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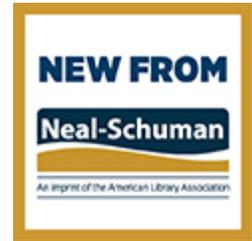
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American Libraries Online

September/October issue now online

The 2014 Library Design Showcase, our annual celebration of the year's most exciting new library designs and renovations, comes alive in the new issue of *American Libraries*. The 18 featured libraries are shining examples of innovative architecture, and each one addresses patrons' needs in unique and interesting ways. Also, take a look at this year's ALA award winners....

American Libraries, Sept. 2



Next American Libraries Live

Self-service library technology is everywhere nowadays, from machines that can scan and sort books automatically to self-checkout stations and book vending machines, allowing patrons to access library materials and services without a personal interaction. "Library Self-Service Software and Devices," the next broadcast of [American Libraries Live](#), at 2 p.m. Eastern time on September 18, will discuss how this technology can best serve the library's users as well as its staff....

American Libraries, Sept. 2

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ALA News

Chris Harris appointed OITP Fellow

Marijke Visser writes: "We welcome Chris Harris (right) to his latest role for the Office for Information Technology Policy. Chris will serve as [Fellow](#) for the emerging OITP program on Children and Youth Initiatives. In his other life, Chris is the director of the School Library System for the Genesee Valley



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2015 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits

Chicago, January 30–February 3. Bundle registration opens at noon Central time on September 9. Midwinter-only registration and housing will open October 1.



Educational Partnership, an educational services agency supporting the libraries of 22 small, rural districts in western New York.”...

District Dispatch, Sept. 2

[Help us improve ALA Connect](#)



Jenny Levine writes: “Five years, one redesign, and dozens of new features after its launch in 2009, we’re doing our largest [feedback survey](#) to date to learn how ALA Connect is working for you and how we can make it even better. Both ALA members and nonmembers can fill out the survey, which will be open through October 12. Everyone who completes it will be entered into a drawing for an iPad Mini.”...

ALA Connect, Sept. 3

[Libraries as social learning centers](#)

ALA Editions is offering a new iteration of its popular eCourse, “[Rethinking Library Instruction: Libraries as Social Learning Centers.](#)” Paul Signorelli will serve as the instructor for this four-week facilitated eCourse starting on October 6. Registration can be purchased at the ALA Store....

ALA Editions, Sept. 2

[Become a copyright specialist](#)

ALA Editions will host a new facilitated eCourse, “[Becoming the Copyright Specialist in Your Library.](#)” Lesley Ellen Harris will serve as the instructor for a four-week facilitated eCourse starting on October 13. The role of the librarian as all-purpose copyright specialist is becoming increasingly important, and in this course, you will learn what makes a great one. Registration can be purchased at the ALA Store....

ALA Editions, Sept. 2

[Ebooks: What you need to know](#)

ALA Editions is offering a new iteration of its popular eCourse, “[Ebooks: What Librarians Need to Know Now and for the Future.](#)”

Mirela Roncevic will serve as the instructor for this four-week facilitated eCourse starting on October 6. Registration can be purchased at the ALA Store....

ALA Editions, Sept. 2

[Cataloging with RDA](#)

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ALA Editions, Sept. 2

[Books for Banned Books Week](#)

The annual [Banned Books Week](#), held September 21–27 this year, celebrates the freedom to read. Two

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Libraries on Film



[The Sleep Room](#)

(1998, Canada). Kathryn Kirkpatrick plays a librarian.



[Sleepers](#) (1996). Two scenes take place in the library of a reform school.

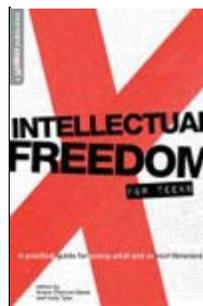


[Sleeping with the Enemy](#)

(1991). Julia Roberts as Laura Burney changes her name to Sara Waters and gets a job as a

new titles published by ALA Editions spotlight both the challenges and triumphs of safeguarding intellectual freedom for young people: [Intellectual Freedom for Teens: A Practical Guide for Young Adult and School Librarians](#) and [Books under Fire: A Hit List of Banned and Challenged Children's Books](#)....

Office for Intellectual Freedom, Sept. 2



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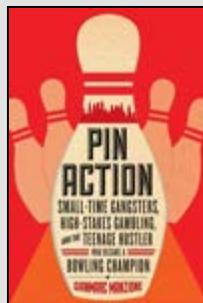


Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Sports and recreation](#)

Manzione, Gianmarc. *Pin Action: Small-Time Gangsters, High-Stakes Gambling, and the Teenage Hustler Who Became a Bowling Champion*. Nov. 2014. 256p. Pegasus, hardcover (978-1-60598-645-6).

Mention bowling today and three things come to mind: family fun, coworker leagues, and a niche professional sport. So, a book about bowling? Zzzzzz, right? Nope. Manzione, editor of *Bowler's Journal*, takes readers back in time to the rough-and-tumble, action-heavy bowling environment of New York City from the 1950s into the 1970s. It's known as action bowling, and it's a bowling version of the pool world portrayed in the movie *The Hustler*. The best print comparison is David McCumber's 1997 *Playing off the Rail*, a participatory exploration of the pool hustle. Manzione covers a lot of ground and profiles a number of colorful characters, but Ernie Schlegel, a blue-collar action bowler, dominates the book....



[Top 10 sports books](#)

Bill Ott writes: "Yes, the major sports are represented in this year's top 10 but so, too, are poker, table tennis, and fishing. Titles selected were reviewed from September 1, 2013, through August 2014."...



[Sports without balls](#)

Keir Graff writes: "Humankind's fascination with ball games dates back at least two millennia to the Olmecs, who made, and played with, rubber balls. (The fact that the Aztecs later sometimes paid for losses with their lives should provide some



college library assistant in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where she hides from her abusive husband after faking her death.



[Sliders](#) (April 26, 1995, TV series), "Eggheads." The Sliders visit an alternative world where intellect is prized, the San Francisco Public Library boasts of longer hours, and hip-hopppers rap about going to the library ("Library Rap" by MC Poindexter & The Study Crew: "I give you one warnin' there will be no repeats, Get outta my face when I'm readin' my Keats").

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](#).

Calendar

Sept. 18:
[Amigos Library Services](#). Libraries, Authors, and Publishers Online

useful perspective to modern-day pros complaining about harsh treatment from the media.) With the media coverage given to football, baseball, basketball, golf, tennis, and sometimes even soccer, some days it's easy to believe we've never progressed beyond that early obsession. But, as the following titles prove, there are a lot of games you can play without following the bouncing ball. If these selections lean toward outsider stories—well, these are outsider sports.”...

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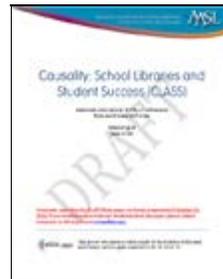
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Division News

[AASL white paper outlines research agenda](#)

The white paper resulting from the “Causality: School Libraries and Student Success (CLASS)” forum, convened by AASL and funded through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, is now available for view and comment (by October 15) on the AASL website ([PDF file](#)). The paper proposes a progression of research methods and projects that will support efforts toward theory building, exploratory research, and demonstration research....

AASL, Sept. 2



[Recruit another AASL member and win](#)

AASL members are invited to share the wealth of AASL membership and win. With each new member recruited, the referring AASL member will earn an entry into a monthly prize drawing as well as an entry into the final grand prize drawing worth an estimated \$1,500. View the complete campaign details [online](#)....

AASL, Sept. 2



[Learn the AASL Planning Guide](#)

An upcoming webinar from AASL will demonstrate how the use of *A Planning Guide for Empowering Learners*, AASL's online program assessment and planning module, can drive a school librarian's personalized learning plan. Presented by Mary Keeling, “AASL Planning Guide: A Framework for Professional Growth” will take place on September 25. For more information and to register, visit [eCOLLAB](#)....

AASL, Sept. 2



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Awards & Grants

[Nominations extended for I Love My](#)

Conference.

Oct. 1–3:

[Georgia Council of Media Organizations/ Southeastern Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Augusta. “Transforming Our Libraries: Master the Possibilities in Augusta.”

Oct. 8–10:

[Missouri Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia.

Oct. 9:

[Association of Research Libraries](#), Fall Forum 2014, Dupont Circle Hotel, Washington, D.C. “Wanted Dead or Alive—The Scholarly Monograph.”

Oct. 15–17:

[Michigan Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids.

