library system could better serve the financial literacy needs of our patrons. This article includes a definition of financial literacy and a list of the best practices derived from this experience."...

RUSA/BRASS Public Libraries Briefcase, no. 30

[LC plans improvements to Cataloger's Desktop](#)

The Library of Congress will introduce enhancements to its Cataloger's Desktop service that will be available in September. The enhancements will help catalogers find and use Desktop resources more easily, through a simpler user interface, expanded search and navigation, and improved help and training. The enhancements are based on findings from a series of focus groups the LC Cataloging Distribution Service held in February....

Library of Congress, May 9



[Surviving cataloging class](#)

Tracy Wasserman writes: "Many LIS students dread cataloging and classification class, a required course in some library schools, but I found the class piqued my interest enough to take the advanced course. Librarians should all understand how to catalog and classify information, and be comfortable with this skill. Here are resources to help."...

Hack Library School, May 9



[Connected learning: Education with style](#)

Kate Pickett writes: "Johnson County (Kans.) Library has been encouraging teens to show their style since 2008 when our first teen fashion show took place. Since then we have branched out into a cosplay club that meets regularly to design, sew, critique, and wear costumes from teens' favorite books, movies, and TV shows. The cosplay club is a great example of connected learning happening naturally and quietly at the library."...

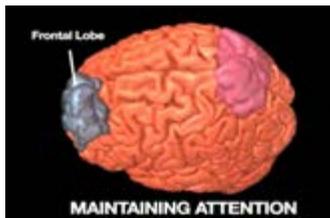
YALSA Blog, May 13



[The power of play](#)

Jenny Levine writes: "Play is to games what reading is to books. Reading, as a peculiar eye-based subset of listening, is used for signage, notes, instructions, lists, and a ton of other chunks of information and culture besides books. Likewise, play is used for many things beyond formal games: teasing, joking, informal contests and challenges, notional tinkering, and creation. As such, it's worth pointing out the many important aspects of life empowered by play."...

International Games Day @ your library, May 11



[End-of-the-year fun with FlipQuiz Pro](#)

Shannon McClintock Miller writes: "At the end of the school year with all of the excitement and energy in the air, it is a good idea to find activities and projects that are engaging and fun. I have a new favorite digital tool that will bring just that to our library and students. It is called [FlipQuiz](#) and it 'lets educators create game show-style boards.' Now it is even better with the introduction of [FlipQuiz Pro](#)."...

Van Meter Library Voice, May 11



[Library social media resources](#)

Stephen Abram writes: "It's hard to come up with a few new ideas that are awesome every single day to populate our social media feeds and engage and communicate with our members, users, and borrowers. So here is a random list of resources I've used that you might consider adding to your RSS feeds for borrowing, linking, or inspiration."...

Stephen's Lighthouse, May 8

[12 search engine alternatives](#)

Chuck Price writes: "As long as 'Google' is a generic phrase for internet search, their dominant position is assured. That said, *you* can do something about it. There are plenty of Google alternatives and many of these players offer a *better* search experience, *depending on your needs*. Here are 12 alternatives to escape your reliance on Google for all things search."...

Search Engine Watch, May 5



[Are you a multitasking master?](#)

Karen Pundsack writes: "Multitasking is a myth. Odds are you are not the multitasking ace you claim to be. Evidence shows that multitasking actually reduces overall efficiency. A 2013 University of Utah [study](#) revealed that people generally overestimate how much they are able to accomplish through multitasking. In addition, the findings indicated a relationship between multitasking and the lack of ability to block out distractions and focus."...

Public Libraries Online, May 14; *PLOS One*, Jan. 23, 2013

[Five ways libraries can use Vine for marketing](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "Last summer I wrote about [15 Cool Ways Libraries Can Use Vine to Create Social Videos](#) and suggested a variety of different uses for Vine videos. Since then, many companies have been making use of the 6-second video format offered by this Twitter-owned social media company and in some very creative ways.

Here are five fantastic implementations of Vine videos. Ponder how you could steal these ideas to market your own library.”...

Open Education Database, July 23, 2013; May 13

[How not to get sued when reviewing products online](#)

Joe Silver writes: “Imagine you just purchased a shiny new wireless router from Amazon, only to discover that the product doesn’t work as you anticipated. To help others avoid the same mistake, you leave a negative product review—but some of your claims ultimately turn out to be incorrect or misleading. Now the company’s attorneys want to sue. As with many areas of law, the answers are nuanced and complicated. Our primer will help you avoid the obvious pitfalls.”...

Ars Technica, May 13

[Formative assessment using social media](#)

Paige Alfonzo writes: “According to the Marzano Center, the Common Core State Standards make it imperative for all instructors in all content areas to make use of formative assessment. Formative assessment through social media is similar to experience sampling studies because it allows teachers to make frictionless assessments of peers’ thinking and feelings about academic concepts and skill mastery. Here are four examples.”...

Edutopia, May 8

[How to create a gorgeous planter from an old hardcover book](#)

Lana Winter-Hébert writes: “You may have seen some brilliant book planters on Pinterest or Tumblr and marveled at how such a simple project can yield such beautiful results. It’s a fun, easy project that anyone can do with just a few simple tools and some supplies from a local hardware store or garden center. If you have some old hardcover books lying around that are just aching to be filled with flora, just follow the [video instructions](#) (2:44) and you’ll have a gorgeous book planter of your very own in no time.”...

Inhabitat, May 12



[Tour Orange County's new tech center](#)

Join the staff at Orange County (Fla.) Public Library’s Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation, and Creativity for a [tour](#) (3:28) of this brand-new facility. The center includes flight simulators, a fab lab, photo, and video and audio studios....

YouTube, Apr. 10



[Freeze! It’s the library police!](#) (satire)

Roz Warren writes: “A Texas man was recently arrested for failing to return a GED study guide to his local public library. He’d kept it out for three years. This is the kind of news story that brings joy to a librarian’s heart. The library where I work just installed a super-expensive state-of-the-art security system that utterly fails to stop anybody from stealing anything, because it beeps, incessantly and seemingly at random, throughout the day.”...

The Huffington Post blog, May 12

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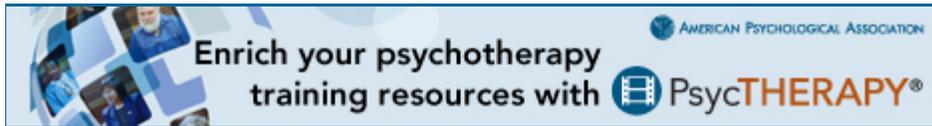
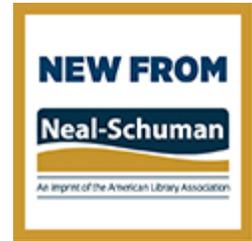
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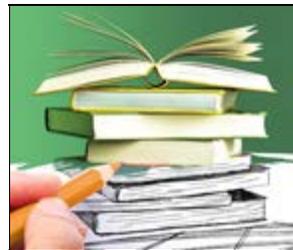


American Libraries Online

The practical librarian's guide to collection development

Abby Preschel Kalan writes: "After years of practicing adult collection development skills in a medium-sized suburban public library, I have discovered that specific shortcut rules have become second nature to me. I present here an annotated rundown of my shortcuts that can help anyone create and maintain viable and successful collections for customers older than 10. My guide begins with weeding because this process prompts us to think twice before making purchases."...

American Libraries feature



Connecting Latinos with libraries

Ellyn Ruhlmann writes: "Immigrants have continued to flow into the United States in rising numbers, reaching a current population of more than 40 million. In response to the influx, libraries across the country are developing new strategies like Waukegan (Ill.) Public Library's Promotores program to address the struggles of a growing Latino population. They've discovered that the library's traditional modus operandi—everything from distributing fliers to developing typical programs—doesn't necessarily work with this demographic."...

American Libraries feature



Newsmaker: Stan Lee

Over the past century, superheroes have ingrained themselves in society's collective psyche and permeated pop culture. Stan Lee (right), the man who created many of these characters for Marvel, will share his insight on the importance of comic books to literacy in his [Auditorium Speaker Session](#) at the



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2014 Annual Conference and Exhibition

Las Vegas, June 26–July 1. Don't miss important [Washington Office programs](#), including former Senator Jim Webb on the 2014 national election season and its impact on libraries on Saturday, June 28, 8–10 a.m.



2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. *American Libraries* spoke with the legendary comic book writer in April to discuss the role of comic books in children's literacy, the lack of diversity among superhero characters, and what secret superpowers he possesses....

American Libraries column, May

[On My Mind: A moment of science](#)

René Tanner (right) writes: "Libraries are places where people can continue their education. However, for a person studying alone, it is often easy to lose momentum. Starting a book discussion can be an excellent way to encourage people to read challenging material within a supportive learning environment, and it can become an integral part of your outreach efforts. Here is how I experimented with a science book discussion."...

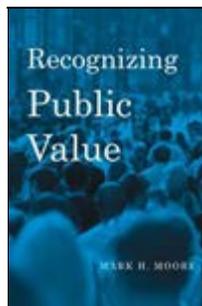
American Libraries column, May



[Librarian's Library: Businesslike management](#)

Karen Muller writes: "Anyone who has worked in nonprofit management for any length of time and participated in planning meetings has heard the exhortation, 'We should be managed more like a business!' The following selections offer guidance to libraries who want to heed that call. In *Recognizing Public Value*, Mark H. Moore, professor at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, uses seven case studies to highlight the problems of recognizing and measuring social value."...

American Libraries column, May



[Still time to submit for Library Design Showcase](#)

The deadline for submissions to the 2014 Library Design Showcase is May 31. To have your new or renovated library considered, send a completed submission form ([PDF file](#)), along with high-resolution digital images by mail to *American Libraries*, Attn: Library Design Showcase, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, or by [email](#)....

American Libraries, Dec. 9, 2013

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Libraries on Film



[The Station Agent](#)

(2003). Peter Dinklage as train lover Finbar McBride inherits an abandoned train depot in rural New Jersey. Emily (Michelle Williams), an attractive, blonde library staffer, helps him obtain a library card.

[Report on the Summit on the Future of Libraries](#)

ALA President Barbara Stripling (right) writes: "I am pleased to present a report ([Word file](#)) on the May 2–3 Summit on the Future of Libraries prepared by Nancy Bolt, coordinator for the summit. Our goal was to bring together thought leaders from the library community and from a broad spectrum of educational organizations, federal agencies, and foundations to begin a national conversation about the future and libraries." Summit attendee Bohyun Kim also [offers](#) her thoughts and takeaways prompted by the talks and the table discussion at the summit....

ALA Connect, May 19; ACRL TechConnect Blog, May 21



[Lois Lowry, Jeff Bridges at Annual Conference](#)

Bestselling youth author and two-time Newbery Medal winner Lois Lowry will be joined by Academy Award–winning actor Jeff Bridges at Barbara Stripling's [President's Program and Awards Presentation](#) on June 29 at the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Stripling will conduct an interview with Lowry, then Bridges will join them to talk about the movie version of Lowry's *The Giver*, scheduled for release in August, in which he stars....

Conference Services, May 15



[Virginia Bradley Moore to deliver Coleman Lecture](#)

Virginia Bradley Moore (right), former longstanding chair of the ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table's Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Task Force and retired librarian from the Prince George's County (Md.) Memorial Library System, will deliver the 2014 [Jean E. Coleman Library Outreach Lecture](#) on June 30 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Her lecture, "Equality, Equity, Diversity: Libraries, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the Mission," will look at how the profession has respected and promoted King's ideals....

Office for Library Outreach Services, May 20



[Controversial film *The Speaker* to be screened](#)

The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Association of American Publishers will present "[Speaking about *The Speaker*](#)," about the controversial ALA-produced 1977 film *The Speaker* (right) on June 30 during the 2014 Annual Conference in Las Vegas.

The film depicts a high school current events club that invites a white supremacist professor to address the student body and the controversy that ensues. The [film](#) (41:33) is now viewable on YouTube, and *American Libraries* coverage of the controversy that disrupted the 1977 ALA Annual Conference is online ([PDF file](#))....

Freedom to Read Foundation, May 20; YouTube, May 20; *American Libraries*, July/Aug. 1977



[Stay](#) (2005). One scene shows the Gould Memorial Library dome at Bronx (N.Y.) Community College.



[Stay until Tomorrow](#)

(2004). Barney Cheng as Providence (R.I.) Public Library worker Jim likes to read the books while he is shelving them, even though the rule is that at work "librarians are only supposed to read book reviews." He lets his childhood pal Nina (Eleanor Hutchins) stay at his place for a while. She tries to learn Italian at the library for her next job, but manages to have flings with a security guard and a high school student on the library roof. Seven librarians are credited in the film, including Cynthia M. Reed.



[The Steel Jungle](#)

(1956). Perry Lopez as convict Ed Novak is assigned to the prison library, where thugs beat him up in the library basement.

[Meet the 2014 class of Emerging Leaders](#)

Attendees of the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas are invited to meet the 2014 class of Emerging Leaders at a [poster session and reception](#) on June 27. The 2014 class will showcase their final projects at the poster session. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, May 20

[Late changes weaken USA Freedom Act](#)

Adam Eisgrau writes: "As widely [reported](#) May 21, the USA Freedom Act (H.R. 3361), legislation intended to end the government's bulk collection of Americans' telephone records, was substantially changed late May 20 in the House Rules Committee. Sadly, after approval of a constructive bill by both the House Judiciary and Intelligence Committees, the Rules Committee's version of the bill ([PDF file](#)) that will be voted on May 22 without further amendment by the full House of Representatives (and very likely approved) has been so substantially weakened at the administration's urging that ALA and its coalition partners can [no longer affirmatively support](#) the bill."...

District Dispatch, May 21; Politico, May 21; Techdirt, May 20



[ALA and the Open Internet](#)

The May 15 vote by the Federal Communications Commission reopens one of the most important rulemakings to affect America's internet users and the libraries that support free public access and communities of researchers and learners. ALA Immediate Past President Maureen Sullivan released the following statement in the wake of the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Open Internet....

Office for Information Technology Policy, May 15

[Sen. Jim Webb to address ALA Annual](#)

The midterm elections are steadily approaching, and libraries need to be prepared. Want to learn more about how the November elections will affect libraries? Don't miss this year's "[Washington Update](#)" session on June 28 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, where former Virginia Senator Jim Webb (right) will detail the upcoming national election season and the ways that libraries and library funding will be affected....