Oct. 16–17:

[Institute of Library and Information Research / National Autonomous University of Mexico](#), Second Meeting on People, Web 2.0, and Libraries, Mexico City, Mexico.

Oct. 27–29:

[Association of Vision Science Librarians](#), Annual Meeting, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

Nov. 7:

[Amigos Library](#)

[Librarian Award](#)

The nomination period for the 2014 Carnegie Corporation of New York/*New York Times* I Love My Librarian award has been extended to better accommodate nominations for school, college, university, and community college librarians. Nominations will now run through September 24, and are being accepted [online](#)....
Campaign for America's Libraries, Sept. 2



[Dollar General will support more American Dream grants](#)

With the assistance of a \$327,512 grant awarded from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to the ALA, libraries are now eligible to apply for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 to support programs aimed at enhancing adult literacy through The American Dream Starts @ your library initiative. [Applications](#) for funding are being accepted online through October 1....
Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, Sept. 2



[RUSA seeks nominations for awards and grants](#)

RUSA is seeking nominations for its annual series of awards and grants. Nominations and supporting materials for most awards must be submitted by December 14. More information about these awards, including nominating instructions, can be found on [RUSA's awards webpage](#)....
RUSA, Sept. 2

[PLA accepting nominations for awards and grants](#)

PLA is offering nine awards/grants designed to highlight the best in public library service and to honor those bringing innovation, creativity, and dedication to public libraries. Many of the awards include an honorarium; visit the [website](#) for details on each award and nominate yourself, your colleague or your library through December 1....
PLA, Sept. 2

[2014 Library of Congress Literacy Awards](#)

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced at the National Book Festival on August 30 the winners of the 2014 Library of Congress Literacy Awards, a program originated and sponsored by philanthropist David M. Rubenstein. The awards help support organizations working to alleviate the problems of illiteracy both in the US and worldwide. The winners are: [Room to Read](#), David M. Rubenstein Prize (\$150,000); [Start Making a Reader Today](#), American Prize (\$50,000); and [Mother Child Education Foundation](#), International Prize (\$50,000)....



Library of Congress, Aug. 30

[2014 Prize in Romance Languages](#)

Italian novelist, playwright, short story writer, essayist, and translator Claudio Magris has been awarded the 2014 Prize in Romance Languages by the Guadalajara International Book Fair (FIL). The prize of \$150,000 is given annually to honor a poet, a fiction writer, or a creative nonfiction writer who writes in Catalan,

[Services](#). Online conference. "MOOCs, Mobile Technologies—Their Impact on Reference Service."

Nov. 8–9:

[Common Ground Publishing](#). Twelfth International Conference on Books, Publishing, and Libraries, Simmons College, Boston. "Disruptive Technologies and the Evolution of Book Publishing and Library Development."

Nov. 20–21:

[Middle East Librarians Association](#). Annual Meeting, Gelman Library, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Nov. 20–23:

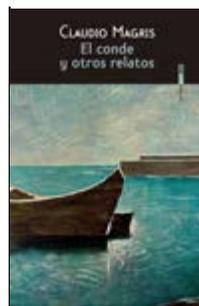
[American Society for Theatre Research/Theatre Library Association](#). Annual Conference, Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore. "The Paradox of the Post-Human: Archival Subjects, Systems, and Sites."

Nov. 29–

Dec. 7:
[Guadalajara International Book Fair \(FIL\)](#). Exhibition Center, Guadalajara, Mexico.

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French, Galician, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, or Spanish. Sexto Piso announced on September 1 it will publish a new book of Magris's stories (right), *The Count and Other Stories*, a few days before the FIL opens in November....

Publishing Perspectives, Sept. 3

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Get the inside scoop on pressing library topics.

Libraries in the News

[Librarians are an unaffordable luxury for Chicago schools](#)

Becky Vevea writes: "With educators facing tough financial choices, having a full-time librarian is becoming something of a luxury in Chicago's more than 600 public schools. It's not that there's a shortage of librarians in Chicago, and it's not mass layoffs. All across the district, certified librarians are being reassigned to English classrooms, world languages, or to particular grade levels in elementary schools."...

NPR: Morning Edition, Sept. 1

[DCPL adds a social worker](#)

Among the many roles for which public libraries are appreciated, there's one that can be problematic: *de facto* day shelter for homeless people. The District of Columbia's Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library attracts many such patrons, and Jean Badalamenti (right) understands why. Badalamenti is a social worker who in May became the D.C. Public Library's first health and human services coordinator....

Washington Post, Aug. 27



[Fayetteville adds satellite library at senior center](#)

Fayetteville (Ark.) Public Library is putting a satellite library at the city's Senior Activity and Wellness Center. Library Director David Johnson called it a one-time opportunity for the library to expand its service. The library will supply books to the center as well as functioning computers outdated for library use, according to the agreement approved by the library board earlier in August....

Fayetteville *Northwest Arkansas Times*, Aug. 30



[Legal bills pile up for Orland Park library](#)



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An 11-month dispute over the Orland Park (Ill.) Public Library's internet access policy has cost the library more than \$125,000 in legal fees and resulted in several calls to police to help resolve accusations between critics and library officials. Megan Fox and Kevin DuJan have aggressively campaigned to change library policies since October, when they claimed they saw men viewing pornography on library computers....

Chicago Tribune, Sept. 2

[Interview with Scott Bonner, Ferguson librarian](#)

Ingrid Abrams writes: "When I saw how the Ferguson (Mo.) Public Library became not only a safe space, but a source of real positiveness and support, it made me want to be a better librarian. Not only did Ferguson library workers step up their game, but so did teachers and volunteers of all sorts. I wanted to know how, despite so much strife and conflict, the library seamlessly became a hub of strength and solace. I contacted Scott Bonner, director of the Ferguson Public Library. He was nice enough to answer some questions."...

The Magpie Librarian, Sept. 3



[Public and school partnership increases library card sign-ups](#)

Beginning this year, the Salt Lake City School District's back-to-school registration materials include the option of signing up for a Salt Lake City Public Library card. As of August 29, 14,000 of the district's roughly 25,000 students had opted into the program. The library card program stemmed from ongoing conversations between school and library officials about increasing the exposure of students to reading materials and educational resources....

Salt Lake City Deseret News, Aug. 29

[Busy bees at work at Salt Lake City Public Library](#)

The hum of worker bees drowned out the typical city traffic that can be heard from atop the Salt Lake City Public Library. Four communal hives donated by Slow Food Utah stand atop the library, right in the middle of the city. They are maintained by the city's officially designated beekeeper, Frank Whitby, and St. Ambrose Church's Boy Scout Troop 202. The hives produce up to 100 pounds of honey each year, but primarily serve as educational tools to inspire more people to keep bees....

Salt Lake City Deseret News, Aug. 30



[Washington County Library flooded](#)

Librarians at the St. George branch of the Washington County (Utah) Library say they lost hundreds of books when water from a flash flood entered the basement on August 26. Since 2006, when the library was built, the basement—used for technical services, children's storytime, and meetings—has flooded three times, but this was the worst. Librarians are still [sorting through the books](#) and other items to see what is salvageable. Library Director Joel Tucker said the damage already exceeds \$125,000....

KSTU-TV, Salt Lake City, Sept. 2; St. George (Utah) News, Aug. 29



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[Quake damage at CSU Fullerton library](#)

Half of Pollak Library South at California State University, Fullerton will remain inaccessible to library patrons for at least three years, estimates Interim University Librarian Scott Hewitt. Floors one, four, five, and six of the southern portion of the library were devastated by the 5.1-magnitude La Habra earthquake that rattled the campus on March 28. The library sustained about \$6 million in damage from the earthquake and is still in the early stages of planning for renovation....

Daily Titan (CSU Fullerton), Sept. 2



[USF library's drone plan hits turbulence](#)

What should have been a smooth takeoff for the University of South Florida Library's drone lending program was grounded indefinitely in late August due to Federal Aviation Administration guidelines. Library officials had expected to be eligible for a Certificate of Waiver or Authorizations (COA) to do research using their Phantom I and Phantom II drones, but on July 3 the FAA General Counsel issued a legal interpretation that education is not a government function under COA guidelines....

The Oracle (USF), Aug. 28



[Library case sets state precedent for guide dog puppy raisers](#)

A dispute between puppy raiser Deborah Rosan (right) and the Haverford Township (Pa.) Free Library reached an amicable conclusion in late August, when the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission unanimously approved a consent order affirming legal protections for guide dog puppy raisers. Guide dog puppy raisers will be admitted to the library provided the puppies are at least six months old, well-behaved, and wearing a vest or other insignia identifying a training organization....

Delaware County (Pa.) Daily Times, Sept. 1



[Colorado library okays concealed firearms policy](#)

The Clearview Library District clarified on August 29 that the concealed carrying of firearms is permitted at the Windsor-Severance (Colo.) branch. Windsor resident Erika Sattler and the Rocky Mountain Gun Owners group she works for [sent a letter](#) to the district August 22 that threatened legal action if the library didn't review and amend its policy on firearms by August 28. Staff at the branch had [asked Sattler to leave](#) August 20 after another library patron pointed out that she had a concealed gun....

Fort Collins Coloradoan, Aug. 26, 28, Sept. 2



[Library volunteers find Jack London letter](#)

Volunteers at Pequot Library in Southport, Connecticut, were sifting through rare books in a storage closet for the library's 125th anniversary recently, when they

found a 1906 copy of Jack London's *White Fang*. "When we opened the book, we found London's letter [dated 1905] taped to the inside flyleaf," said volunteer Lynne Laukhuf. The book had belonged to London's publisher at Macmillan, George Brett....

New York Post, Sept. 1

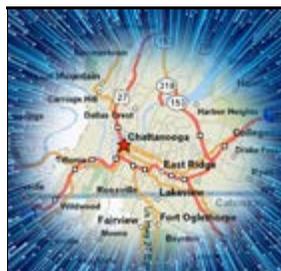


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Issues

[US telecoms ask FCC to block two city broadband plans](#)

The US telecom industry called on the FCC on August 29 to [block](#) two cities' plans to expand high-speed internet services to their residents. USTelecom, which represents Verizon, AT&T, and others, wants the FCC to block expansion of two popular municipally owned high-speed internet networks, one in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the other in Wilson, North Carolina. Chattanooga has the largest high-speed internet service in the US, offering customers access to speeds of 1 gigabit per second—about 50 times faster than the US average. More background [here](#)....



The Guardian (UK), Aug. 29; USTelecom Blog, Aug. 29; *Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times Free Press*, Aug. 29

[Teens and internet privacy](#)

Trained as an ethnographer, Danah Boyd has spent the past decade traveling around the US talking to young people about how they use social technologies. "I had been overwhelmingly told, 'Kids these days don't care about privacy,'" she noted. "And yet when I wandered around talking to young people, I found that young people care *deeply* about privacy, even in an online environment." But, she added, how they strive to achieve that privacy is sometimes puzzling to outsiders."...

Knowledge@Wharton, Aug. 5

[Librarian labor shortage](#)

Lauren Weber writes: "America may be running out of sea captains and librarians. Those professions, along with occupational therapists, plant operators, and scores of others, are likely to report significant deficits of qualified workers over the next 15 years or so, according to a [report](#) issued September 2 by the Conference Board. The corporate-research organization examined the risk of labor shortages in 464 occupations, projecting shortfalls for a majority of them."...

Wall Street Journal, Sept. 2

[GPO's proposed policy on regional discards](#)

James R. Jacobs writes: "The discussion surrounding the ALA Government Documents Round Table's response to a recent Government Printing Office proposal to allow regional



depository libraries to discard some government documents has been intense and impassioned. Unfortunately, the GPO proposal (as written) allows and even encourages actions that will predictably result in outcomes that are the *opposite* of our shared goals.”...

Free Government Information, Aug. 27

[The data-driven library of the future](#)

Christopher Erdmann writes: “For me, the path to a relevant, 21st-century library lies beyond digitization and in creating ‘serendipitous discovery.’ If we’re able to offer a tool—a visual display, a 3D printer, a gesture-based interface, an Oculus Rift for visualization simulation, a Makey Makey for inventing new links to monitors and other devices—that tips off a researcher’s interest and causes him or her to run back to an office and say ‘Eureka!’, then we’re making a strong argument for the library as a *place*.”...

Inside Higher Ed: Higher Ed Beta, Sept. 2

[E-rate is cool](#)

Marijke Visser writes: “For those of you following the ALA’s E-rate year, we are working through the fifth major installment in a series of actions by the FCC, responding to the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in July as part of the E-rate Modernization Order. As we prepare ALA’s comments, I have been reflecting on the ways in which we have engaged with the Commission, the Hill, our coalitions, our members, other library organizations, the press, and others to make strategic decisions and identify ALA’s policy positions.”...

District Dispatch, Sept. 2

[Librarianship: A philosophical investigation](#)

Kevin Michael Klipfel writes: “One of the first things you learn as a professional librarian is that very few people have any idea what you do. In fact, enough people who actually want to become librarians are sufficiently in the dark about the nature of the profession that many LIS graduate programs explicitly require their prospective applicants to state in their applications what interests them about the field *other than loving books*.”...

Ethos, Aug. 19



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Tech Talk

[How to buy PC speakers](#)

Jamie Lendino writes: “Buying PC speakers should be relatively painless, but to get the most bang for your buck, you should analyze your needs before pulling out your wallet. Options run the gamut from super-cheap, space-saving stereo speakers that sound just okay, to pricey, bass-infused powerhouses that deliver loud, thumping beats. Since music lovers, movie addicts, and gamers have different sound agendas, first we’ll explore the key points everyone should consider.”...

PC Magazine, Aug. 27



[Keep your computer awake](#)

Rick Broida writes: "We've all been there: You step away from the PC for an extended period and come back to find it locked out or in standby mode. Why does this happen? Because Windows hasn't logged any mouse or keyboard activity, so its power-saving settings kick in. Sure, you could monkey around with Windows power settings. How about a software solution instead?"...

CNET, Sept. 3



Cloud storage showdown: Which is the best?



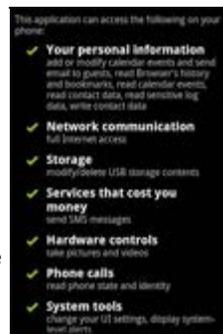
Mario Aguilar writes: "Over the past year, most of the major cloud storage companies have been cutting prices and upping sizes. The price of storage has gotten so cheap that most of the serious options you would consider are almost giving it away. Dropbox, MediaFire, Microsoft OneDrive, and Google Drive all offer 1TB for \$10 a month or less. So what's the best option today?"...

Gizmodo, Aug. 27

Why do Android apps want so much data access?

David Pogue writes: "Every time you install an Android app, you're asked to OK the app's access to certain parts of your phone. As it turns out, *all* apps seem to ask for a lot of permissions, and most of it sounds a lot scarier than it is. If you're an app developer for Android, Google says you *must* declare what parts of your phone your app can use—and you *must* use Google's wording."...

Yahoo! Tech, Sept. 2



Digitize old slides on the cheap

Christian Cawley writes: "Converting old photo slides into digital format is potentially expensive if you rely on photographic shops to carry out the conversion. You may well be wondering if there is a better way to convert them to that they can be cleaned up, printed perhaps, or shared on social networks. We've come up with five methods for you to try, using devices and materials you may already have, or might be prepared to invest in."...

MakeUseOf, Sept. 1



For library web developers: Performance and austerity

Eric Phetteplace writes: "Libraries aim to be open institutions that welcome anyone to use our services. Yet when we make websites that work only for high-powered desktop computers with broadband connections, we privilege the wealthy. Design a slow enough website and even laptops on decent wireless connections may struggle to load a site in a timely fashion. Poor web performance renders sites unusable for some and frustrating for all. I want to outline some actions you can take to immediately speed up your sites."...

ACRL TechConnect, Sept. 3



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E-Content

[Two Kentucky libraries help authors to e-publish](#)

A partnership between the Henderson County Public Library and the Daviess County Public Library in Kentucky is aiming to help new writers find a market with electronic publishing. Interested authors can access the [ePublish or Bust!](#) website and do the publishing themselves. "We don't publish the books for them," Henderson County Library Director Essy Day said. "We provide the resources to help them do it themselves."...

Associated Press, Sept. 1



[Making covers for public domain ebooks](#)

Mauricio Giraldo Arteaga writes: "Here at NYPL Labs we're working on an ebook borrowing and reading app. Book covers weren't a big deal until the 20th century, but now they're how people first interact with a book, so not having one really puts a book at a disadvantage. They are problematic, and not only in ebooks. We needed a design that could display very long titles (up to 80 characters) but that would also look good with short ones. Then I remembered [10 PRINT.](#)"...

NYPL Blogs, Sept. 3



[Ingram and ProQuest expand collaboration](#)

Ingram Content Group and ProQuest have announced an expanded ebook collaboration that benefits libraries worldwide. Earlier this year, the companies teamed to make titles from Ebook Library (EBL) available through Ingram's OASIS content platform. Ingram has now added ebrary's vast range of titles, integrating all ProQuest ebook titles within the platform, simplifying acquisition for the companies' shared customers....