Office of Government Relations, May 20



[FCC counsel to talk about net neutrality](#)

Learn how the Federal Communications Commission is addressing network neutrality issues at the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Gigi Sohn (right), special counsel for the FCC's External Affairs will discuss net neutrality during the session "[Information Manipulation Part I: Net Neutrality](#)," which takes place on June 28. A panel of respondents will join Sohn in discussing the ALA's actions to support an Open Internet....

Office for Information Technology Policy, May 20



[Library, privacy leaders to discuss surveillance](#)

What does the collection and retention of bulk phone records and other personal information mean for the public and for library users?

This AL Direct feature

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



Career Leads from JobLIST

[Librarian I/Youth and Family Services](#)

City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. The Virginia Beach Public Library is seeking a Librarian I for our Youth and Family Services Unit. If you enjoy working with the public (especially youth and their families), team building, and are forward thinking, this is the job for you. Duties for the position include: Presenting Every Child Ready to Read curriculum-based storytimes and special programming for children, preparing and delivering education programs for parents (or caretakers) and

Learn about the ways that personal information and internet access are managed by the government at "[Information Manipulation Part II: Surveillance.](#)" on June 30 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas....

Office of Government Relations, May 20

[Grassroots advocacy expert at ALA Annual](#)

Looking for ways to engage your friends and trustees in a grassroots campaign at your library? Now more than ever, libraries need advocacy on every level, especially from their Friends, trustees, advocates, and foundations. Join Stephanie Vance at "[Making an Impact: Proven Grassroots Strategies for Friends, Trustees, Advocates, and Foundations](#)" on June 28 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas....

Office of Government Relations, May 20

[ALA Annual to present e-government panel](#)

Every year, more and more people are turning to libraries for job assistance and e-government tasks. Library leaders are encouraged to participate in "[Libraries and E-government.](#)" an interactive program that will take place June 28 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas....

Office of Government Relations, May 20



[Winning libraries share cutting-edge services](#)

Each year, the Office for Information Technology Policy and LITA recognize cutting-edge technologies in library services. Learn how four libraries are using novel and cost-effective methods to leverage technologies to better serve their communities at "[Cutting-Edge Technology in Library Services](#)" on June 28 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas....

Office for Information Technology Policy, May 20

[Standing for libraries at National Library Legislative Day](#)

Jazzy Wright writes: "On May 5-6, more than 420 librarians, patrons, teens, and parents gathered in Washington, D.C., to discuss library issues with members of Congress during the ALA [National Library Legislative Day](#). This marked the 40th anniversary of the event, organized by ALA's Washington Office. The number of advocates who participated was a full 20% increase from 2013, which made it one of the best-attended NLLD events in recent years."...

AL: The Scoop, May 15



[Nominating Committee seeks candidates](#)

The Nominating Committee for the 2015 ALA election is soliciting nominees to run on the 2015 spring ballot for the offices of ALA president-elect and councilor-at-large. The committee will select two candidates to run for president-elect and no fewer than 50 candidates for the 33 at-large Council seats to be filled in the 2015 spring election. Potential nominees must complete the [Potential Candidate Biographical Form](#) by August 14....

Office of ALA Governance, May 15

[Second draft of ALA Standards for Accreditation](#)

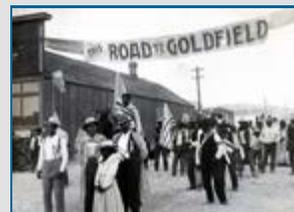
The second draft of the revision of the 2008 *Standards for*

other adults to engage them in library services and teach them to help children become successful readers, providing reader's advisory, and reference and information services to children and teens, assisting with the management of the Summer Reading Program, and additional systemwide youth programming, providing high quality school-age and teen programming with an emphasis on S.T.E.A.M., creating and maintaining community partnerships, and providing training for staff in youth services....



@ [More jobs...](#)

Digital Library of the Week



[Southern Nevada: The Boomtown Years](#)

brings together a wide range of original source materials found in widely diverse collections, mostly housed in the University of Nevada Las Vegas Libraries Special Collections.

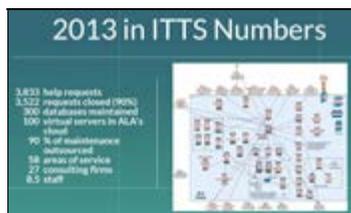
Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Science, based on comment since December 2013, is now available for review and final comment through October 24 at the [Standards Review website](#). Interested constituents are also invited to meet with the Committee on Accreditation to [offer comments](#) on the revision at the ALA Annual Conference on June 29....

Office for Accreditation, May 19

[ALA strategic technology directions](#)

The ALA Information Technology and Telecommunication Services unit presented its *ALA Strategic Technology Directions 2014–2017* report ([PDF file](#)) to the ALA Executive Board in April. It provides a good foundation for understanding how technology is implemented to meet the goals of the organization and explains the role of ITTS within ALA. Here are some highlights....

ITTS News, May 16



ALA Editions eCourses

ALA Editions is offering new iterations of three of its popular eCourses: "[Dynamic One-Shot Instruction](#)," four weeks, starting July 14; "[Copyright for Teachers and Librarians](#)," four weeks, starting July 7; and "[Rethinking Readers' Advisory](#)," six weeks, starting July 7. Registrations can be purchased at the [ALA Store](#)....

ALA Editions, May 20



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Featured review: [Adult fiction](#)

Grossman, Lev. *The Magician's Land*. Aug. 2014. 404p. Viking, hardcover (978-0-670-01567-9).

The third and concluding volume in Grossman's epic Magicians trilogy finds former High King Quentin ejected from the magical kingdom of Fillory and, in short order, given the boot from a too-brief teaching stint at his old alma mater, Brakebills. What is Quentin to do? At loose ends, he joins a ragtag group of magicians—including Plum, an expelled Brakebills student—on a quest to find a mysterious case, contents unknown but presumed to be invaluable. Meanwhile, it appears, amid intimations of apocalypse, that Fillory is coming to an end, and the novel's action begins bouncing back and forth between the kingdom and the real



The Nevada State Museum and Historical Society in Las Vegas and the Clark County Heritage Museum have also contributed collections for this project, which contains more than 1,700 items. Most prominent and popular of these collections are the [photographs and photograph albums](#) taken, collected, and preserved by individuals and families who lived and contributed to the boom years. Other UNLV digital collections include [showgirls](#), [dining and menus](#), [Howard Hughes](#), [Nevada Test Site oral history](#), and [maps](#).

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

"I felt a certain level of dignity and self-respect at the library. I'd wonder how others perceived me, and at some point it dawned upon me that no one ever looked at me twice. They must have thought that I, too, was being productive. Why else would I be there? What a great feeling! I was no more and no less important than anyone in that building. That didn't

world, where Quentin and Plum are now living in a New York town house, with Quentin determined to use an arcane spell to create a new magician's land. At this point, Quentin's former inamorata Alice shows up; but wait! Isn't she dead? Hmm....

[Top 10 sf/fantasy/horror: 2014](#)



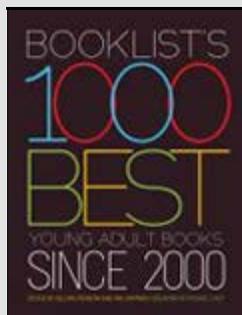
Brad Hooper writes: "Creativity knows no bounds in today's sf, fantasy, and horror worlds, as attested to in our latest roundup of top 10 novels in those categories, all of which were reviewed in *Booklist* between May 15, 2013, and May 1, 2014."...

[Win a year of Booklist](#)



Keir Graff writes: "Mystery Month is rolling right along, and now it's time for you to get into the act. By midnight on May 22, share a picture of the mystery you're currently reading (or listening to), and you will have a chance to win a free year of *Booklist*, *Booklist Online*, and *Book Links*. Just tweet a picture of the cover using the hashtag [#mysterymonth](#), or share it on our [Facebook page](#) (use the hashtag there, too). One winner will be chosen at random on May 23 and announced—how else?—with the [#mysterymonth](#) hashtag."...

[The 1,000 best YA books since 2000](#)



With the explosion in YA publishing, it's harder than ever to separate good books from the rest. *Booklist* magazine's deep and broad coverage of the landscape offers indispensable guidance, and in [Booklist's 1000 Best Young Adult Books since 2000](#), published by ALA Editions, editors Gillian Engberg and Ian Chipman bring together the very best of the best books for young adults published in the first decade of the 21st century....

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Las Vegas Update

[Dining vegan, vegetarian, and gluten free](#)

Stefanie Bailey writes: "Las Vegas has many restaurants that cater to people who are vegan, vegetarian, or gluten-free. Start your morning off right with a stop at Sunrise Coffee, located close to the airport. This little coffee house



[seem to be true anywhere else."](#)

—District of Columbia Public Library Executive Director Richard Reyes-Gavilan on his experiences in the Queens Library as a child of immigrants, "[How a Public Library Set Me Free](#)," *Washington Post*, May 16.

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Calendar

June 3–6:
[2nd International Conference on Leadership and Innovative Management in Academic Libraries in the Age of New Technology.](#)
Shanghai, China.

June 8–10:
[Special Libraries Association.](#) Annual Conference, Vancouver (B.C.) Convention Centre.

June 20:
[National Federation of Advanced Information Services.](#) The Hub Cira Centre, Philadelphia. "The Next Generation of Discovery Services: Where are They Headed?"

July 23–25:
[Library Instruction West 2014.](#) Conference, Portland State University Library, Oregon. "Open, Sustainable Instruction."

Aug. 20:
[Midwest Youth Services](#)

gem offers vegan breakfast burritos, croissant sandwiches, and delicious baked goods. If you're on the east side near University District, check out Tiabi Coffee and Waffle for their delicious vegan waffles."...

YALSA Blog, May 19

[The best things we ate in Las Vegas](#)

Julia Kramer writes: "We go to Las Vegas to eat. And this past weekend, we took that approach to an extreme, packing in as many bites as we could handle at our blow-out food-and-wine extravaganza, Vegas Uncork'd by *Bon Appétit*. From burgers and pig roasts to caviar and ramps (apparently not even Vegas is immune to the spring onion's charms), there is no doubt we got our fill. Here are some of the highlights."...

Bon Appétit, May 12



[Top Las Vegas bathrooms](#)

They don't do average in Las Vegas. The city specializes in crazy thrill rides, celebrity chefs with gourmet restaurants, luxurious hotel rooms, and yes, even out-of-this-world bathrooms: from restrooms with a view of the Las Vegas Strip to restrooms decorated with chandeliers and Italian marble. Vegas' great bathrooms are not confined to hotel rooms and suites. There are plenty of unusual and amazing restrooms located off clubs, hotel lobbies, and restaurants....

Vegas.com



[Las Vegas events](#)

Few cities can compete with the events, concerts, and shows in Las Vegas. There are shows with dancing, singing, acrobatics, comedy, drama, and a healthy amount of spectacle. Some upcoming shows during Annual Conference include: [Thunder From Down Under](#) (3850 S. Las Vegas Blvd.), [Smokey Robinson Presents Human Nature: The Motown Show](#) (right, Venetian), [Penn and Teller](#) (Rio), [Donny and Marie Osmond](#) (Flamingo), [Celine Dion](#) (Caesars Palace), [Olivia Newton-John](#) (Flamingo), [Boyz II Men](#) (Mirage), and [David Copperfield](#) (MGM Grand)....

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority



[Las Vegas Convention Center](#)

The Las Vegas Convention Center is one of the largest convention centers in the world with 3.2 million square feet of space. It is the largest single-level convention center in the world. Located on Paradise Road at least a 12-minute walk away from the Strip, the [convention center](#) is adjacent to the LVH—Las Vegas Hotel and Casino and the Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel and is accessible from the Las Vegas Monorail....

Wikipedia; Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority



[Nine innovative travel gadgets](#)

Jo Piazza writes: "I typically subscribe to the belief

[Unconference](#), St. Charles City-County Library District, Spencer Road Branch, St. Peters, Missouri.

Aug. 25–26:
[IFLA Rare Books and Manuscripts Section](#), IFLA Satellite Meeting, Lyon, France. "History of Librarianship."

Sept. 2–4:
[International Society of Addiction Journal Editors](#), Annual Meeting, Hampton Inn and Suites, Chicago.

Sept. 24–27:
[Wyoming Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Parkway Plaza, Casper.

Oct. 2–4:
[West Virginia Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Snowshoe Mountain Resort, Snowshoe.

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

Nov. 18–19:
[Library History Forum](#), State Library of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. "Libraries for the People."

Nov. 24–26:
[10th International Conference on Knowledge Management](#), Miracle Resort Hotel, Antalya, Turkey. "Research Data Management and Knowledge Discovery."

that technology just makes most things better. Good technology, that is. I've road tested a lot of fad gadgets that have broken the second I got them, and I have had others that have traveled to six continents, no problem. Here are the nine devices that every traveler should have in her arsenal. For example, a speaker the size of your thumb (above)."



Yahoo! Tech, May 10

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Division News

[RUSA Literary Tastes](#)

RUSA will host three award-winning authors—Daniel J. Brown, Tessa Dare, and V. E. Schwab—at the 2014 ALA Annual Conference program [Literary Tastes](#) on June 29, a conference tradition that features authors from RUSA's literary awards for adults. The event, sponsored by Penguin Group, HarperCollins, and Macmillan, is offered free to all conference registrants. Following the formal presentation, authors will be available for book signings....

RUSA, May 20

[ASCLA/COSLA reception](#)

Networking, hors d'oeuvres, and an awards presentation are on the agenda for the [ASCLA/COSLA reception](#) at the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. All conference attendees are invited to participate in the celebration on June 28. The event is cosponsored by ASCLA and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies to celebrate this year's ASCLA Achievement Award recipients....

ASCLA, May 20

[Get a bigger piece of the pie](#)

United for Libraries will present "[Getting a Bigger Piece of the Pie: Effective Communication with Funders and Policy Makers](#)" on June 29 at the ALA Annual Conference. Learn from the experts about how to get to know, communicate with, and influence those who approve your library's budget. Even in tough times, there are strategies to get you more. Enjoy a free piece of pie while you learn how about "getting a bigger piece of the pie."...

United for Libraries, May 20

[Yorkville School becomes a Literary Landmark](#)

United for Libraries, in partnership with Empire State Center for the Book, the Children's Book Council, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, and the Yorkville Community School PTA, [designated](#) Yorkville Community School on East 88th Street in New York City a Literary Landmark in honor of Bernard Waber on May 14. Author and illustrator Bernard Waber (1921–2013) used East 88th Street as a setting for his cherished Lyle the Crocodile picture books. A United for Libraries bronze plaque will be mounted on the exterior of the school to officially mark the spot....

United for Libraries, May 20; *Publishers Weekly*, May 15



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[Teens' Top Ten Book Giveaway recipients announced](#)

YALSA has announced the recipients of its 2014 Teens' Top Ten Book Giveaway. A total of 100 recipients will be receiving a set of the 2014 Teens' Top Ten nominees through funding from World Wrestling Entertainment. The nominee list is comprised of 25 teen-acclaimed YA titles ranging from a multitude of different genres and captivating storylines....

YALSA, May 20

[YALSA opens proposals for 2015 Annual Conference](#)

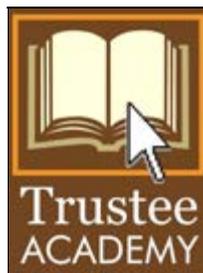
YALSA will accept proposals for continuing education sessions to be presented at the 2015 ALA Annual Conference June 26–30 in San Francisco. Proposals may be [submitted](#) through July 1....

YALSA, May 19

[South Carolina purchases Trustee Academy series](#)

The state of South Carolina recently joined 11 other states in making United for Libraries' Trustee Academy, a series of online courses for library trustees, available to its libraries. Information about the Trustee Academy, which is also available to individual boards and trustees, is available [online](#). To purchase the Trustee Academy for a state or region, [email](#) Beth Nawalinski....

United for Libraries, May 20



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Awards & Grants

[Karin Slaughter headlines Carnegie Medal ceremony](#)

Award-winning crime writer Karin Slaughter (right) will be a featured speaker at the 2014 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence [award ceremony](#), where the two winners will be announced. The event will take place June 28 during the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, and the two winning authors (one for fiction, one for nonfiction) will each take home \$5,000 with their medal....

Booklist, May 19



[Gordon and Laverne Taylor receive Major Benefactor Citation](#)

United for Libraries, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Library System in Oklahoma City and its Library Endowment Trust, have honored the late Gordon and LaVerne Taylor with its Major Benefactor Citation for their unprecedented contributions to the Belle Isle branch, which so far totals about \$1.4 million from the estate....

United for Libraries, May 20



[Two new LIRT awards](#)

The Library Instruction Round Table invites you to attend the inaugural LIRT Awards ceremony June 29 at the Annual Conference in

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Las Vegas. The LIRT Librarian Recognition Award is presented to an individual librarian in appreciation for their contribution to the advancement and support of information literacy and instruction. The LIRT Innovation in Instruction Award is given to a library that demonstrates innovation in support of information literacy and instruction....

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, May 19

2014 Paul Evan Peters Fellowships

The Coalition for Networked Information has announced that [applications](#) for two 2014 Paul Evan Peters Fellowships will be accepted through June 24. The fellowship is awarded every two years to students pursuing graduate studies in librarianship, the information sciences, or a closely related field, who demonstrate intellectual and personal qualities consistent with those of CNI founder Paul Evan Peters....

Coalition for Networked Information, May 15

2013 Nebula Awards

The 2013 Nebula Awards were presented May 17 at the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America's 49th Annual Nebula Awards Weekend in San José, California. The winning novel was *Ancillary Justice* (Orbit) by Ann Leckie, and the award for YA Science Fiction and Fantasy Book went to *Sister Mine* (Grand Central) by Nalo Hopkinson. Special awards went to authors Samuel R. Delany and Frank M. Robinson....

Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, May 18



Commonwealth Short Story Prize

The regional winners of the 2014 Commonwealth Short Story Prize were announced by Commonwealth Writers in London on May 14. For the first time in the prize's history, female writers won all the regional categories. "Killing Time" by UK writer Lucy Caldwell (right) was the winner in the Canada and Europe region. All the regional winners will now go on to compete for the overall winner award, which will be announced in Kampala, Uganda, on June 13....

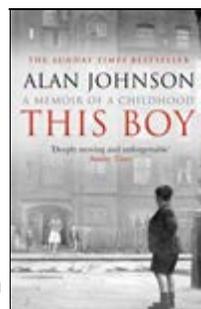
Commonwealth Writers, May 14



2014 Ondaatje Prize

The Royal Society of Literature in London announced on May 19 that this year's £10,000 (\$16,839 US) Ondaatje Prize has been awarded to *This Boy*, Alan Johnson's stirring memoir of a post-war childhood in a West London slum area. Johnson writes of how his mother, Lily, raised him and his sister, Linda, and how, after their mother's death, Linda fought to keep the family out of social care. This literary prize is given to the book (a novel, a work of nonfiction, or a poetry collection) that best evokes a sense of place and its spirit....

The Guardian (UK), May 20

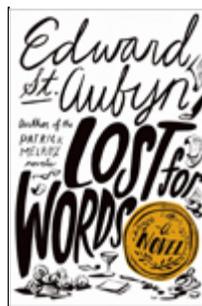


Satire on literary awards wins literary award

Novelist Edward St. Aubyn has shifted from parody into reality by winning the UK's Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize for Comic Fiction with a satire of literary awards, *Lost for Words*. The novel imagines a

literary award filled to bursting with feckless judges and deluded authors. The chairman is a Member of Parliament who wants to stand up for "ordinary readers," a fellow judge who is more interested in the length of a manuscript than its quality, and novelist Sam Black who thinks it "out of the question not to win."...

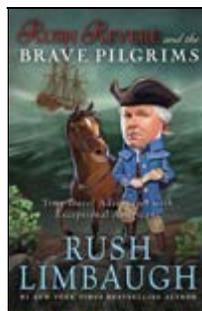
The Guardian (UK), May 19



[Rush Limbaugh wins Children's Choice Book Award](#)

Winners of the Children's and Teen Choice Book Awards were announced May 14 at the seventh Children's Book Week Gala in New York, part of the 95th Children's Book Week. Talk-show host Rush Limbaugh won author of the year for *Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims: Time-Travel Adventures with Exceptional Americans*, while Grace Lee won illustrator of the year for *Sofia the First: The Floating Palace*....

CNN, May 15



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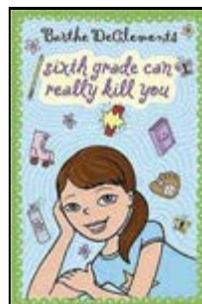
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Libraries in the News

[Twin Cities school to keep *Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You*](#)

A panel of parents, teachers, and Rosemount–Apple Valley–Eagan, Minnesota, school officials voted unanimously May 14 to keep a book that uses the word "retarded" in the libraries of nine district schools. Jenna Boutain, a Farmington resident whose daughter attends a district school, requested in April that the book *Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You* by Barthe DeClements be removed from schools because it uses a derogatory term for students with special needs....

St. Paul (Minn.) *Pioneer Press*, May 15



[What really killed the NYPL renovation plan?](#)

Boris Kachka writes: "When it was announced last week that the New York Public Library was suddenly scrapping its ambitious and embattled plan to gut-reno-vate its iconic central branch and move many of its books to New Jersey, we had a lot of questions. NYPL President Anthony Marx (right), who's made the renovation a keystone of his tenure at the library, agreed to our Q&A, but only by email, and only after the questions were severely pared



down. Here are the answers he gave us May 14.”...

New York magazine, May 15

[Des Plaines meeting room controversy](#)

A controversial group has rankled local religious organizations that want the Des Plaines (Ill.) Public Library to ban the group from meeting. Des Plaines for ACT! is a local chapter of ACT! for America, which bills itself as a grassroots organization dedicated to security and terrorism by speaking out against Islamic extremists. The group has met at the library since fall 2013, but its fliers about a May 17 film screening drew attention to its agenda....

Des Plaines (Ill.) Journal and Topics, May 16

[Union protests Grand Rapids Public Library staff cuts](#)

Union members picketed the main branch of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library on May 20, protesting the 18 jobs that will be eliminated at the start of the new budget year in July. The city library this year faced a



\$914,000 budget deficit caused by decreasing revenue and “stubborn benefit costs,” according to a city budget summary. A new budget, up for approval June 10, replaces nine full-time office assistants with several part-time library assistants and clerical aides. Two part-time librarians will also be cut....

Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press, May 20

[Cranky lines for library storytime](#) (subscription required)

Heidi Mitchell writes: “Across New York City, lines for toddler storytime are beginning to rival those for trendy nightclubs, cheap Broadway seats, and, in some cases, cronuts. Rising numbers of tots and their caregivers are queuing up at public libraries, clamoring for book readings and singalongs. Librarians say their job now includes managing stroller gridlock and defusing the occasional shouting match as grown-ups defend their spots in line.” A shorter version of this article that is not behind a paywall is [here](#)....

Wall Street Journal, May 19; *New York Observer*, May 20

[Dallas Public Library supports Little Free Libraries](#)

One by one, hand-crafted miniature Little Free Libraries have been popping up around Dallas, Texas, stocked with free books for children and adults. The project—known as Libros Libres—is a collaboration between the Wisconsin-based nonprofit Little Free Libraries, Big Thought, bcWorkshop, and the Dallas Public Library. DPL is donating 4,000 English- and Spanish-language books to establish the libraries and has committed to maintaining them for a year. Watch the [video](#) (2:13)....



Dallas Morning News, May 17; Vimeo, Apr.

[Turtle theft in Fall River](#)

The mascot of the Fall River (Mass.) Public Library, a turtle named Franklin (right), has been stolen. The theft was caught on surveillance camera, and now police are searching for the person responsible. The turtle was stolen May 17 by a person who hid behind stacks of library books until after the



building closed. Franklin, a box turtle, has lived at the library for 13 years and is a familiar face (and shell) for the many children who visit the library and love to stop in and say hello....

WLNE-TV, Providence, R.I., May 19

[The brave sage of Timbuktu](#)

Joshua Hammer writes: "It was early in the summer of 2012, and at the Mamma Haidara Library in Timbuktu, Mali, a clandestine operation was underway. Night after night, a team under the direction of the library's founder, Abdel Kader Haidara (right), quietly packed the ancient works of astronomy, poetry, history, and jurisprudence into metal chests, then spirited them out of the library in mule carts and 4x4s to safe houses scattered around the city."...

National Geographic, Apr.



[The lost desert libraries of Chinguetti](#)

Vanessa Grall writes: "The sands of the Sahara have all but swallowed Chinguetti, a near ghost town found at the end of a harsh desert road in Mauritania, West Africa. This was once a prosperous medieval metropolis. A principal gathering place for pilgrims on their way to Mecca, it even became known as a holy city in its own right and over time, it was recognized as the seventh holy city of Islam, the City of Libraries. Against all odds, behind these walls sleep 6,000 books, some kept intact since the 9th century in the dry desert air."...

Messy Nussy Chic, May 14



[Suspicious fire destroys Australian school library](#)

An arson squad is investigating the cause of a fire at Galston High School in suburban Sydney, New South Wales, that destroyed the school's library. Rural Fire Service Inspector Peter Marshall said the roof collapsed at the height of the blaze. Police say the doors to the building may have been forced open and are treating the fire as suspicious. They estimate the [damage](#) to cost more than \$2 million to repair and replace all the library's content....

ABC News, May 19; *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, May 19



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Issues

[The end of net neutrality would be a disaster for libraries](#)

Andrea Peterson writes: "The internet's eyes turned to the FCC on May 15, as the panel [approved](#) a proposal to consider allowing internet service providers to charge websites like Netflix for higher-quality delivery of their content to consumers. We spoke to Lynne Bradley, the director of the Office of Government Relations at the ALA Washington Office, about how net neutrality affects libraries, the people who rely on them, and public institutions at large."...

Washington Post: The Switch, May 15-16

[How the FCC fast lanes would actually work](#)

Michael Weinberg writes: "On May 15, the FCC released its proposed open internet (net neutrality) [rules](#). Although both FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler (right) and the proposal extensively discuss the problems that occur when ISPs get to choose winners and losers online, the proposed rules still allow fast lanes and slow lanes on the internet. Read on to



see just how these fast lanes and slow lanes would work." Jon Brodtkin [points out](#) that these fast lanes are already legal, thanks to a federal appeals court. Find out how you can [comment](#) on the FCC ruling proposal through September 10....

Public Knowledge, May 16; FCC, May 15; Ars Technica, May 15; Gizmodo, May 15

[FCC's Wheeler grilled at oversight hearing](#)

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler (right) faced bipartisan criticism on May 20 from House members concerning proposed new rules governing internet traffic, highlighting the controversy over his attempt to steer a middle path in the net neutrality debate.



Republicans said the proposed rules go too far, threatening to stifle internet growth. Many Democrats think the effort doesn't go far enough in asserting stronger regulatory powers to avoid fast lanes....

Los Angeles Times: Technology Now, May 20

[Trigger warnings in academia](#)

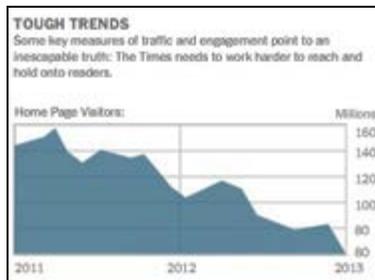
Jennifer Medina writes: "Should students about to read *The Great Gatsby* be forewarned about 'a variety of scenes that reference gory, abusive, and misogynistic violence,' as one Rutgers student proposed? Would any book that addresses racism have to be preceded by a note of caution? Colleges across the country this spring have been wrestling with student requests for what are known as 'trigger warnings,' explicit alerts that the material they are about to read or see in a classroom might upset them."...



New York Times, May 17

[The New York Times digital strategy](#)

Jacob Berg writes: "In mid-May, the higher-ups at the *New York Times* did a bang-up job of [reminding everyone](#) that institutional sexism is real and pervasive. In addition, someone on payroll leaked a digital strategy document, titled [Innovation](#), to BuzzFeed that librarians would be wise to read. Namely, the *Times* has a metadata problem. Does this sound familiar, librarians?" Other summaries are on [Mashable](#) and [Nieman Journalism Lab](#)....



BeerBrarian, May 16; *New Yorker*, May 15; Mashable, May 15-16; Nieman Journalism Lab, May 15

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Tech Talk

[Microsoft Surface Pro 3 aims to replace laptops](#)

Mark Spoonauer writes: "Microsoft wants to replace your laptop with the new Surface Pro 3, announced May 20, which sports a large 12-inch display yet is only 9.1 millimeters thin. The Surface Pro 3 is also light given its bigger canvas, weighing 1.8 pounds. Other upgrades include a much improved Type Cover with a more lap-friendly typing experience and a pen that lets you start taking notes with a click. Its 2160 x 1440 pixels display gives you 6% more content than the 13-inch MacBook Air in a smaller and lighter design."...