Ingram, Sept. 3

[How to read ebooks on a \\$20 cellphone](#)

Nate Hoffelder writes: "When I ran across \$20 cellphones on Amazon, I couldn't resist buying one to see if I could read ebooks on it. Yes, I could—hour after hour. I'll never confuse this econo-phone with an iPad Air or upscale Kindle Fire. But ebooks and affordable smartphones like the \$20 model could help narrow both the digital and book divides in many countries." Here's a step-by-step method on how to do it....

The Digital Reader, Sept. 2



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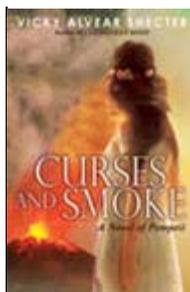
Books & Reading

[Pompeii portrayed in YA lit](#)

Sharon Rawlins writes: "According to many sources, August 24 is generally accepted as the day Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD and killed many thousands

of people living in the city of Pompeii. This tragic story has captured people's interest and imagination for hundreds of years. I've visited Pompeii and it is a haunting and fascinating site—the perfect backdrop for a historical YA book.”...

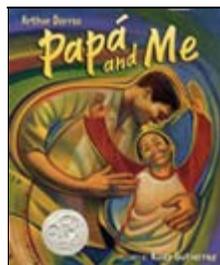
YALSA The Hub, Aug. 29



[Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

Jennifer Schultz writes: “Hispanic Heritage Month is an ideal time to highlight or expand your collection of books that celebrate the diversity of Hispanic cultures. What started as a week-long celebration in 1968 is now a month-long observance (September 15–October 15) of Hispanic history, arts, and culture.” Here are four books to get you started....

ALSC Blog, Aug. 28



[Blackman will not be silenced](#)

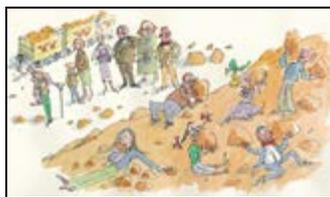
Carolyn Sun writes: “Malorie Blackman (right), the United Kingdom’s first black children’s laureate (2013–2015), recently found herself the focus of a racial firestorm following an [interview](#) she gave to Sky News that was originally titled ‘Children’s Books Have Too Many White Faces.’ Following the article, Blackman found herself facing a ‘wave of racist attacks both on Sky’s website [in the comments section] and directed personally at [her] on Twitter,’ she [shared](#) in the *Guardian*.”...



School Library Journal, Aug. 29; Sky News (UK), Aug. 24; *The Guardian* (UK), Aug. 26

[New chapter: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory](#)

Roald Dahl’s *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2014, and the occasion has brought about a controversial [new book cover](#), a golden ticket [sweepstakes](#), and now the unearthing of a previously unreleased chapter of the book. “[The Vanilla Fudge Room](#)” is a chapter that was edited out of the book from an early draft. *The Guardian* has published the chapter....



GalleyCat, July 15, Aug. 7, Sept. 2; *The Guardian* (UK), Aug. 29

[Take a book out for a walk](#) (PDF file)

Literary cartographies are part of a new and growing area of geographical research, according to a session held at the Royal Geographical Society conference in London in August. Geography is an essential part of any story and new dimensions of our favorite books can be experienced if read in the locations in which they are set, Jon Anderson of Cardiff University told conference-goers. “You can walk into and out of the plotline, mixing fiction with reality,” said Anderson....



Royal Geographical Society, Aug. 29

[Judging books by their covers: US versus UK](#)

Carli Spina writes: "During my trip to the UK this summer, I found myself judging covers. Books that I had already seen in the US looked so much more appealing in covers that were designed for the UK. For example, US fans of Sarah J. Maas's



Throne of Glass preferred the UK cover (featuring a stylized drawing of a female in an active pose) so much that it was brought to the US for the paperback edition; subsequent books in the series have used a similar cover style."...

YALSA The Hub, Aug. 29

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Tips & Ideas

[Collaborating with your public librarian](#)

Joann Absi writes: "A new school year is about to begin and as you start to get your library organized, get updates on the students you will have this year, and reconnect with your faculty, don't forget to touch base with one more person—your local public librarian. She or he can be a great asset in helping you to develop programs during the school year, meet the after-school needs of your students, and with coordination provide extra resources for your teachers."...

AASL Blog, Aug. 28

[Makerspaces can make new patrons](#)

Visit the downtown branch of the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Public Library and you'll find a makerspace complete with a laser cutter, a zine lab for making paper publications, a 3-D printer, and a loom. A survey by John Burke at Miami University found that 109 libraries in the US had a makerspace or were close to opening one. A Pew Internet survey found that these new activities bring in folks who normally shun libraries, often men and people with limited education....

Wired, Sept. 2



[Host a Rube Goldberg competition](#)

Erin Warzala writes: "Have you ever thought about hosting a Rube Goldberg competition at your library? In July, I hosted the Chain Reaction Challenge: an event where families were given supplies and two hours to construct a Rube Goldberg machine. I admit that I had my doubts about the program initially, especially since our target age was grades K–5. However, I found that this is a great family program that emphasizes teamwork, critical thinking, and STEM. Here are a few components you might consider."...

ALSC Blog, Aug. 31



[STEM versus STEAM](#)

Laura Delaney writes: "Without STEM knowledge, students won't be well-prepared to enter college and the workforce. But some are hoping that

STEAM FACTS	
STUDENTS WHO STUDY THE ARTS:	
4 TIMES MORE likely to be recognized for academic achievement	Students who take four years of arts and music classes while in high school score 18 POINTS BETTER on their SATs than students who took only one-half year or less.

STEAM education, which includes the arts, will receive more support in classrooms. According to [research](#) compiled by the University of Florida, students who engage in music education often perform better on math tasks.”...

eSchool News, Sept. 2; University of Florida, Apr.

[Getting into schools for booktalks](#)

Abby Johnson writes: “I love booktalking. It was something I got to do on a regular basis at my previous library in Illinois; we had several regular programs set up with some of the schools up there. When I moved to my current library, I was eager to set up booktalking programs, but the marketing I was trying just didn’t seem to work. No one seemed to be interested. What was up with that? Two things I learned helped us get started.”...

Abby the Librarian, Aug. 26



[Eight fun children’s libraries](#)

Jill Harness writes: “With all the distractions of mobile devices and games, many kids never even visit the library; when they do, they find it to be boring. That’s why some libraries have really made an effort to encourage kids not only to keep reading but also to see just how much fun can be had at the library. Here are a few branches that go above and beyond when it comes to keeping kids entertained.”...

Neatorama, Sept. 2



[Storytime: What is it good for?](#)

Abby Johnson writes: “Why do you offer storytime at your library? Is it just for entertainment? Is it to give kids and parents something to do? Is it to get them to step inside the library? Is it just because you’ve always offered storytime? Is it because storytime is what libraries have? Every community with young children needs programs to help them succeed in school. And that’s exactly what storytime brings to the table.”...

ALSC Blog, Sept. 3



[Millions of Internet Archive photos uploaded to Flickr](#)

Kalev Leetaru, a Yahoo! Fellow in Residence at Georgetown University, is creating a searchable database of 12 million historical, copyright-free images. He has already uploaded [2.6 million pictures](#) to Flickr, which are searchable thanks to metadata tags that have been automatically added. The photos and drawings are sourced from more than 600 million library book pages scanned in by the Internet Archive organization. The pictures range from 1500 to 1922, when copyright restrictions kick in....

BBC News, Aug. 29



[Webinar on the Affordable Care Act](#)

With the next open enrollment period spanning November 15, 2014, through February 15, 2015, there are more opportunities for libraries to learn more about the health marketplace. On September 24,

WebJunction will offer a [free webinar](#) on the Affordable Care Act that will provide an overview of the 2015 open enrollment period and review opportunities to connect community members to health marketplace information through library service priorities and partnerships....

District Dispatch, Sept. 2

[Seed libraries: Challenges and opportunities](#)

Cindy Conner writes: "I have spent the past year studying seed libraries, researching every one I could find in the US and Canada in the process of writing a book about them. Libraries considering starting up a seed library might want to begin with annual or seasonal seed swaps. Regular seed swaps could evolve into having seeds permanently at a library with the replenishment coming from seeds donated from the swaps."...