Laptop, May 20



[Facebook app will identify songs, media by listening](#)

Nicole Lee writes: "Facebook has just announced a new option in its mobile app that can detect the song, TV show, or movie that's playing in the background just by using the phone's microphone. Once it names that tune (or show), you can simply insert that info into your post with just a few taps—no typing required. Songs will appear as 30-second previews linked to Rdio, Spotify, or Deezer depending on your preference. The app only needed the first 10 seconds or so of a *Game of Thrones* clip before nailing down that it was from the sixth episode of the fourth season."...

Engadget, May 21



[Turn your photos into comic strips](#)

Kit Eaton writes: "The way a comic book artist can convey so much emotion, drama, and narrative with just a few simple lines has always amazed me. If you want to put a comic strip together and provide your own drama and emotion, there are many mobile apps that can do the basic artwork for you. [Comic Life](#), \$5 for an iOS version, has the most features and works best on an iPad because of the bigger screen. The app's main trick is taking images that you've snapped with your device's camera, applying effects to them, and adding art on top to create a traditional-looking comic strip."...

New York Times: Personal Tech, May 14



[How spammers spoof your email address](#)

Alan Henry writes: "Most of us know spam when we see it, but seeing a strange email from a friend—or worse, from ourselves—in our inbox is pretty disconcerting. If you've seen an email that looks like it's from a friend, it doesn't mean they've been hacked. Spammers spoof those addresses all the time, and it's not hard to do. Here's how they do it, and how you can protect yourself."...

Lifehacker, May 21



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E-Content

[Smashwords titles available through OverDrive](#)

Smashwords, an ebook self-publishing platform, and digital library vendor OverDrive have reached an agreement to distribute its titles via the OverDrive network of public libraries. The deal will make more than 200,000 Smashwords titles available for borrowing and for purchase through OverDrive. The deal represents books by about 80,000 self-published authors....

Publishers Weekly, May 20



[Simon and Schuster titles on Scribd and Oyster](#)

Laura Hazard Owen writes: "Simon and Schuster announced that it is making its entire ebook backlist of more than 10,000 titles available through both Scribd and Oyster, which offer users unlimited access to a library of ebooks for a low price. Until now, the only Big Five publisher participating in either service has been HarperCollins. Once a reader completes a certain percentage of a book (the companies wouldn't disclose what that percentage is), Simon and Schuster will be paid the same amount as it would receive if the book were sold through a regular retailer."...

GigaOM, May 21

[Hoopla digital and Boopsie in partnership](#)

[Hoopla digital](#), a content provider that partners with public libraries in North America, has announced a collaboration with [Boopsie](#), the mobile platform service for more than 2,500 library locations worldwide. Patrons using library-branded mobile apps from Boopsie will be one tap away from Hoopla digital's app and more than 170,000 popular movies, TV shows, music, and audiobooks....

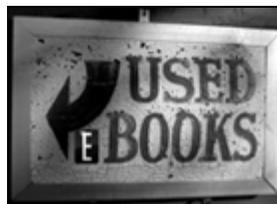
Digital Book World, May 20



[Why used ebooks have not happened](#)

Michael Kozlowski writes: "The Holy Grail of digital publishing is when end users are able to sell the ebooks they purchased from online retailers. Amazon and Apple actually have filed for patents in 2013 to make this happen, but have yet to introduce anything coherent. Why have used ebookstores failed to materialize, and what are the extenuating factors hampering a huge industry?"...

Good E-Reader, May 18



[Debate continues over books in prisons](#)

Mercy Pilkington writes: "In light of two pieces of polar opposite legislation concerning books in prisons, it would seem like ebooks have found a entirely new purpose. One UK ruling has banned books from being sent to inmates, while legislation was just approved in one region of Italy that would allow inmates to earn days off their sentences for reading books. In both cases, ebooks stand to have a tremendous impact while still maintaining safety and security."...

Good E-Reader, May 13

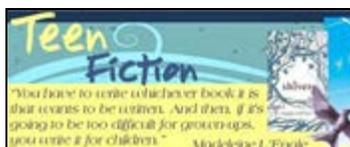
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Books & Reading

[Dear media, let me help you write about YA lit](#)

Karen Jensen writes: "Recently, there have been many articles written about YA literature. And they are mostly wrong. So if you are a member of the press and given this assignment, I thought I would help you out a little. YA fiction is not any one thing, in part because YA readers are not any one thing. A YA novel can be contemporary fiction, it can be a mystery, it can be a romance, it can be a horror novel, it can be fantasy. It can be any of the many numerous genres out there. In fact, sometimes it is a cross between a couple of genres."...

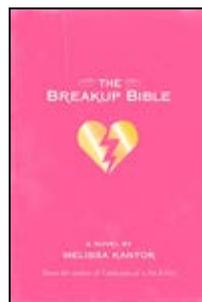
Teen Librarian Toolbox, May 17



[Love gone wrong in teen lit](#)

Colleen Seisser writes: "Springtime is when love is in the air. New relationships are blooming, the warmer weather drives people outdoors and puts everyone in a better mood, and it just seems like the perfect time to fall in love. But what happens when you don't want to? When you just want to snarkily smirk at those silly people holding hands and picking flowers? How do you avoid, nay how do you embrace the idea that falling in love is just not for you? One good way is to read books about love gone wrong. Luckily, teen lit is filled with excellent examples of all the ways love can be harmful to your well-being."...

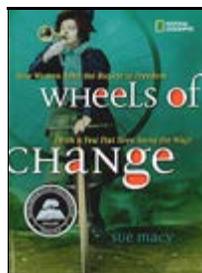
YALSA The Hub, May 20



[YA books with bikes for National Bike Month](#)

Sharon Rawlins writes: "If you're a teen who doesn't yet have your driver's license or who does but can't afford a car, riding a bicycle may be the only way to get around. There's nothing like grabbing your bike and cycling away when you want to get away from everyone and everything. So, help celebrate National Bike Month by jumping on your bicycle and getting outside for some exercise. Afterward, relax and check out these YA fiction and nonfiction 'books with bikes.'"...

YALSA The Hub, May 19



[Hit the road and read](#)

Carly Pansulla writes: "There are many kinds of road trips; you've got your epic cross-country odyssey, your basic weekend escape destination, your communing-with-nature car-camping expedition, your established scenic byway. But when the weather takes a turn towards sunny and warm, I love to see the same hit-the-road enthusiasm reflected in my reading. Here are three novels that take their road trip credentials seriously while simultaneously delivering believable characters and engaging plots."...

YALSA The Hub, May 16



[Five short stories to read during Short Story Month](#)

Jason Diamond writes: “Hopefully you’ve spent a good portion of [Short Story Month](#) immersing yourself in your old favorites while also finding some new writers whose short works appeal to you as much as any novel. With only a few days left in May, we asked some of our favorite new writers to suggest one story they think everybody should read, in case you’re looking for a little inspiration as we head towards the end of the month.”...

Flavorwire, May 21



[Dazzling 19th-century French book ads](#)

Alison Nastasi writes: “Victor Hugo spent nearly 20 years planning and composing *Les Misérables*. It received lukewarm reviews, but the book became a commercial success after its first printing in 1862, perhaps because of colorful ads posted around Paris. This series of 19th-century French book advertisements from Gallica offers a peek at several of the ads promoting Hugo’s book—and other famous novels from the time period.”...

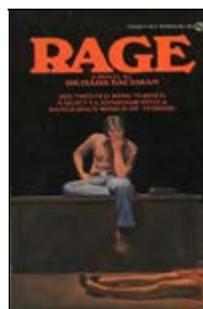
Flavorwire, May 18



[10 authors who disowned their books](#)

Madeleine Monson-Rosen and Charlie Jane Anders write: “Science fiction and fantasy publishing is a tough game. Even the best novels [get rejected](#) by publishers who don’t understand their brave new worlds. But some authors wind up rejecting their own books. Here are 10 great authors who disowned their own creations after they’d already seen the light of day. In some cases this proves that authors are the best judges of their own work, while others show that the author is the last one who should make the call.”...

io9, Oct. 19, 2010; May 5



[Most well-read cities, according to Amazon](#)

Amazon announced its fourth annual list of the Most Well-Read Cities in America. The ranking was determined by compiling sales data of all book, magazine, and newspaper sales in both print and Kindle format from April 2013 to April 2014 on a per capita basis in cities with more than 100,000 residents. The top five most well-read cities are Alexandria, Miami, Knoxville, Seattle, and Orlando....

Amazon.com, May 20

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Tips & Ideas

[eBay advises users to change passwords](#)

eBay has [informed](#) its users about a cyberattack that compromised a database containing encrypted passwords and other non-financial data. The company says it currently has no evidence of the compromise resulting in unauthorized activity or access to credit card data. However, it suggests that users still change their passwords as

a precaution....

TechCrunch, May 21; eBay, May 21

[Metropolitan Museum of Art releases 400,000 images](#)

Jillian Steinhauer writes: "On May 16, the Metropolitan Museum of Art [announced](#) that it has made 400,000 images of artworks in its collection available for free download, but the move comes with a major caveat: The images are only intended for noncommercial, scholarly use. The [portal](#) provides easy access to high-resolution images of hundreds of thousands of pieces in the Met's collection that are believed to be in the public domain and free of copyright restrictions."...

Hyperallergic, May 19; Metropolitan Museum of Art, May 16



[Book club resources for Poirot fans](#)

To celebrate the 12th season of *Hercule Poirot* on *Masterpiece Mystery* this summer (returning on July 27), PBS has compiled reading group ideas for Agatha Christie fans. These free, downloadable resources include background information, discussion questions, and ideas for related activities. Find them online along with many other resources for book and film clubs....

Public Broadcasting Service



[Tablets begin to transform the classroom](#)

Michael Alison Chandler writes: "One-to-one computing—in which each student receives a computer for internet access and digital learning—took root with laptops in schools well over a decade ago, but it has gotten a huge boost in recent years with the advent of lower-cost tablet computers. Many advocates for education reform, including US Education Secretary Arne Duncan, see the scaling up of classroom technology as a much bigger opportunity to rethink schools."...

Washington Post, May 17

[Four ways to display and curate Twitter](#)

Joyce Valenza writes: "Our Twitter feeds and searches and Tweetdeck display panels are just fine for everyday purposes, but for special occasions (conferences, meetings, professional development, and, perhaps, classes), you may want to dress up your feeds. These four tools allow you to display @signs and hashtags in more attractive, perhaps more usable, ways. I'll demonstrate with #tlchat."...

NeverEndingSearch, May 20



[ARL Web Accessibility Toolkit](#)

On the third annual Global Accessibility Awareness Day, the Association of Research Libraries announced the availability of a new resource for the ARL membership and the library community—a [Web Accessibility Toolkit](#) for research libraries. The toolkit aims to raise the profile of digital accessibility and provide resources for improving access to information to the broadest audience possible....

Association of Research Libraries, May 15

[50 years of the Science Citation](#)

[Index](#)

David Crotty writes: "This month marks the golden anniversary of the [Science Citation Index](#), introduced by Eugene Garfield (right) in 1964. The ability to track the progress of science and the influence each work had on subsequent works revolutionized our understanding of the scientific process. While the latter-day descendants of Garfield's work are often the subject of criticism due to widespread misuse, the tools themselves remain invaluable methods for making sense of the state of research." Watch this [interview](#) with Garfield (5:48)....



The Scholarly Kitchen, May 16; YouTube, May 13

[RDA: What it is](#)

Salman Haider writes: "Resource Description and Access (RDA) provides instructions on recording the *content* of records. It does not provide instruction on how a given library system should *display* the bibliographic information (although there is information about displaying RDA content). RDA is less Anglocentric than AACR2. It focuses on user needs, as stressed in the International Cataloguing Principles."...

Resource Description and Access (RDA), May 20

[The Congressional Research Service at 100](#)

Cory V. Langley writes: "When the Legislative Reference Service was established in the Library of Congress in 1914, the small staff provided what its name conveyed—reference information to assist members of Congress in their legislative work. Over 100 years, LRS evolved into today's [Congressional Research Service](#), a staff of 600 that exclusively provides Congress with nonpartisan policy analysis."...



Library of Congress Blog, May 21

[Developing an online-first mentality](#)

David Lee King writes: "I've been thinking about the mobile-first strategy for websites, which makes a lot of sense. That's the idea that, when designing a website, you make it work on mobile devices first. But I've come across another idea that works in a library setting, too: the idea of creating an online-first strategy."...

David Lee King, May 20

[It's Australian Library and Information Week](#)

Library and Information Week, May 19–25, aims to raise the profile of libraries and information service professionals in Australia and gives librarians the opportunity to showcase their resources, facilities, events, contacts, and services through different programs and events to the community. This year's theme is "Join the Dots."...

Australian Library and Information Association



[Making eye contact makes a difference](#)

Steven Bell writes: "What's the first thing you do when making a personal connection with a community member? If it's not eye contact, then you need to rethink your steps of service. Librarians

should not underestimate the importance that good eye contact plays in getting a service transaction off to the right start at every personal touch point in the library.”...

Designing Better Libraries, May 19

[How I wrote a six-year assessment plan \(and you can too\)](#)

Jessica Olin writes: “A strange thing happened to me last week. After hours and hours of working on it, I looked at my computer screen and realized I’d finished the draft of an assessment plan that covers the next six years. Not only is it extensive, but it also assesses all the kinds of things that will make our accrediting bodies happy, since it is drawn from a core document of academic librarianship, [Standards for Libraries in Higher Education](#).”...

Letters from a Young Librarian, May 20

[The first children’s picture book](#)

Charles McNamara writes: “John Comenius’s *Orbis Sensualium Pictus* (or *The World of Things Obvious to the Senses Drawn in Pictures*) is, according to the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, the first children’s picture book.



Originally published in 1658 in Latin and German, the *Orbis*—with its 150 pictures showing everyday activities like brewing beer, tending gardens, and slaughtering animals—is immediately familiar as an ancestor of today’s children’s literature. At one point it was the most used textbook in Europe for elementary education.”...

Public Domain Review, May 14

[The Khamsah of Nizami: A Timurid masterpiece](#)

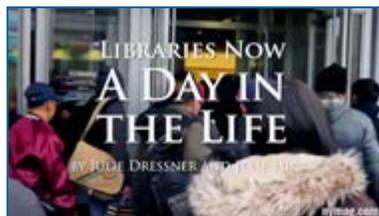
Barbara Brend writes: “One of the best-loved of the illustrated Persian manuscripts in the British Library is the *Khamsah* of Nizami Or. 6810. Made in Herat during the reign of Sultan Husayn Bayqara, and with one picture dated 1494–1495, it contains some of the finest late 15th-century painting. The glorious color and meticulous drawing of its illustrations strike the viewer immediately, while the depth and complexity of their meaning is endlessly fascinating. In addition, the manuscript poses interesting problems of artistic attribution and patronage.”...



British Library: Asian and African Studies Blog, May 18

[Libraries Now: A Day in the Life](#)

In an eye-opening [short film](#) (9:58) that shows a day in the life of various New York City Public Library branches, filmmakers Julie Dressner and Jesse Hicks show just how necessary these public institutions are today. Dressner writes: “In branch after branch, over the course of making the film, we saw how the libraries have evolved into community centers, providing a whole array of services and programs that are stitching together critical holes in the city’s safety net.”...



Gothamist, May 17; New York magazine, May 16

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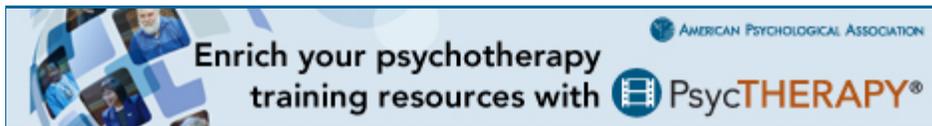
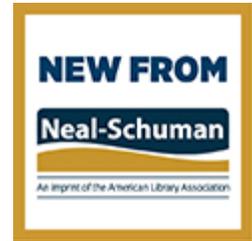
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American Libraries Online

MOOCs: Pros and cons

Paul Signorelli writes: "MOOCs appear to be here to stay as part of the overall online learning environment. The fact that they gained so much attention last year speaks well of the possibilities they offer in extending the reach of learning opportunities." Amanda Hovious counters: "I don't think MOOCs in their current state have the staying power to remain successful. There is nothing innovative about their current format except their ability to deliver instruction to a massive audience. The resulting interest and curiosity is more reflective of a fad than a long-term trend."...

American Libraries feature



New AL supplement on digital content

Leading library visionaries and experts discuss trends in digital content technology and the current state of library ebook lending in [Digital Discoveries](#), the June e-content supplement from *American Libraries*. Developed by the Digital Content and Libraries Working Group, the supplement examines the ways that public and school libraries are defining their roles in the evolving digital publishing environment. It also details ALA's progress in advocating for equitable access to ebooks produced by the world's largest book publishers....

Office for Information Technology Policy, May 28



Future-proofing the research library

Sarah Thomas (left), vice president of the Harvard Library, delivered the inaugural Judith Nadler Vision Lecture at the University of Chicago's Joseph Regenstein Library on



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2014 Annual Conference and Exhibition. Las Vegas, June 26–July 1. [Jeff Bridges](#) joins [Lois Lowry](#) for her interview with Barbara Stripling at the President's Program to talk about the movie version of *The Giver*, which he produced and in which he stars.

May 22. The lecture series was launched in honor of Nadler (right), who is retiring June 30 as director and university librarian since 2004 after a total of 48 years at the University of Chicago Library. Thomas's talk was attended by some 200 people and examined the many ways that academic libraries are adapting to the changes in their campus roles....

AL: The Scoop, May 26

[From boots to books](#)

Tracey Howerton writes: "Luke Herbst, a US Army veteran, joined the Nashville (Tenn.) Public Library's Special Collections Division as a library associate—paraprofessional in December 2010. Although the path that led him to apply for a public library position was circuitous, it originated in experiences he had while in the military and stationed overseas. Herbst has assisted with numerous outreach projects, and in January 2012, he began pursuing an MLIS degree through the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee's distance education program."...

American Libraries feature



[Library passport program wins over Miss California](#)

Miss California USA recently visited her local library. In preparation for the 2014 Miss USA pageant on June 8, Cassandra Kunze needed to renew her passport, and she did so at the passport office at the Civic Center branch of the Chula Vista (Calif.) Public Library. Library staffers asked Kunze if she wouldn't mind bringing her sash and having her photo taken. The library took over the Passport Program in 2011 as a result of budget cuts to the city clerk's office....

American Libraries feature



[In Practice: More than words](#)

Meredith Farkas writes: "[Five years ago](#), I wrote about the value of screencasting software—software that films the action on your computer's desktop—to create instructional videos on how to use the library and its resources. Since then, librarians have created thousands of instructional videos on information literacy concepts, library resources, and services. Here are some tips for creating screencasts that will provide value for your patrons."...

American Libraries column, May



[Library educator Marilyn Miller dies](#)

Marilyn Lea Miller (right), 83, staunch advocate of education, research, and children's services and 1992–1993 president of ALA, died May 22 after a long

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Libraries on Film



[Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones](#) (2002).

Needing to find the location of a distant planetary system, Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) visits the Jedi Library (which looks similar to the Long Room at Trinity College Library, Dublin), but suspects that the information is

illness. A champion of LGBT rights, Miller led a march during the 1993 Midwinter Meeting in Denver to the Colorado State Capitol in opposition to Amendment 2, a referendum enacted the previous November that excluded sexual orientation from protection against discrimination....

AL: The Scoop, May 27



[Remembering Maya Angelou](#)

Author and poet Maya Angelou (right) died May 28 at age 86. An activist and library champion, she remains one of the most [frequently challenged authors](#) (and [authors of color](#)) of the 20th and 21st centuries, according to ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom. She appeared at various library-related conferences, including the 1986 ACRL National Conference in Baltimore, the 1991 ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta as the PLA President's Program speaker, and the [1999 AASL National Conference in Birmingham, Alabama](#)....

AL: The Scoop, May 28



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ALA News

[Final "Libraries Change Lives" webinar](#)

The Declaration for the Right to Libraries initiative has flourished as a successful public awareness, advocacy, and community engagement tool since its launch in 2013. This final, free webinar in ALA President Barbara Stripling's "Libraries Change Lives" series will feature case studies of how this initiative is being used to create positive change in libraries. The webinar will take place on June 9. [Registration](#) is mandatory and limited to the first 100 participants who arrive in the virtual room....

Office for Library Advocacy, May 27

[Re-examining *The Speaker*](#)

In response to some questions about the June 30 program, "[Speaking about *The Speaker*](#)," at which the controversial ALA-produced 1977 film [The Speaker](#) (41:33) will be screened and discussed, the Library History Round Table Executive Committee issued a statement about its decision to cosponsor the program. LHRT Chair Bernadette Lear concludes: "LHRT believes that *The Speaker* and other artifacts of ALA's history, however agonizing, deserve to be known and discussed." The ALA Library has created a [pathfinder](#) of resources relevant to the ongoing discussion....

OIF Blog, May 27-28



missing. A librarian-archivist (Alethea McGrath as Madame Jocasta Nu) declares that if the archive doesn't have it, the information doesn't exist.



[Stardust](#) (1998).

Robert G. Rucker plays a librarian. Filmed in Hamtramck, Michigan.



[Start Cheering](#)

(1938). Arthur Hoyt plays a Midland College reference librarian who acts as straight man when Willie Gumbatz (Jimmy Durante) comes in looking for a title that begins with the letter "Z."

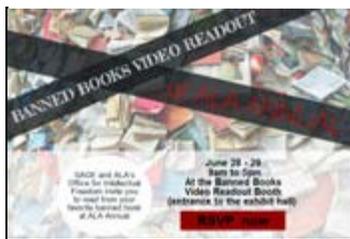


[State of Play](#) (2009, US / UK / France). The scene in which Anne Collins (Robin Wright)

[Read a banned book in Las Vegas](#)

On June 28–29, Sage and the Office for Intellectual Freedom invite you to the Banned Books Readout Booth, where you can read a short passage from your favorite banned book and then speak from the heart about why that book matters to you. Readings will be video recorded and featured on the [Banned Books Week YouTube channel](#) during Banned Books Week, September 21–27. The booth will be located at the entrance to the exhibit hall...

OIF Blog, May 27



[New directions for digital content](#)

Learn about recent ebook activities and future plans for digital content at "[ALA and Moving Ahead with Digital Content](#)" during the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. The Digital Content and Libraries Working Group will host the session on June 28. Chaired by Sari Feldman, the panelists include Robert Wolven, Gretchen Caserotti, Alan S. Inouye, and James Neal....

Office for Information Technology Policy, May 23

[Copyright, libraries, and digitization](#)

How are libraries coping with digitization and copyright? Are these activities legal? On June 29, a panel of copyright experts will discuss digital access and mass digitization projects during "[Copyright and Digitization+](#)," during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas....

Office for Information Technology Policy, May 27



[Experts to discuss copyright trends](#)

Hear about current copyright policy challenges and developments at the session "[Copyright Hot Topics and Big Ideas](#)" on June 28 during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. This panel presentation will briefly highlight a number of copyright policy developments including copyright legislative reform, the status of the *HathiTrust* and *Georgia State* court appeals, and the newly established Authors Alliance....

Office for Information Technology Policy, May 27

[Surveillance, libraries, and information manipulation](#)

What does the collection and retention of bulk phone records and other personal information mean for the public and for library users? Learn about the ways that personal information and internet access is managed by the government at "[Information Manipulation Part II: Surveillance](#)," a session that takes place during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference on June 30....

District Dispatch, May 23



[Books on wheels](#)

Cara Bertram writes: "In 1904, the Washington County Free Library in Hagerstown, Maryland, outfitted a wagon with bookshelves to serve as a mobile library unit to reach people who could not normally make it to the library. A few times a week, the book wagon was able to reach rural areas of the county and deliver books to residents. The ALA supported the

makes a statement to the press was shot at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

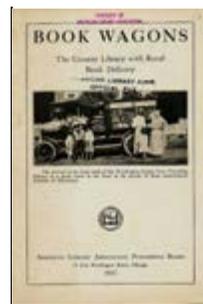
This *AL Direct* feature describes hundreds of films (and some TV shows) in which libraries and librarians are featured, from 1912 to the present. The full list is a [Web Extra](#) associated with [The Whole Library Handbook 5](#), edited by George M. Eberhart and published by ALA Editions. You can browse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



Career Leads from JobLIST

[Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Curator of Early Books and Manuscripts](#)

University of Texas at Austin, Harry Ransom Center, Austin. The Ransom Center seeks a curator, reporting to the Associate Director and Librarian, who will provide support for the Ransom Center's extensive holdings of early books and manuscripts, including promoting access to, and use of, the



concept of a mobile library unit after it was introduced during the 1909 ALA Annual Conference by Mary Titcomb.”...

ALA Archives Blog, May 22

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Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Adult horror fiction](#)

Conlon, Christopher. *Savaging the Dark*. June 2014. 205p. Evil Jester, paperback (978-0-615-93677-6).

If there's a single author working in the horror genre who deserves wider notice, it might be Conlon, whose astonishing *A Matrix of Angels* (2011) is the most wrenching serial-killer novel of the past decade. This button-pusher would pair perfectly with Alissa Nutting's controversial *Tampa* (2013), if not for the opening scene: a terrified 11-year-old boy gagged and handcuffed to a bed while our narrator, 6th-grade English teacher Mona Straw, licks the dirt from his feet. From there, we backtrack to learn of Mona's evolving infatuation with student Connor Blue, a kid as average and unremarkable as his teacher. Connor soon graduates from extra study lessons to yard work to an overwhelming sexual relationship, with every step utterly believable as Mona cycles through giddy elation, mordant depression, and, most of all, tortured self-justifications of her actions....



[Monsters, murder, and morality](#)

Daniel Kraus writes: "Horror may indeed be the most problematic genre to classify, and waters further muddy (or bloody?) when you insert young adults into the conversation. Can fiction aimed at tender, innocent teenage souls measure up to the shock attacks of similar books for adults? To hack it out, I convened a panel of three YA horror authors: Barry Lyga (*I Hunt Killers*, 2012), Robin Wasserman (*The Waking Dark*, 2013), and Brenna Yovanoff



collections and interpreting them for the Center's varied audiences. These include 16th- through 18th-century printed works in the Wrenn Library, the Pforzheimer collection of early modern books and manuscripts, the Recusant collection, the Queen Anne collection, and extensive holdings of 18th-century books and periodicals. The Pforzheimer collection is internationally known for first and important editions of plays, poems, novels, essays, polemical writings, and translations of the most important English writers from 1475 to 1700. Caxton, Spenser, Shakespeare, Milton, Marvell, Donne, Dryden, Congreve, Marlowe, and Bacon, among many others, are represented....



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(*The Replacement*, 2010)—or four authors, if you include me (*Rotters*, 2011, and *Scowler*, 2013).”...

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Las Vegas Update

[Preparing for Las Vegas](#)

Soraya Silverman writes: “At the end of June, Las Vegas temperatures average high 90s to mid 100s with little cloud coverage, hot winds, and dry, dry air. If you’ve never experienced desert heat before, here are some suggestions on what to bring with you. The conference for the most part is business casual. Bring light, comfortable, and sweat-resistant clothing. Although it may be hot outside, the air conditioning inside the convention center may feel chilly, so it’s a good idea to bring a blazer, a long-sleeve shirt, or a nice sweater to wear inside.”...

YALSAblog, May 22



[The best sushi restaurants](#)

Zeke Quezada writes: “If you crave sushi as I do, you’ll be pleased to find some of the best sushi options anywhere right on the Strip. Japanese cuisine is not just sushi, so you’ll be greeted with some very impressive menus at each of these spots. Try [Tetsu](#) at Aria (right) and you’ll get the best of both worlds, or consider the lounge feel at Nobu for an evening of food and cocktails.”...

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[The Discovery Children’s Museum](#)

Since opening to the public in September 1990, the Discovery Children’s Museum, now at 360 Promenade Place, has established itself as an important community resource, becoming one of the metropolitan area’s major educational institutions serving children and families. Ongoing exhibits include The Summit, Water World, Patents Pending, and Eco City....

Discovery Children’s Museum



[Eight ways to pool hop](#)



The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research has created a digital library on [Jewish Life in Poland](#) that offers a variety of documents, videos (from film), audio clips in Yiddish, Polish, Hebrew, and Russian—all described in English. The writings range from poems, school essays, play manuscripts, sheet music, posters of political and cultural events, birth certificates, letters from Yiddish writers to publishers, posters of soccer matches, contributor lists for political groups, and organizational minutes. The site is searchable by keyword and features galleries that can easily be browsed.