Mother Earth News, Aug. 29



[Strange medieval books](#)

Erik Kwakkel writes: "While printed books were shaped generically and according to the printer's perception of what the market preferred, the medieval scribe designed a book according to the explicit instructions of its user. That's why we come across some very strange medieval books. Scribes, especially those who were paid for their work, would accommodate any quirky wish. Here is a selection of five striking manuscripts that are literally outstanding as they are shaped unlike the bulk of surviving medieval manuscripts."...

medievalbooks, Aug. 29



[First bookmobile south of Maryland](#)

Orty Ortwein writes: "The first bookmobile to run south of Maryland was the Pathfinder of Greenville, South Carolina, though strictly speaking it operated just outside city limits. The Greenville Public Library had been founded in 1921 but was limited to city residents. This barred the workers living in the cotton mill towns located in the city's outskirts from using the library."...

Bookmobiles: A History, Aug. 29



[Teaser for new series, *The Librarians*](#)

Remember those *Librarian* movies starring Noah Wyle? In case you missed it, TNT is returning to that world with a new drama series, *The Librarians*. On August 29, TNT released a [teaser](#) (0:20) that reveals that it will premiere on December 9. "Humanity's end begins at the library," the voiceover proclaims as we get a glimpse of the four new members of the team. Then we see Wyle's Flynn Carsen trying to do some shelving in the library. Wyle will only be appearing in [select episodes](#)....

Queens Primetime TV Examiner, Aug. 29; YouTube, Aug. 29; EnStars, Aug. 30

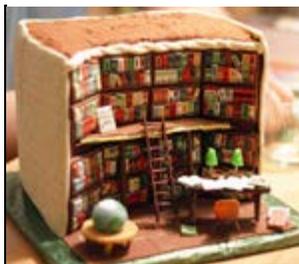


[The ultimate public library cake](#)

Cake designer Kathy Knaus creates everything

from sugary sushi rolls to a scaled-down fashion studio, but her most exceptional work is her multi-tiered library cake (right). In this fabulous creation, Knaus has hand-designed the interior section of a public library. The miniature display features a tiny table with two gumdrop reading lamps and a small chair placed directly in front of rows and rows of books....

My Modern Met, Aug. 29



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Welcome to the 2014 Library Design Showcase, *American Libraries'* annual celebration of new and newly renovated libraries. These libraries are shining examples of innovative architecture that address user needs in unique, interesting, and effective ways. Categories include open spaces, reuse and restoration, for the kids, disaster recovery, culinary learning, and going green....

American Libraries feature



Long Nights build library use

Greg Landgraf writes: "The idea of an all-nighter might not hold much appeal past a certain age. Many librarians, however, are using all-nighters to build an enthusiastic audience of student users through the Long Night Against Procrastination. The Viadrina European University in Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, created the Long Night Against Procrastination in 2010. Since then, it has spread among university writing centers and libraries worldwide. School and public libraries have started holding events that, while not formally connected to LNAP, have similar goals."...

American Libraries feature



Newsmaker: Marjane Satrapi

Marjane Satrapi (right) is the author of the acclaimed graphic novel *Persepolis* and director of its film adaptation, which was nominated for an Oscar in 2008. The novel—banned at a Chicago high school in 2013—follows her life as a child in Tehran during the Iranian Revolution and subsequent teenage years in Europe. Just in time



2015 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits,

Chicago, January 30–February 3. [Bundle registration](#) for 2015 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is now open. You can save up to \$130 and also book Midwinter housing. The conversation starts in Chicago, January 30–February 3, 2015, and continues at ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, June 25–30.

for Banned Books Week, Satrapi spoke with *American Libraries* about the importance of education and culture, and the unintended benefit of banning books....

American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.

[Self-service library technology](#)

Self-service library technology is everywhere nowadays, from machines that can scan and sort books automatically to self-checkout stations and book vending machines, allowing patrons to access library materials and services without a personal interaction. "Library Self-Service Software and Devices," the next broadcast of [American Libraries Live](#), at 2 p.m. Eastern time on September 18, will discuss how this technology can best serve the library's users as well as its staff....

American Libraries, Sept. 9

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ALA News

[Bundle registration is now open](#)

Bundle Registration for the 2015 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is now open. Bundling the registration for both conferences saves up to \$130, and offers the opportunity to book housing for Midwinter immediately.

The conversation starts January 30–February 3 in Chicago at the ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits and continues at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, June 25–30....

Conference Services, Sept. 9



[Public Innovators Lab for Libraries](#)

ALA and the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation are accepting reservations for an intensive three-day training program to help libraries strengthen their role as agents of positive change in their communities. The Public Innovators Lab for Libraries will be held October 8–10 at the Loudermilk Convention Center in Atlanta. Librarians, community partners, and stakeholders in libraries of all types are encouraged to [register](#) by September 30....

Public Programs Office, Sept. 9



[Get Outside the Lines @ your library](#)

The Campaign for America's Libraries supports the [Outside the Lines](#) initiative for providing a way for libraries and librarians to reach out to their communities and promote public awareness for today's libraries. During the Outside the Lines event, September 14–20, organizations in the US and Canada will host an event to help people understand how libraries have changed into dynamic centers for engagement and are more relevant than ever to people's lives. During that week, share an "usie" (a group selfie) on Facebook or Twitter using the hashtag #getOTL....

Campaign for America's Libraries, Sept. 10

[Free webinar on Money Smart](#)

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Libraries on Film



[Sky High](#) (2005). An amusing romp about a high school for superheroes. Exteriors of the school were filmed at the Delmar T. Oviatt Library building, California State University, Northridge.



[Slam Dance](#) (1987, UK/US). Lin Shaye is a librarian who helps C. C. Dood (Tom Hulce) find newspaper stories about a murder.



Week

Register for a [free webinar](#) on October 1 to learn how your library can participate in 2015 Money Smart Week @ your library. This hour-long session will provide you with resources and ideas to partner with others in your community, campus, or school. [Money Smart Week @ your library](#), April 18–25, 2015, is a national initiative between ALA and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to provide financial literacy programming....

Chapter Relations Office, Sept. 9



Free Banned Books Week webinar

In a one-hour September 24 webinar, "Regional Issues for Banned Books in 2014," you can travel to London, South Carolina, Texas, and California to talk with three activists (and Congresswoman Linda Sánchez) about the problems they face in their efforts to un-ban books and why their work is so important. [Registration](#) for the webinar is free, but spaces are limited....

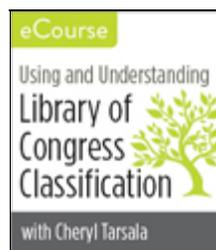
Office for Intellectual Freedom, Sept. 9



Using and understanding LC Classification

ALA Editions is offering a new facilitated eCourse, "[Using and Understanding Library of Congress Classification](#)." Cheryl Tarsala will serve as the instructor for a four-week facilitated eCourse starting on October 6. Beginning with the basics, this eCourse will teach you how to assign LCC numbers with correct meaning in hierarchy, build numbers using tables, and apply numbers that help patrons browse your library....

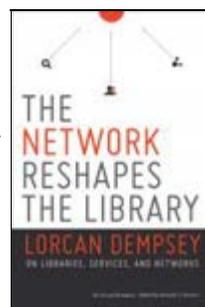
ALA Editions, Sept. 5



Libraries, services, and networks

A new compendium that library planners, administrators, and those interested in technology will find enduringly stimulating, [The Network Reshapes the Library: Lorcan Dempsey on Libraries, Services and Networks](#), published by ALA Editions, is editor Kenneth J. Varnum's expertly curated selection of entries from Lorcan Dempsey's [blog](#) that shows where libraries have been in the last decade and where they're heading now....

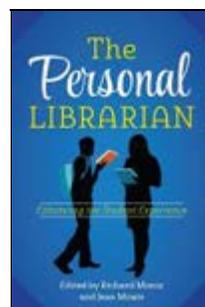
ALA Editions, Sept. 8



Be a Personal Librarian

The Personal Librarian is a flexible concept that focuses on customizing information literacy by establishing a one-on-one relationship between academic librarian and student from enrollment through graduation, explored by editors Richard Moniz and Jean Moats in their new book [The Personal Librarian: Enhancing the Student Experience](#), published by ALA Editions. The editors and their contributors define personal librarianship and trace how it has developed within the broader context of the work that librarians do....

ALA Editions, Sept. 8



[Slaughter of the Innocents](#) (1993). Scott Glenn as FBI agent Stephen Broderick questions Salt Lake City librarian Donna Todd about a murder suspect who was in the library looking at an art book. Zakes Mokae plays a library janitor.



Sleep Furiously

(2008, UK). The stories of villagers in Trefeurig, Wales, are framed in this documentary by scenes showing the yellow mobile library van on its monthly tour driven by kindly librarian John Jones who talks to patrons about books and the town.