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

“Who decides what we know, what opinions we see, what ideas we are repurposing as our own observations? Algorithms, apparently, as Google, Facebook, Twitter, and the rest of the social media

Las Vegas takes its swimming pools seriously. Whether you want to pump your fist, take a nap, play some swim-up blackjack, or grab a massage, there is a pool for you. If you want to swim alongside sharks, try the [Tank at the Golden Nugget](#) (right), where the on-staff marine biologist tells you everything you need to know about the resort's 200,000-gallon shark aquarium. For more pools, see the list at [lasvegas.com](#)....



Yahoo! Travel, May 7

[Be the Village People](#)

Bill Fink writes: "They say you can be anyone in Vegas. So one weekend I decided I would be The Village People. All of them. Because it's Vegas. Why not? I began as the construction worker in the lot of [Dig This](#), a heavy metal playground filled with bulldozers and excavators. Adults can act out their Tonka truck childhood fantasies by piloting machines through a series of exercises in a 90-minute program on a dusty lot." Watch the [video](#) (1:09)....



San Francisco Chronicle, May 2; Dig This

[Gay Vegas](#)

Las Vegas is one of the [top destinations](#) in the country for [gay and lesbian travelers](#). Many Las Vegas hotels—Paris Las Vegas was among the first—go out of their way to cater to LGBT clientele, with packages and special offers that can even include commitment ceremonies. At Wynn and Encore, there's a Pride concierge, dedicated specifically to helping LGBT guests make the most of their time in Las Vegas. The Luxor also has special hotel packages geared specifically for LGBT guests. The [Liaison](#), opening this summer, will be the first gay nightclub on the Strip....



Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; *The Daily Beast*, May 28; *On Top*, May 17

[Volcano action](#)

The Volcano at the Mirage Hotel, on the Strip between Flamingo and Spring Mountain Road, combines fire with music and choreography. It includes two volcano systems, a lagoon, and jets that shoot flame on demand. These massive fireballs blast more than 12 feet into the air.



Legendary Grateful Dead drummer Mickey Hart and Indian music composer Zakir Hussain worked together to create and perform a soundtrack exclusively for the volcano, which plays nightly every half-hour beginning at 8 p.m. The Mirage also features Siegfried & Roy's [Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat](#)....

The Mirage

[Check out the Las Vegas cam](#)

Located on the Strip just south of Russell Road, this iconic sign has welcomed visitors to "Fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada" since 1959. This HD webcam lets you peek in as movies and commercials are filmed and tourists pose underneath the sign that



postindustrial complex rely on these complicated mathematical tools to determine what we are actually reading and seeing and buying."

—Karl Taro Greenfield, "[Faking Cultural Literacy](#)," *New York Times*, May 24.

"I personally witnessed a speaker from Google tell members of the American Society of Indexers at a San Francisco conference that Google had gotten rid of the one librarian on staff in Palo Alto. She was a former cataloger; she was too 'nitpicky.'"

—Nancy K. Humphreys, "[What's Really Wrong with Google?](#)" *Huffington Post Blogs*, May 20.

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Calendar

June 6:

[City University of New York Office of Library Services](#),

Conference, New York City. "Reinventing Libraries, Reinventing Assessment: Innovative Practices and Ideas That Challenge the Status Quo."

June 10–13:

[European Library Automation Group](#),

Annual Conference, University of Bath, United Kingdom. "Lingering Gold."

makes it official that you are in town. You can also spy on the [Vegas Wedding Chapel](#). The Sirens of TI at the Treasure Island Hotel and Casino is now [permanently closed](#), but you can still view the [empty pirate ship](#) on another webcam....

EarthCam; *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Nov. 24, 2013

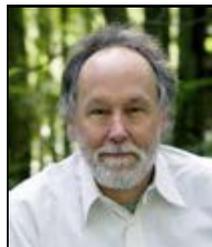
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Division News

[Barry Lopez to keynote PLA President's Program at Annual](#)

The [PLA President's Program](#) at the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas will feature author Barry Lopez (right) on June 29. Lopez is best known as the author of *Arctic Dreams*, for which he received the National Book Award. Among his other nonfiction books are *About This Life* and *Of Wolves and Men*, which was a National Book Award finalist. He is also the author of several award-winning works of fiction, including *Field Notes*, *Winter Count*, and the novella-length fable *Crow and Weasel*....

PLA, May 27



[Webinar introduces LLAMA's New Professionals Section](#)

Are you a new or aspiring library professional facing the challenges of finishing school, looking for a job, or working hard to succeed in your first position? LLAMA's New Professionals Section may be just what you need. The division will present "NPS 101: An Introduction to LLAMA's New Professionals Section" on June 4. This free webinar will introduce participants to NPS, which launched at the 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting. [Register](#) online....

LLAMA, May 23

[AASL debuts virtual membership meeting](#)

AASL will hold its first virtual membership meeting, or "state of the association," on June 8. As the membership meeting requires no official vote of AASL membership, all members of the school library profession are invited to attend. [RSVP](#) to receive an email with a link to the online meeting space....

AASL, May 27

[LITA President's Program](#)

LITA President Cindi Trainor Blyberg welcomes Kimberly Bryant (right), founder of Black Girls Code, to present the [LITA President's Program](#) on June 29 during the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Black Girls Code introduces computer coding lessons to young girls from underrepresented communities in such programming languages as Scratch or Ruby on Rails....

LITA, May 27



[Teen blogging contest for Teen Read Week](#)

YALSA has announced a Teen Read Week Teen Blogging contest in conjunction with its young adult literature blog, [The Hub](#). Teens aged 12–18 can sign up now through August 1



[June 17–19: European Business Schools Librarians' Group](#)

Annual Conference, St. Petersburg University, Russia. "Library Design for the Next User Generation."

[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, Oregon. "Digital Directions: Fundamentals of Creating and Managing Digital Collections."

[Aug. 4–6: Association of Research Libraries and the University of Washington Libraries](#)

Library Assessment Conference, Seattle. "Building Effective, Sustainable, Practical Assessment."

[Aug. 13–14: IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section](#)

Satellite Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland. "Cultural Heritage in the Digital Era."

[Aug. 14–15: IFLA Information Literacy Section Satellite Meeting Program](#)

Limerick Institute of Technology, Ireland. "Facing the Future:

to participate in the contest for a chance to guest blog for The Hub during Teen Read Week, October 12–18. Selected teens will blog about topics related to YA literature, while developing their writing and blogging skills. More details and guidelines about the contest will be found on the [Teen Read Week](#) website....

YALSA, May 23

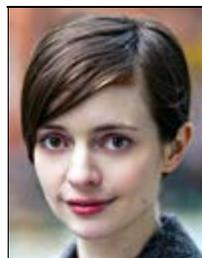
[ALCTS virtual preconferences](#)

Two virtual preconferences coming in June from ALCTS bring the conference experience to you. "[Library Preservation Today!](#)" and "[Creating Successful Scholarly Communication with an Institutional Repository: Just Say Yes](#)" are sure to guarantee a great experience. Registration is open for each....

ALCTS, May 27

[Mandel to join Gala Author Tea](#)

Emily St. John Mandel (right) will join the lineup of authors at United for Libraries' [Gala Author Tea](#), sponsored by ReferenceUSA, on June 30 at the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Mandel was born in British Columbia and is the author of three previous novels—*Last Night in Montreal*, *The Singer's Gun*, and *The Lola Quartet*—all of which were Indie Next picks....



United for Libraries, May 27

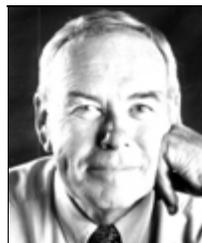
[United for Libraries to host "First Author, First Book"](#)

United for Libraries will present "[First Author, First Book: Veteran and Rookies](#)" on June 29 during the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. This traditional event, which will feature a continental breakfast, will include first-time authors Adi Alsaid, Kimberly Elkins, Oscar Goodman, and Jim McGinty, joined by veteran author Will Thomas....

United for Libraries, May 27

[Literary Landmark for Jon Hassler](#)

United for Libraries, in partnership with the Minnesota Association of Library Friends, Central Lakes College Foundation, and Friends of the Brainerd Public Library, designated the library at Central Lakes College in Brainerd, Minnesota, a Literary Landmark in honor of Jon Hassler (1933–2008, right) on May 16. Hassler was a novelist who captured small-town life as it took place in such Minnesota towns as Staggerford and Rookery....



United for Libraries, May 27

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Awards & Grants

[Herbert Krug wins 2014 FTRF Roll of Honor Award](#)

Freedom to Read Foundation trustee Herbert Krug (right) has won the 2014 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award. The Roll of Honor was established in 1987 to recognize and honor individuals who have contributed substantially to FTRF. Krug is a founding member of the Freedom to Read Foundation and has served as trustee for three years, including two terms as treasurer.



Librarians and Information Literacy in a Changing Landscape."

Sept. 17–19:

[Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association](#).

Conference on Open Access Scholarly Publishing, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France.

Sept. 29:

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

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

Oct. 8–9:

[Minnesota Library Association](#).

Annual Conference, Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato. "Better Together."

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He spearheaded the creation of the Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund, created in honor of his late wife, FTRF's founding executive director, after her death in 2009....

Freedom to Read Foundation, May 27

[Seven win Banned Books Week grants](#)

Seven organizations, ranging from a fine arts organization to an LGBT-focused community library, are recipients of \$1,000 grants from the Freedom to Read Foundation's [Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund](#) for events celebrating [Banned Books Week](#) September 21-27....

Freedom to Read Foundation, May 27

[Sen. Ron Wyden receives Oregon IF Award](#) (PDF file)

The Oregon Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee has selected US Senator Ron Wyden (D-Oreg., right) to receive its 2014 Intellectual Freedom Champion of the Year award. Wyden was selected as the 2014 recipient in recognition of his forceful and sustained campaign to defend the privacy rights of individuals from government surveillance. The award was [presented](#) at the Multnomah County Library in Portland on May 28....

Oregon Library Association; Multnomah County Library, May 27



[Heidi Lerner receives AJL Life Membership Award](#)

The Association of Jewish Libraries has given its Life Membership Award to Heidi Lerner (right), metadata librarian for Hebraica and Judaica at Stanford University. The AJL award is granted in recognition of professional contributions to the association and to Jewish librarianship. Lerner was cited for her work on the University of Pennsylvania/Cambridge University Genizah cataloging and digitization project, the digital library JSTOR's Hebrew Journals project, the editorial board of *AJS Perspectives*, and the NACO Hebraica Funnel Project of the Library of Congress....

Association of Jewish Libraries



[Ezra Jack Keats minigrants awarded](#)

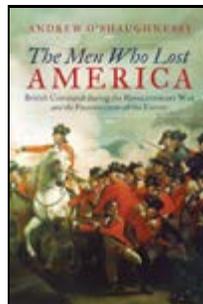
The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, which fosters children's love of reading and creative expression in our diverse culture, has awarded [minigrants](#) to 60 educators at public schools and libraries in 27 states across the country. Now in its 26th year, the program awards each recipient with up to \$500 for specific programs that they have planned for the next academic year....

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, May 28

[2014 George Washington Book Prize](#)

Historian Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy has won the \$50,000 George Washington Book Prize for his *The Men Who Lost America* (Yale University). The award, announced at a ceremony at Mount Vernon on May 20, honors the previous year's best book about early American history. The prize is sponsored by Washington College, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and George Washington's Mount Vernon....

Washington Post, May 23



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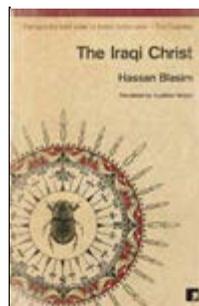
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2014 Independent Foreign Fiction Prize

For the first time in its 24-year history, the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize has been won by an Arab writer, Hassan Blasim, for his second short story collection, *The Iraqi Christ*, translated by Jonathan Wright (Comma Press). The book combines reportage, memoir, and dark fantasy to present Iraq, post-Saddam and post-invasion, as a surrealist inferno. Blasim and Wright share the £10,000 (\$16,842 US) prize, which they received May 22 at a ceremony at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London....

Irish Times (Dublin), May 22

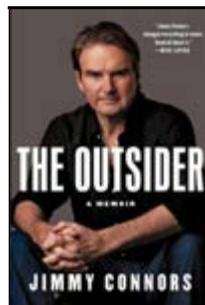


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2014 British Sports Book Awards

Former tennis ace Jimmy Connors was among the winners May 21 at the British Sports Book Awards. His hard-hitting autobiography, *The Outsider* (Bantam), won in the Autobiography or Biography of the Year category. Harriet Tuckey won the Outstanding Sports Writing Award for *Everest: The First Ascent* (Rider), about her father, Griffith Pugh; and *Incredible Waves: An Appreciation of Perfect Surf* by Chris Power (Orca) won the Best Illustrated Book of the Year....

British Sports Book Awards, May 21



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Libraries in the News

[World-class Glasgow art library destroyed by fire](#)

The iconic library at Glasgow School of Art has been lost in a fire that swept through the building on May 23. The library was recognized as one of the finest examples of art nouveau in the world. The fire completely destroyed the school's west wing library, but fire crews managed to [preserve](#) 90% of the building and 70% of its contents, including the museum and lecture theatre. Priceless watercolors, drawings, and letters by architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh kept in a fireproof vault [escaped](#) undamaged. Initial indications are that a projector overheated and lit nearby combustible materials. To offer financial or practical support, visit the [GSA website](#)....

BBC News, May 25; *Glasgow (UK) Herald*, May 26



[Outside political group responsible for Birmingham bond defeat](#)

Jay Grossman writes: "Libraries and zoos are ruining America's future. If you don't believe it, reach out to Free Congress Action and Americans for Prosperity. The two Virginia-based groups are responsible for mailings and robo-calls to stop a pair of tax increases



for the Baldwin Public Library (right) in Birmingham, Michigan, and the Columbus Zoo in Ohio. Birmingham City Commissioner Gordon Rinschler said outside influences played a part in defeating the May 6 ballot proposal.”...

Birmingham (Mich.) Observer & Eccentric, May 21

[Library 21c ready to open in Colorado Springs](#)

When Library 21c, the Pikes Peak Library District's newest facility, opens on June 21, patrons will see more than a repository for stacks of material. The facility on the north side of Colorado Springs, Colorado, will promote experiential learning with the latest in technology, access to 3D printers, sewing machines and other tools, plus abundant space. The upper level of the two-story facility will be home to the Business and Entrepreneur Center, several hands-on creative spaces, meeting rooms, and a 400-seat venue for presentations and the performing arts....

Colorado Springs (Colo.) Gazette, May 25



[Public school librarians are rare in California](#)

Lillian Mongeau writes: “California employed 804 school librarians in 2012–2013, which translates to one certified school librarian for every 7,784 students. That is the lowest per-student ratio of any state in the country. This lack of certified librarians has led to a decrease in student access to books, a decline in student research skills, and the loss of an important resource for teachers, said Janice See-Gilmore, president of the California School Library Association.”...

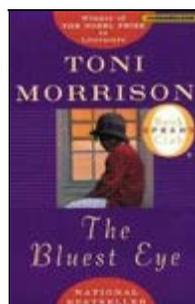
EdSource, May 26



[The Bluest Eye stays in Durant HS](#)

A book that has been causing some controversy among parents and school administration will remain in the Durant (Okla.) High School Library. After a parent voiced concerns over sexual and violent content in Toni Morrison's book *The Bluest Eye*, a committee was formed to review it. During a May 12 meeting, committee members determined the book was suitable for the high-school age range and would stay in the library....

Durant (Okla.) Democrat, May 14



[Brown University receives Apollo 15 flight data file](#)

The Brown University Library has received a gift that is truly out of this world. In late 2013, David Scott (right), retired US Air Force colonel and NASA astronaut, gave the library the world's only complete collection of flight literature that has traveled to the Moon's surface. On April 19, Scott met with University Librarian Harriette Hemmasi (left), Director of Special Collections Tom Horrocks, and a small handful of awed library staff members for an informal ceremony in which he presented the 1971 Apollo 15 Flight Data File to the library....



Brown University Library News, May 23

[Library director faces embezzlement charges](#)

The director of the Albion (Mich.) District Library has been charged with embezzlement from a nonprofit organization and use of a computer to commit a crime, both felonies. Karen Kuhn-Clarke was arraigned May 23 in Calhoun County District Court. She is alleged to have used a library credit card to pay for between \$4,000 and \$14,000 of her own expenses beginning in 2011....

Battle Creek (Mich.) Enquirer, May 23

[Networking librarians nab alleged counterfeiter](#)

A man suspected of scamming librarians at the Marin County (Calif.) Free Library is getting the book thrown at him. Daniel Han Shi was charged with burglary, forgery, and counterfeiting after allegedly trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill at the Fairfax branch. When the man tried to pass a fake \$20 at the Marin City branch, staffer Etienne Douglas, who happens to be a former bank clerk, sent an advisory email to other libraries in the county. Shi admitted passing the bills at numerous Marin branches....

Santa Cruz (Calif.) Sentinel, May 21

[Librarians question Baltimore County plan to shift IT positions](#)

Public library advocates are questioning a Baltimore County plan to transfer library information-technology services to the county government's IT office, saying it could set a precedent that threatens the library's autonomy. County Executive Kevin Kamenetz's budget includes the transfer of 28 positions in the Baltimore County Public Library system to the county's Office of Information Technology starting July 1....

Government Technology, May 22

[Gates Foundation to phase out Global Libraries program](#)

Deborah Jacobs writes: "I wanted to be the first to tell the library community, the community I've been working with for the last 40 years, some important news. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has decided to conclude its work in Global Libraries over the next three to five years. This transition will happen slowly with no programmatic changes to our budgets this year or next year, and we are planning a smooth transition for our staff, grantees, and the field."...

Impatient Optimists, May 7



[Russian court demands LC hand over Schneerson volumes](#)

A Russian court demanded on May 22 that the Library of Congress hand back seven precious Jewish texts to Moscow and, in retaliation for a similar ruling against the Russian government by a US court in 2013, said it should pay a \$50,000 fine for every day it delays. The Schneerson collection, claimed by both Russia and the New York-based Hasidic Chabad-Lubavitch group, has become a bone of contention in Russia-US ties....

Reuters, May 22

[Cairo library organizes street clean-up](#)

Zawya al-Hamra Library in Cairo, Egypt, is organizing a campaign to raise awareness about the importance of clean streets. The campaign, to take place May 28–June 8, is in coordination with Cairo Cleaning and Beautification Agency, a number of volunteer artists, and neighborhood residents. The library is distributing brochures, hosting seminars, and picking up trash in its neighborhood....

Cairo Post, May 26



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Issues

[NSA bill passes the House, with a gaping loophole](#)

Andy Greenberg writes: "The US House on May 22 passed the USA Freedom Act, a bill that would end the NSA's mass collection of Americans' phone records. Unfortunately, it may not actually do that. The central provision of the bill, which now moves on to the Senate, is intended to limit what the intelligence community calls bulk collection. But last-minute changes added ambiguous language that could essentially give the NSA a generous loophole." ALA President Barbara Stripling released a [statement](#) on the weakened bill....

Wired: Threat Level, May 22; ALA Office of Government Relations, May 22

[Why the FCC is vague about net neutrality](#)

Brendan Sasso writes: "Federal regulators are trying to leave themselves plenty of power to oversee the internet—they're just not willing to get too specific about what they plan to do with it. The FCC is moving ahead with a net neutrality proposal, but no one knows exactly what business practices it would ban. As for the FCC, that's all part of the strategy."...

National Journal, May 22

[Facebook finally gets the privacy message](#)

Vindu Goel writes: "Do you know who can see what you are posting on Facebook, including your photos, birthday, and personal cellphone number? Chances are that you don't. Facebook is worried that you will start sharing less unless it helps you better manage your private information. On May 22, the company announced that it would give a privacy checkup to every one of its 1.28 billion users worldwide, conducted by a cartoon dinosaur."...

New York Times, May 22



[Do Not Track is pretty much over](#)

Zach Miners writes: "Chalk up another victory for corporate surveillance: Five years after advocates came up with an easy way to let you browse the web with just a little privacy, the Do Not Track system is in tatters and that pair of boots you looked at online last month is still stalking you from website to website. Do Not Track hangs by a thread, neutered by a failure among stakeholders to reach agreement."...

InfoWorld, May 22



[Privacy could be monetized](#)

Kyle Chayka writes: "If you think of the internet as a public good, then think again. Internet service providers are finding new ways to monetize their customers, and all signs point to bigger bills for everyone. The new internet is about turning the process of getting online into a series of tiered options rather than the monolithic package deals we're used to. Want privacy or quicker downloads? You'll need to pay for them."...

Pacific Standard, May 21

[Why the eBay data breach is bad news for consumers](#)

Andrea Peterson writes: "On May 21, eBay asked its 145 million active customers to change their passwords as a precautionary measure after the company discovered it was breached earlier this spring, although it remains unclear how many users' data was actually stolen. While the company says no financial information like credit card numbers was swiped, it does believe hackers accessed other personal information—including names, dates of birth, email addresses, physical addresses, and encrypted passwords."...

Washington Post: The Switch, May 23



[Dangers of the internet culture to society](#)

Jonathan Rochkind writes: "I am increasingly not liking what the use of the internet does to our society and to us. I actually find that maybe my techie friends are *more* likely to share these concerns than my friends at large, which some find ironic, but isn't at all, because we have more exposure to it, live more of our lives on the internet, and have done so for longer. Here's a really [good presentation](#) on one aspect of this—the universal surveillance state of affairs brought on by always-on-the-internet culture."...

Bibliographic Wilderness, May 27; *Idle Words*, May 20



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Tech Talk

[What you need to know about Windows libraries](#)

Lincoln Spector writes: "To the uneducated eye, Windows libraries are simply convenient places to store your data files, such as documents, spreadsheets, pictures, music, and videos. And they are convenient. They make it easier to find, organize, and back up the most important files on your hard drive. But they are not actually *places*—in the sense that they are not folders on your hard drive."...

PC World, May 22



[Skype will attempt real-time voice-call translations](#)

Skype will soon have the ability to [translate](#) multilingual conversations in real



time, as Microsoft graduates software translations from written text to actual voice calls. The translations will be done simultaneously, displaying multilingual subtitles. Microsoft will [launch](#) the translation engine in a beta version on Windows 8.1 later this year. Watch the [video](#) (2:02)....

The Wire, May 28; Microsoft Research, May 27; The Verge, May 27; YouTube, May 27

[Google adds "Okay Google" voice search for Chrome users](#)

Darrell Etherington writes: "Maybe you already talk to your computer, but now there's even more reason to: Google has just released the [latest version](#) of Chrome, which includes 'Okay Google' triggered voice searches that work automatically, without requiring any clicks or other input prompting first. Users will need to enable it once and provide Chrome permission to use their computer's microphone if they haven't already, but after that, it's as simple as opening a new tab, navigating to Google.com, and speaking the magic words."...

TechCrunch, May 22



[15 best Android apps you might not be using](#)

Cherlynn Low writes: "With more than 1 million apps in the Google Play store, there are bound to be a ton of options that you never thought to download, either because you're not sure what they do or you simply don't know they exist. Want to type on a better keyboard, speed up your phone's performance, or experience augmented reality? You can do that and a lot more with our top picks. These are the best Android apps you're probably not using." And here are [15 for the iPhone](#)....

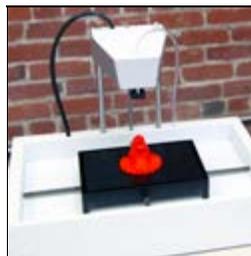
Laptop, May 27



[MOD-t, a low-cost 3D printer](#)

Signe Brewster writes: "3D-printer makers are in a race to the bottom to offer the cheapest machine possible, and they are getting there very quickly. But the newest option, freshly launched startup New Matter's MOD-t, comes with a surprise: It's beautifully conceived. The MOD-t launched May 28 on [Indiegogo](#), where it is going for \$149 to \$249. That's in line with the lowest-priced 3D printers ever." Watch the [video](#) (2:52)....

GigaOM, May 28; YouTube, May 28



[How to buy a projector](#)

M. David Stone and Tony Hoffman write: "Projectors have come a long way from the days when the most useful way to categorize them was by their weight class. Today there are any number of more meaningful kinds of categories, including intended use (business presentations, home theater, game playing), technology (LCD, DLP, LCOS), throw distance (how close to the screen you can place the projector), and more. Here



are some questions that will help you to find a projector with the right features for your needs." Here are the [10 best](#), according to *PC Magazine*....

PC Magazine, May 21

[Free tech learning resources](#)

Jessamyn West writes: "New York Public Library has now put all of the [handouts for its tech courses](#) online, in multiple languages. There are many things that people point to for good tutorials and lessons, but few have information presented in a clear and easy-to-understand way. Other resources include [GCFLearnFree](#) (tutorials on more than just technology, but very good basic tech) and [DigitalLearn](#) (good video tutorials, free handouts)."...

librarian.net, May 26



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E-Content

[Ebook price hike for academic libraries](#)

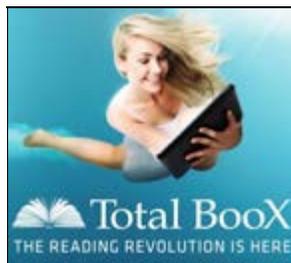
Susan Stearns and John Unsworth write: "In the Boston Library Consortium program, publishers charge libraries for ebooks based on a model that combines payment for short-term use of a title by a student or researcher with the purchase of the title after a few short-term uses. In this way, libraries pay full price for an ebook that meets the needs of multiple readers, and pay a fractional price for ebooks that are of use to only one or two people. This month the BLC was surprised to learn that a number of the publishers in this program planned immediate, significant, and unexplained increases in price."...

Chronicle of Higher Education: Letters, May 27

[Total BooX expands service to US libraries](#)

Ebook distributor Total BooX has expanded its service in US libraries, which officially launched in late 2013 with Westchester Library System in New York. Three more libraries will now provide the Total BooX to their patrons: Allegany County (Md.) Library System, Brazoria County (Tex.) Library System, and the Ferguson Library in Stamford, Connecticut. The Israeli company offers libraries a pay-per-page approach using a state-of-the-art monitoring system to track patron reads....

No Shelf Required, May 28



[Let's stop the ebook judging](#)

Joanna Cabot writes: "Two articles crossed my inbox recently on the same subject. In the [first](#), David B. Coe, with very little enthusiasm, describes his life with his new e-reader. In the [second](#) article, Margaret Drabble expounds on hers with much more enthusiasm. Ebooks for the win, right? So, where is the problem? I have read too many articles lately that condemn people for the reading choices they make yet overlook the salient point that making a reading choice in the first place is already a win because it means you are choosing a



book over an app or a movie or a song.”...

TeleRead, May 27; Science Fiction & Fantasy Novelists, May 23; *The Guardian* (UK), May 23

[The real reason enhanced ebooks haven't taken off](#)

Peter Constanzo writes: “Not enough attention has been paid to the real reason digital projects featuring embedded video, audio, and other forms of interactivity haven't resonated with readers: The market as it currently exists does not allow publishers to deliver the same enhanced product across all current digital platforms, whether it be Apple's iPad, Amazon's Kindle Fire, Barnes & Noble's Nook, or Kobo's Arc. And when you stop and think about it, no other content creator is faced with this conundrum.”...

Digital Book World, May 23

[OverDrive features enhanced ebooks at BEA](#)

OverDrive announced May 27 that [OverDrive Read](#) now supports a broad range of enhanced titles based on EPUB3. The leading browser-based ebook platform compatible with PCs, Macs, iPads, iPhones, and Android tablets and smartphones now displays children's picture books, textbooks using complex layout, and other enhanced titles produced using EPUB3, HTML5, media overlays (synchronized audio), and other open industry standards. OverDrive will be showcasing embedded ebook samples at BookExpo America, May 28–31....

OverDrive, May 27

[Eight ways to jump into ebooks](#)

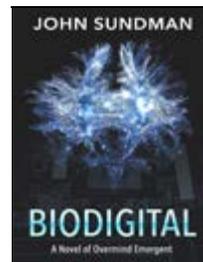
As districts increasingly move to digital content, many school leaders are chucking printed textbooks in favor of the more interactive content that ebooks and digital texts can offer. Ann Fondren, retired district library coordinator for Spotsylvania County (Va.) Schools, said, “Ebooks are just another format to enhance our collections—I don't believe ebooks eliminate the need for print books or will anytime soon.” She offers eight tips for plunging right in....

eSchool News, May 26

[The future of the book is unfinished: John Sundman's Biodigital](#)

Eric Hellman writes: “The most interesting things going on in the ebook world now are being done by people who see books as continuing processes that need not be contained within EPUBs or frozen into PDFs. I notice that these creations fit poorly into today's book publishing machine. Formats go flat, conventional copyrights do copy wrongs; ISBNs go bonkers, bookstores start selling teddy bears, and libraries look the other way. Which brings me to John Sundman's [Biodigital](#). It was excellent.”...