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](#).

Calendar

Sept. 20: [Columbus Children's Book Festival](#), Columbus (Ga.) Public Library.

Sept. 29–

[Library/USA exhibit at the 1964 World's Fair](#)

Denise Rayman writes: "Three years before the founding of OCLC, and seven years before Michael Hart typed the first ebook for Project Gutenberg, the public got a tangible introduction to the potential use of computers in libraries at the New York World's Fair. The Library/USA exhibit introduced people to such marvels as online encyclopedias and subject bibliographies. How did the ALA orchestrate this little slice of the future?"...

ALA Archives Blog, Sept. 8



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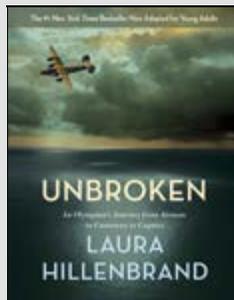


Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Nonfiction for youth](#)

Hillenbrand, Laura. *Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive*. Nov. 2014. 320p. Delacorte, hardcover (978-0-385-74251-1).

Growing up in Torrance, California, Louis Zamperini was a wild boy, a rebel who found redemption in running, ultimately competing in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. Then, in 1941, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and became a bombardier, whose plane was shot down over the Pacific. Thus began a remarkable story of survival. For 47 days, he floated on a raft with scant food and water, surrounded by sharks. Finally, he was picked up by Japanese forces and made a prisoner of war. He was routinely and savagely beaten and humiliated by a sadistic guard the other prisoners nicknamed the Bird. Not released until the end of the war, Zamperini returned to the States. With a film adaptation scheduled for December 2014 and a crossover teen audience for the best-selling adult account, this youth edition should have a wide audience....



[Hazing](#)

Daniel Kraus writes: "Eric Devine's *Press Play* is the newest from an author whose characters often fight from the fringe. Though Devine's books frequently center upon sports, this is the first to focus squarely on hazing, which makes it the latest addition to a strong list of YA novels on the topic. These books are gutsy, gritty, bloody, and



Oct. 2:

[Access 2014](#), Conference, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Oct. 7–10:

[Archives and Museum Informatics](#), Museums and the Web Asia Conference, Daejeon and Seoul, South Korea.

Oct. 8–9:

[Library 2.014 Worldwide Virtual Conference](#), online.

Oct. 8–11:

[Association of Moving Image Archivists](#), Annual Conference, Savannah, Georgia.

Oct. 9:

[Association of Research Libraries](#), Fall Forum, Washington, D.C. "Wanted Dead or Alive—The Scholarly Monograph."

Nov. 8–12:

[National Media Market](#), Annual Conference, Charleston, South Carolina.

Nov. 10–15:

[Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums](#), Annual Conference, Palau Community College, Koror, Republic of Palau. "Be Connected. Stay Informed. Community Transformation!"

Dec. 5:

[Association of College and Research Libraries New York Chapter](#),

often shocking—but so is the crime of hazing.”...

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Division News

[New Ask an Archivist feature](#)

ACRL’s Choice Reviews Online is initiating a new monthly feature highlighting digital special collections. A lively online exclusive in interview format, “Ask an Archivist” is intended to introduce readers, undergraduates especially, to the treasure trove of materials housed in a vast array of digital archives and libraries. “Ask an Archivist” will launch in October and feature an interview with Edward L. Ayers, history professor at the University of Richmond, on his project “[The Valley of the Shadow](#).”...

Choice, Sept. 5



[Teen bloggers for Teen Read Week](#)

YALSA has announced the teen winners of its first-ever Teen Read Week Blogging Contest. Thirty-one teens were selected from a pool of 61 applicants. They will blog about various young adult literature topics throughout the month of October on YALSA’s blog [The Hub](#) in celebration of Teen Read Week, which takes place this year on October 12–18....

YALSA, Sept. 8



[YALSA opens proposals for 2015 symposium](#)

YALSA is seeking program proposals and paper presentations for its 2015 Young Adult Services Symposium, “Bringing it All Together: Connecting Libraries, Teens, and Communities,” to be held November 6–8, 2015, in Portland, Oregon. Interested parties can propose 90-minute programs centering on the theme, as well as paper presentations offering new, unpublished research. [Proposals](#) are due by December 1....

YALSA, Sept. 8

[The difference between assessment and evaluation](#)

The terms assessment and evaluation are sometimes used interchangeably, but they have distinct meanings and purposes. The LLAMA Measurement, Assessment, and Evaluation Section will present a webinar on “What is Assessment?” on October 1. Register [online](#)....

LLAMA, Sept. 9

[More Great Websites for Kids](#)

ALSC has added eight more sites to [Great Websites for Kids](#), its online resource containing hundreds of links to exceptional websites for children....

ALSC, Sept. 9

[Early bird rates for the LITA Forum](#)

Don’t miss the chance to save up to \$50 by

Symposium, Baruch College, New York City. “The Academic Librarian in the Open Access Future.”

Dec. 8–9:

[16th International Conference on Grey Literature](#), Library of Congress, Washington D.C. “Grey Literature Lobby: Engines and Requesters for Change.”

Feb. 11–15:

[Federation of Genealogical Societies](#), Conference, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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registering by September 15 for the [2014 LITA Forum](#). "From Node to Network," to be held November 5–8 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This year's Forum will feature keynote speakers AnnMarie Thomas, Lorcan Dempsey, and Kortney Ryan Ziegler. Book your room at the Hotel Albuquerque by October 14 to guarantee the LITA room rate....
LITA, Sept. 8

[FY2013 Preservation Statistics report](#)



Results from the 2013 Preservation Statistics Survey ([PDF file](#)) are now available from ALCTS. The annual survey gathers data about preventive preservation activities, conservation activities, reformatting and digitization activities, and digital preservation responsibilities, as well as how preservation programs are administered....
ALCTS, Sept. 8

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Awards & Grants

[Apply for \\$5,000 Sara Jaffarian prize](#)

The Public Programs Office is now accepting nominations for the 2015 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming. School libraries, public or private, that served children in grades K–8 and conducted humanities programs during the 2013–2014 school year are eligible. The winning library will receive \$5,000. [Nominations](#) must be received by December 15....
Public Programs Office, Sept. 9

[ALCTS seeks awards nominations](#)

Nominations are being accepted for the 2015 ALCTS awards for [innovation](#), [continuing resources](#), [preservation](#), [professional recognition](#), and [publications](#). If you are interested in nominating a candidate for any of these awards, contact the chair of that award jury. The deadline for nominations and supporting materials is December 1....
ALCTS, Sept. 5

[Nominations for the 2015 Ross Atkinson Award](#)

ALCTS is accepting nominations for its 2015 Ross Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award. The deadline for [nominations](#) is November 19. The \$3,000 award recognizes the contribution of a library leader who has demonstrated exceptional service to ALCTS and its areas of interest....
ALCTS, Sept. 8

[ASCLA is accepting nominations for awards](#)

ASCLA is accepting nominations for its 2015 awards program, including the Leadership and Professional Achievement Award, the Exceptional Service Award, the Cathleen Bourdon Service Award, the ASCLA / KLAS / NOD Award, and the Francis Joseph Campbell Medal. The deadline for [submissions](#) is February 8....
ASCLA, Sept. 8



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[AASL seeks awards nominations](#)

Applications for the AASL 2015 awards season are now available using the division's [online application](#). AASL members are encouraged to nominate a colleague or themselves to be lauded for their outstanding talents and dedication to the profession as part of this prestigious program. Applications for the National School Library Program of the Year are due January 1. All others are due February 1....

AASL, Sept. 9

[2015 Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award](#)

ALSC is accepting online applications for its 2015 Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award. This \$4,000 award, made possible by an annual gift from Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing in honor of Maureen Hayes, brings together children and nationally recognized authors or illustrators by funding a visit to a library. The deadline for [submissions](#) is December 1....

ALSC, Sept. 8

[ACRL offers \\$110,000 in scholarships](#)

ACRL is offering approximately 175 scholarships worth more than \$110,000 for its [2015 Conference](#). "Creating Sustainable Community," to be held March 25-28, 2015, in Portland, Oregon. The deadline to [apply](#) is November 7. There are six scholarship categories....

ACRL, Sept. 9

[Academic Friend Conference Grants](#)

United for Libraries is accepting applications for its Sage Academic Friend Conference Grant through January 15. The \$850 grants will enable two academic Friends to attend the 2015 ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco. Applicants must be either active in their college or university Friends group or be academic library staff members who work in development. Apply [online](#)....

United for Libraries, Sept. 9

[Carnegie-Whitney grants](#)

The ALA Publishing Committee provides grants of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library. [Applications](#) must be received by November 7....

ALA Publishing, Sept. 9

[WrestleMania Reading Challenge grants](#)

YALSA, in partnership with World Wrestling Entertainment, awarded grants to Lorely Ambriz, Montserrat Inglada, and James Klipa to help each individual enrich their library's literacy programs and collection, as part of WWE's WrestleMania Reading Challenge Grant program. The winners were chosen based on their outstanding integration of the 2014 WrestleMania Reading Challenge into their existing literacy programs....

YALSA, Sept. 8

[Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant](#)

ALSC is now accepting online applications for its 2015 Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant. This \$3,000 grant is designed to encourage reading programs for children in public libraries, while recognizing ALSC members for outstanding program development. The deadline for [submissions](#) is November 1....

ALSC, Sept. 8

[Knight Foundation News Challenge](#)

"How might we leverage libraries as a platform to build more knowledgeable communities?" That's the question the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation is asking for its [12th News Challenge](#). The grant-funded challenge will be open to anyone from anywhere, but its primary focus is on US-based library projects. The News Challenge will be open for your [submissions](#) through September 30. Winners will receive a share of \$2.5 million....
Knight Foundation, Sept. 10



[IMLS awards OCLC a grant to support library health resources](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has awarded OCLC a grant to continue work helping libraries support health information initiatives in their communities. In July 2013, OCLC received an IMLS grant to increase libraries' ability to respond to customer health information needs, launching the "Health Happens in Libraries" program. IMLS is supporting an expansion of that effort with a \$199,050 grant. OCLC will create guides ("health competency pathways") to help library staff advance health topics within their local communities....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Sept. 4



[Ursula K. Le Guin wins honorary National Book Award](#)

The National Book Foundation announced September 9 that science fiction and fantasy author Ursula K. Le Guin (right) would receive the 2014 National Book Awards Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. Neil Gaiman, who has long cited Le Guin as among his favorite writers, will present the medal to her at a November 19 ceremony in New York City. Le Guin will be the 27th author to receive the honor....

Associated Press, Sept. 9



[Louise Erdrich wins Saul Bellow Award](#)

Author Louise Erdrich (right) will receive the 2014 PEN/Saul Bellow Award for Achievement in American Fiction. Established by the PEN American Center in memory of author Saul Bellow, the \$25,000 award is presented biannually to a living American author whose scale of achievement in fiction, over a sustained career, places him or her in the highest rank of American literature. Erdrich is known for her novels, poetry, and children's books featuring Native American characters and settings. She received the 2014 [Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award](#) in August....

PEN American Center, Sept. 8; Dayton Literary Peace Prize, Aug. 18



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Libraries in the News

[The fight for Miami's libraries](#)

Christian Zabriskie writes: "Libraries in Miami are in the final stages of an incredible budget fight. It's been a pitched battle between library advocates and a mayor who has repeatedly slashed library funding, tried to eliminate library jobs, and worked to eliminate library branches and limit services.



In many ways it is a microcosm of the larger fight for libraries across the United States. It will hopefully be seen as a turning point when our citizens demand more from their elected leaders and the social fabric can be rewoven."...

The Huffington Post Blog, Sept. 5

[The Illinois Family Institute and LGBTQ books](#)

J. Bryan Lowder writes: "The Illinois Family Institute has long been listed as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, so news that its cultural analyst Laurie Higgins has said something incendiary about LGBTQ people is not a surprise. This time, Higgins's ire is currently directed at the ALA's Banned Books Week and [accuses](#) librarians of 'ridiculing parents who, for example, don't want their 6-year-olds seeing books about children or anthropomorphized animals being raised by parents in homoerotic relationships.'"...

Slate, Sept. 5; Illinois Family Institute, Sept. 4

[Denver Public Library takes on Soundcloud](#)

Matt Miller writes: "On the year of its 125th birthday, the Denver Public Library is hitting play on a digital means to disseminate local music to the community. September 11 marks the official launch of [Volume Denver](#), the library's online collection of local music that's available for free streaming and download for anyone with a library card. Currently, the site has 38 albums available, including some local favorites and genres ranging from Americana to hip-hop."...



Reverb, Sept. 4

[New Austin Public Library will have food demos](#)

The new downtown Austin (Tex.) Public Library won't open until 2016, but facilities manager John Gillum is already getting calls to reserve a 300-person event space that has its own catering kitchen. That won't be the only food element of the building, designed by [architects](#) at Lake/Flato in San Antonio. The 198,000-square-foot library now under construction will have both a full-service restaurant and one of the largest culinary demonstration spaces in the city....



Austin (Tex.) American-Statesman, Sept. 9

[Audit finds financial irregularities at Chattanooga Public Library](#)

Members of the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Public Library board stood behind Director Corinne Hill on September 5 but said they would make sweeping policy changes after audit findings that officials mismanaged some \$3,000 during national and worldwide trips to promote the library. Corinne Hill said she will suspend Assistant

Director Nate Hill (no relation) and that Systems Administrator Meg Backus will resign at the end of October. The city audit report said both employees were reported to the state for possible fraud....

Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times Free Press, Sept. 6

[Rosa Parks papers go to Library of Congress](#)

The Library of Congress will be the new home of the Rosa Parks Collection, Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced September 9. It will be at LC on a 10-year loan from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. The collection consists of 1,500 items belonging to the civil rights activist, including personal correspondence, photographs, autobiographical notes, letters from presidents, her Presidential Medal of Freedom and Congressional Gold Medal, clothing and furniture, and 200 drawings by schoolchildren. Buffett's foundation [bought the collection](#) in August, planning to give it to an institution....



Library of Congress, Sept. 9; Associated Press, Sept. 9

[Rare books return to the Illinois College Medical Library](#)

Robert Berry writes: "Until 2013, only five titles remained in the once extensive library of the Illinois College medical department in Jacksonville, Illinois. On October 11, 2013, the American College of Surgeons returned the remaining volumes to the campus—165 years after the closing of the medical department. The 71 books that were transferred back to IC are from the former library of the Morgan County Medical Society and were donated to the College in 1941. Here is the background."...



Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons, Apr. 4

[Thief pilfers Tufts Library tortoise fund](#)

Supporters are rallying around the mascot of the Tufts Library children's room in Weymouth, Massachusetts, after police say a thief stole a jug of donated cash meant for the care of the Russian tortoise dubbed Lightning McRead. A librarian and a 17-year-old patron said a man had grabbed a jug containing between \$150 and \$260 in change and dollar bills donated by kids and parents for the animal's upkeep, according to a police report....



Quincy (Mass.) Patriot Ledger, Sept. 6

[Kansas librarian became a noted artist 100 years ago](#)

Ella Buchanan, the first director of the Pittsburg (Kans.) Public Library, left her post in 1908 to pursue her dream of becoming an artist at the Chicago Art Institute. She achieved it and then some: One of her sculptures became the face of the women's suffrage movement (right); another was a gift to a US president. Now, another one of her sculptures, "Genius," is back in the library and will remain there permanently thanks to a gift from her family, an anonymous benefactor, a local craftsman, and some sleuthing by current Director



Bev Clarkson...

Joplin (Mo.) Globe, Sept. 6; *Sault Ste. Marie (Mich.) Evening News*, Oct. 20, 1911

[Utica woman organizes refugee library in Thailand](#)

A small new library near the Thailand-Burma border might not seem like a big deal, but for the displaced children in Nu Sae Plo, a village in northern Thailand, it's huge. As soon as donated books fill the library's bamboo walls, it will be the first village library among many of the region's poor municipalities. Pawsansoe Bree, a 24-year-old Utica, New York, resident and library organizer, explained that the area's educational system is not the best. And for Bree, born in Burma's Karen state, it's personal....

Utica (N.Y.) Observer-Dispatch, Sept. 8



[Canada cuts federal prison library hours and staff](#)

A number of advocates say they fear Canadian inmates are losing access to books and libraries, making it harder to improve their literacy skills and prepare them for reintegration into Canadian society after they are released. They say federal prisons in Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Quebec are cutting library hours and library staff due to budget cuts, limiting access to books....

CBC News, Sept. 4

[Czech National Library digitizes rare collections](#)

Google will digitize about 140,000 volumes for the Czech National Library, and its manuscripts and old prints will be available for free in the Google Books project and the Manuscriptorium European Digital Library. So far, Google has digitized more than 30,000 books from the Slavic Library, mainly 19th-century literature....