Go to Hellman, May 24



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Books & Reading

[As publishers fight Amazon, books vanish](#)

David Streitfeld and Melissa Eddy write: “Amazon's power over the publishing and bookselling industries is unrivaled in the modern era. Seeking ever-higher payments from publishers to bolster



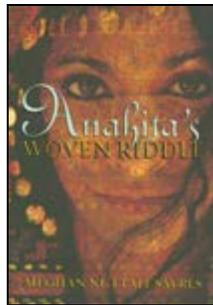
its anemic bottom line, Amazon is holding books and authors hostage on two continents by delaying shipments and raising prices. The literary community is fearful and outraged—and practically begging for government intervention.” Now Amazon has [removed pre-order buttons](#) from upcoming books by J. K. Rowling, Michael Connelly, and other Hachette authors. And finally, on May 27, Amazon [broke its silence](#) on the matter....

New York Times: Bits, May 23; *Christian Science Monitor*, May 24; GigaOM, May 28

[Off-the-beaten-path historical fiction](#)

Kelly Dickinson writes: “The genre of historical fiction is vast and varied. The idea of compiling a definitive genre guide is fairly daunting, so I chose a focus: off-the-beaten-path historical fiction—novels set in the past that feature perspectives, places, time periods, or events frequently unexplored in both the average history class curriculum and fiction. These novels expand the genre beyond the ‘white people in interesting clothing’ approach.”...

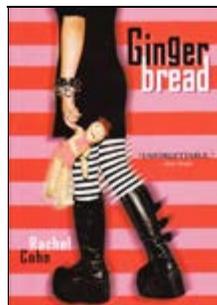
YALSA The Hub, May 26



[The 40 best YA novels](#)

Anna Fitzpatrick writes: “In the past decade, young adult literature has gone from a loosely defined term describing books marketed to teenagers to a cultural force that has spawned blockbuster hits. Trying to decide on the most essential books in the genre is a bit like trying to empty the ocean using a thimble. We’ve parsed through hundreds of stories about dystopian societies, supernatural love triangles, awkward first crushes, and many a mixed-tape featuring the Smiths to bring you this core collection of classic staples and overlooked gems.”...

Rolling Stone, May 22



[YA books and real life](#)

Jennifer Rummel writes: “May is National Photography Month and I thought it would be fun to bring together photos of places that reminded us of YA books, times we dressed up as YA characters, and book titles. I asked my fellow Hub bloggers to share their YA lit–inspired photos, and here’s what we came up with. For example, a trip to the original Green Gables house (above).”...

YALSA The Hub, May 22



[30 diverse YA titles to watch for](#)

Kelly Jensen writes: “Since we’ve been talking about getting more diversity into your reading, I thought it would be worthwhile to highlight a number of books that are coming out through the end of the year that feature diversity. Each of these books contains a main character who is either non-white, non-straight, of a non-Christian background, or is disabled. As importantly, these are books where those elements aren’t the entire plot of the book.”...

Book Riot, May 22

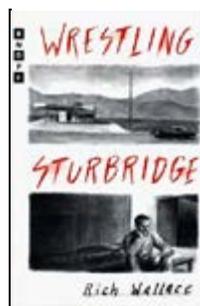


[YA fiction featuring sports](#)

Karen Jensen writes: “Sports can be a great way to

get some more reluctant readers into books if you can connect them to a book that features a sport they enjoy. Plus, regular readers just like to read about the things that interest them, which I understand for a lot of people can be sports. So let's talk sports in YA fiction, shall we? If we're going to kick it old school, I think the first sports-themed book that truly moved me was *Wrestling Sturbridge* by Rich Wallace."...

Teen Librarian Toolbox, May 27



[Gay romance comes out](#)

Pat Henshaw writes: "GLBT romance came out of the erotica closet at the Romantic Times convention in New Orleans in May to stand as its own entity, a legitimate romance subgenre. Canadian GLBTQ romance author Heidi Belleau explained, 'Until recently, queer characters in books were either serial killers or dead people.' Having them now be the heroes of the story, gay authors agreed, is refreshing and long overdue."...

Likely Stories, May 27



[Reading recommendations for Buffy villains](#)

Brandi Smits writes: "We have finally come to the end of my *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* trilogy of YA book recommendations. I had people ask me to include Spike and Drusilla as well as other characters that hang out in the dark. I feel this may be the most challenging entry yet. I mean, unless Glory's minions were reading her the story of her life aloud, I can't see her being interested in much else. Still, I will do my best to find recommendations for even the most reluctant reader."...

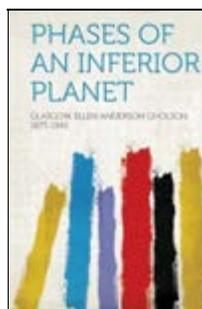
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[Opera in literature](#)

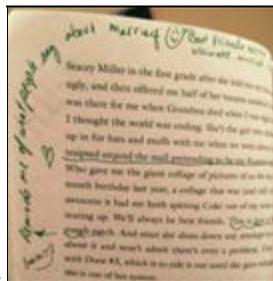
Rachel Cordasco writes: "Once upon a time, I spent most of my waking hours researching and writing about opera in turn-of-the-20th-century American literature. I found a surprising number of novels from this period that included opera scenes or focused on the lives of opera singers. The most interesting time period was in the years from 1870 to 1920. Trust me, these novels that are all about opera are some of the funkiest and most fascinating you'll ever pick up."...

Book Riot, May 23



[Making books social](#)

Jen Malone writes: "The current generation of kids has been termed the Me Generation. Everything is social for them: sleeping with a cellphone under the pillow for 'emergency' midnight text sessions, gaming while chatting on headsets, watching TV while hashtagging on Twitter, reading while . . . wait, no. Reading isn't social. But why not meet kids on their own terms and make it so?"...



ALSC Blog, May 22

[Why reading aloud to students is valuable](#)

Holly Korbey writes: "Educator and author Jessica Lahey reads Shakespeare and Dickens aloud to her 7th- and 8th-graders, complete with all the voices. While reading Dickens aloud helps students get used to his Victorian literary style, Lahey said that it's also an opportunity for her to stop and explain rhetorical and literary devices they wouldn't get on their own. And they read the Bard's plays together, divvying up the parts, because 'that's how they are meant to be experienced.'"...

KQED: Mind/Shift, May 14



[You're a book nerd if . . .](#)

Beth Bartlett writes: "In this age of YouTube and endless TV, it takes passion to fulfill yourself with the written word. Yet the book nerd thrives, surviving on the scent of old books and the meaty thoughts of great writers. How do you tell the difference between the casual reader and those with binding glue in their veins? You know you are book nerd if . . ."

The Huffington Post, May 23

[Why Alexandria does not belong on Amazon's list](#)

David Rothman writes: "Amazon has once again named America's [Top 20 Most Well-Read Cities](#)," based on purchases of its books. [Just as before](#), the winner is Alexandria, Virginia, which should be able to afford a book-rich public library system. Yet the Alexandria library's budget for books and other materials is well below the national average, despite the needs of the city's many African-Americans, Hispanics, and low-income people. Simply put, we're talking about two different realities—Amazon's and the actual Alexandria's."...

LibraryCity, Apr. 27, 2013; May 22; Amazon.com, May 20

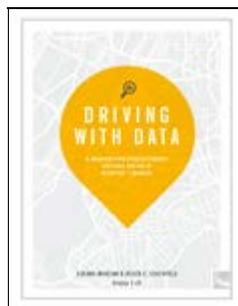
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Tips & Ideas

[Evidence-based decision-making in academic libraries](#)

Academic librarians have been gathering different types of data for some time, using data to measure the usage of their resources, the quality of their services, and how they stack up against similar institutions. But could library leaders collect data differently? In this Ithaka S+R Issue Brief, *Driving with Data* ([PDF file](#)), Deanna Marcum and Roger Schonfeld suggest an approach where library leaders start not with the data that is easy to gather, but with the problems they are trying to solve....

Ithaka S+R, May 28



[Five reasons we still need school libraries](#)

John C. Schinker writes: "As schools evolve to meet the needs of next generation students, the role of the library is increasingly unclear. If the model of textbooks and teachers as the source of all knowledge is outdated, then the idea that a school media center can contain all of

the instructional resources the school could ever need is equally obsolete. Yet schools do not seem to be tearing out their libraries, and with good reason. We still need them around. They're still relevant. They still play a critical role in the teaching and learning that takes place in our schools."...

Taste of Tech, May 26

[Duke's most popular digital item](#)

Molly Bragg writes: "Part of my job is to track our Duke University Libraries digital collections Google Analytics data. As a part of this work, I like to keep tabs on the most popular digital items each month. There is one item that persists as one of our most popular: the [Be-Ro Home Recipes: Scones, Cakes, Pastry, Puddings](#). Looking back at analytics since 2010, I discovered this is the most popular item by about 2,000 hits. I consistently wonder, why this item? Sure, all the recipes call for lard, but that cannot be the only reason."...



Bitstreams, May 23

[Spotlight on Hispanic writers at LC](#)

Peter Armenti writes: "As the program coordinator of the Library of Congress Hispanic Division, it's my pleasure to announce the launch of an exciting online feature: '[Spotlight on US Hispanic Writers](#),' presenting interviews with contemporary American poets and prose writers of Hispanic descent. This feature includes conversations and readings by five poets and prose writers, such as the 2013 inaugural Cuban-American poet [Richard Blanco](#), [Eduardo C. Corral](#) (the first Hispanic writer to receive the Yale Younger Poets Prize), and American Book Award-winner [Carmen Giménez Smith](#) (above)."...



Library of Congress: From the Catbird Seat, May 27

[Can non-librarians easily acquire librarian expertise?](#)

Aaron Tay writes: "I have been thinking of the types of expertise academic librarians have and how recent trends in academic librarianship have made things harder. Christina Pikas [suggests](#) there are four types: domain, systems, information seeking, and interactional expertise. Can someone who is not an academic librarian (here defined as someone who does not work in an academic library) easily acquire the same type of expertise academic librarians have, assuming time is no object?"...

Musings About Librarianship, May 22; Christina's LIS Rant, Feb. 28

[Using LinkedIn to jumpstart your job search](#)



Mandi Goodsett writes: "Until my job search really got going, I had a LinkedIn profile but it was barren and pathetic. Does that sound familiar to you? If so, you might want to take another look at your profile and use it to improve your chances in the job search. Cleaning up your profile not only can help you snag better job opportunities, it can also prevent potential employers from seeing your LinkedIn page and getting a negative impression."...

INALJ, May 27

[How to stop Google Maps from remembering everywhere you go](#)

Alyssa Berezna writes: "You likely know that when you search for

directions using Google Maps, the service registers where you are to help get you from Point A to Point B. But did you know that the app regularly tracks and archives your location in an entirely separate database? Yes, [Apple](#) isn't the only one quietly filing away your location data."...

Yahoo! Tech, Apr. 30, May 27

[Pinterest boards for academic libraries to follow](#)

Paige Alfonso writes: "I wrote the [Top 10 Libraries for Academic Libraries to Follow on Pinterest](#) back in 2013, but with so many new boards popping up I thought I'd add to the list (as a side note I noticed just about every library has either a Downton Abbey or cat-related board). I used the same criteria as I did back then."...

Librarian Enumerations, Feb. 15, 2013; May 6

[Making your Twitter hashtags effective](#)

Courtney Hunt writes: "Even though they're ubiquitous, not everyone knows what Twitter hashtags are or do. You can get a detailed explanation from [this Wikipedia entry](#) or Twitter's [help center](#), but it is basically a convention for aggregating tweets from disparate, unconnected Tweeters into a single stream. In this post I share seven recommendations based on the most common mistakes I see people make when trying to use Twitter hashtags."...



The Denovati Group, Nov. 2013

[Top Twitter hashtags for librarians](#)

Michael Rodriguez writes: "Are you ready to become a tweetbrarian? Twitter is a fantastic tool for engaging with other librarians, monitoring LIS trends and debates in real time, and gathering unfiltered insights and inspiration from peers and seasoned professionals. The challenge for new tweeters is to know where to start among the [5,000 librarylanders on Twitter](#). So to manage your time and start building your online professional learning network, I recommend using hashtags to tune into curated Twitter chats relevant to the library and information science professions."...



Hack Library School, May 27

[Genealogy tips: Finding your living family members](#)

Duncan Kuehn writes: "There are many different reasons to search for your living relatives. Some of these include organizing a family reunion, finding out-of-contact relatives, or locating family heirlooms, keepsakes, and photos. Doing this sort of research may seem challenging, but these 10 steps will help you in your quest to find living family members."...



Genealogy Bank, May 20

[Visit to a library is worth £25](#)

A single visit to the library is worth more than £25 (\$42 US) to the people who use it, according to new research from Archives, Libraries, and Museums Alliance UK. The group surveyed thousands of library users in Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, and found that



library users place a theoretical money value of between £24 and £27 on each visit to the library, a value that is around 5.7 times greater than the cost of providing the service....

The Bookseller, May 15

[How to run a gay-straight alliance in your library](#)

mk Eagle writes: "It's easy to confine the discussion to diversity within the collection or within YA literature more broadly. And there are great conversations going on there, from Tumblr to Twitter, with YA authors and librarians and readers talking about representation and privilege and our responsibility to serve *all* teens. But what about diversity within your library programs? The library is often an attractive meeting space for groups that otherwise have very little to do with the library."...

YALSAblog, May 27

[Doing all the things, the sequel](#)

Ginger Williams writes: "It's been about a year since I wrote a [guest post](#) that seemed to resonate with a lot of people. I thought now would be a good time to look back on that post and see if I'd been taking my own advice. Do I still believe everything I wrote a year ago? Almost all of it. Honestly, I can't do all the things. Nobody can. I do some things really well, but when I'm juggling too much I let some of the balls drop. What did I do this year that I'm proud of?"...

Letters to a Young Librarian, May 9, 2013; May 22



[Library analyst helped to launch NASA](#)

Cory V. Langley writes: "The American public was shocked, and its leaders were concerned for national security when, on October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik—the first artificial Earth satellite. Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson called on Eilene Galloway (right), a national defense analyst in the Legislative Reference Service, to assist Congress in determining how to respond. She drafted questions, analyzed testimony, and ultimately advised Johnson in crafting the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which created NASA."...

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