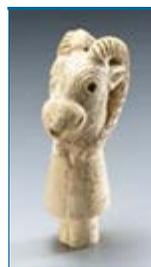
Czech News Agency, Sept. 3



[Israel launches online museum](#)

The Israel Antiquities Authority announced September 9 that it is joining forces with the Rockefeller Museum, Israel Museum, and Dead Sea Scrolls Digital Library to create [National Treasures](#), an "internet archeological museum." The IAA said the site will feature some 2,500 rare artifacts, representing "the most important archaeological collections in the Middle East."...

Jerusalem Post, Sept. 9



[Fiji opens new library for International Literacy Day](#)

Library Services of Fiji marked International Literacy Day on September 8 with the establishment of a community library in Tailevu Province. The new library, which opened in the village of Lomanaisau, offers books and tools on such crafts as embroidery, fan making, dyeing, and jewelry for the women in the village in order to encourage income-generating projects....

Nadi (Fiji) *The Jet*, Sept. 9

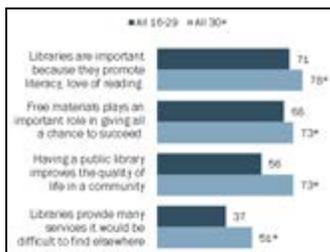
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Issues

[Younger Americans and public libraries](#)

A new report from the Pew Research Center, *Younger Americans and Public Libraries* ([PDF file](#)), pulls together several years of research into the role of libraries in the lives of Americans and their communities with a special focus on Millennials, a key stakeholder group ages 16–29. The report explores their attitudes towards public libraries in great detail, including the extent to which they value libraries' roles in their communities....

Pew Research Center, Sept. 10



[Internet Slowdown Day](#)

On September 10, some of the biggest tech companies are leading a symbolic "[Internet Slowdown](#)" to protest the FCC's stance on network neutrality. Several top websites—including Etsy, Netflix, Kickstarter, Foursquare, WordPress, Vimeo, reddit, Mozilla, and BoingBoing—are joining more than 35 advocacy organizations in a day of action that will give a glimpse into what the internet might look like if the FCC's proposed rules go into effect, according to the advocacy group [Fight for the Future](#)....

Ars Technica, Sept. 4; Fight for the Future, Sept. 4



[Net neutrality opponents start FCC campaign](#)

Brian Fung writes: "Some who see net neutrality from the internet service provider perspective are taking a page out of the public interest groups' playbook, with a bit of a David-and-Goliath story of their own. A market-minded think tank is making a play for Americans who object to heavier regulation of ISPs. The push began in early September with a website, [Don't Break the Net](#), that urges the FCC chairman not to subject internet providers to heavier regulation."...

Washington Post, Sept. 5



[Library associations weigh in on GPO proposal](#)

James R. Jacobs writes: "I thought it would be helpful to post the various letters in response to Government Printing Office Superintendent of Documents' [recent proposal](#) to allow regional depositories in the Federal Depository Library Program to do e-substitution and discard some government documents that are authenticated on GPO's FDsys. It's interesting to compare letters from ALA, American Association of Law Libraries, Association of Southeast Research Libraries, Association of Research Libraries, and ALA's Government Documents Round Table."...

Free Government Information, Sept. 6

[E-rate will no longer support email, website hosting](#)

Dennis Pierce writes: "Beginning with the 2015 funding year, email, voice mail, and website hosting no longer will be eligible for e-rate support. To transform the program into a vehicle that supports broadband, the FCC in July issued a [proposed e-rate rulemaking](#) that set aside \$5 billion in funding over the next five years for the internal connections needed to extend broadband access within schools and libraries. But the FCC has made significant changes to other kinds of services that are currently eligible for e-rate support."...

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Tech Talk

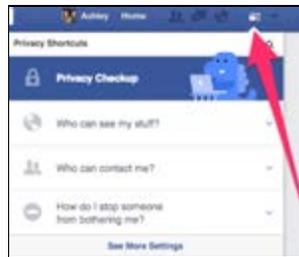
[Apple Watch: Coming to a classroom near you?](#)

Rebecca Koenig writes: "Wearable technology has entered the mainstream. The [Apple Watch](#), announced September 9, ushers in the possibility that, one day soon, campuses across the country will contend with students who are literally attached to their gadgets. This could make professors and administrators uneasy, but others believe that wearable technology should prompt universities to encourage innovative teaching that reflects modern realities."... *Chronicle of Higher Education: Wired Campus*, Sept. 10; *PC Magazine*, Sept. 10



[Lock down Facebook privacy for good](#)

Ashley Feinberg writes: "Facebook's privacy settings are notorious for being convoluted and downright confusing. Which is why Facebook has officially rolled out a [privacy checkup](#) to help you make sure you're sharing exactly what you want. But since the checkup only goes so deep, here's how ensure your Facebook privacy is *really* intact."...



Gizmodo, Sept. 4; Facebook, Sept. 4

[Collect library fines with an online payment app](#)

Bohyun Kim writes: "Offering an online payment option for library fines is one way to make the library more user-friendly to those patrons who are too busy to visit in person or mail a check but are willing to pay online with their credit cards. If you are new to the world of online payment, there are several terms you first need to become familiar with."...

ACRL TechConnect Blog, Sept. 10

[Tips for sharing passwords](#)

Jill Duffy writes: "'Never share your passwords!' is outdated advice that simply doesn't take into consideration the needs of the day. A lot of us need to share username and password combinations with our family, coworkers, and others. There are safe and secure ways to share passwords, and as long as you're doing it properly, it's a perfectly acceptable practice."...



PC Magazine, Sept. 8

[The best USB 3.0 hubs](#)

Kimber Streams writes: "After 100 hours of research, testing, and consulting with electrical engineers, we determined that the \$40 [HooToo HT-UH010 seven-port hub](#) is the best USB hub for most people. It's compact, reliable, and has well-placed ports aplenty. But its main strength that put it above the rest of the competition was its



usability and design—many of the other hubs we looked at were larger, had fewer ports, and weren't as easy to fully utilize."...

The Wirecutter, Sept. 10

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E-Content

[Following the money](#)

James LaRue writes: "Every now and then someone publishes a link that should be slipped into every board packet in the nation. I'd like to highlight this report, '[Exploring Connections: Independent Publishers and Research Libraries](#),' by Amy Ballmer, Albert Municino, Judith Schwartz, and Robert Weiss for the Metropolitan New York Library Council. In addition to some cogent history and analysis, I found these profiles of some of the big players in publishing."...

AL: E-Content, Sept. 5



[DCL Ebook Report, September](#)

James LaRue writes: "There are some distinct oddities in this month's report ([PDF file](#)). On the library pricing for print, Ingram seems consistently cheaper than Baker & Taylor. And in one case (*Dragonfly in Amber*) Baker & Taylor charges twice as much. On the ebook side, OverDrive and 3M are pretty much neck and neck. As for library ebook pricing compared to consumer ebook pricing, the average is 5 to 1. Yep, we continue to pay five times what consumers pay."...

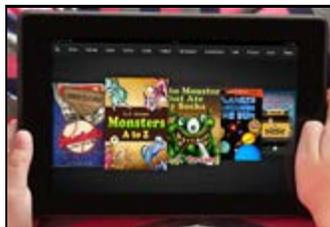
AL: E-Content, Sept. 8

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\$2.99	\$5.99	\$2.51	\$2.51
\$90.00	\$90.00	\$6.99	\$10.49
\$70.00	\$70.00	\$6.99	\$6.99

[Amazon launches KDP Kids](#)

Amazon on September 3 launched the Kindle Kids' Book Creator, software that helps authors create illustrated ebooks. KDP Kids largely consists of a free program, [Kindle Kids' Book Creator](#), that is downloadable to a Mac or a PC and lets authors "import artwork from popular formats, including JPEG, PDF, TIFF, and PNG," add text to the pages, and preview how it will look across Kindle devices....

GigaOM, Sept. 3



[EBSCO introduces two new magazine archives](#)

Libraries can own the 20th century collections of two of the leading business magazines now that the complete backfiles for *Forbes* and *Bloomberg*



Businessweek are available from EBSCO Information Services. The entire digital archives going back to volume 1, issue 1, of the magazines are included in EBSCO's [Forbes Digital Archive](#) and [Bloomberg Businessweek Digital Archive](#)....

EBSCO, Sept. 10

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Books & Reading

[Margaret Atwood's new text will stay unseen for 100 years](#)

Depending on perspective, it is an author's dream or nightmare: Margaret Atwood (right) will never know what readers think of the piece of fiction she is currently working on, because the unpublished, unread manuscript from the Man Booker Prize-winning novelist will be locked away for the next 100 years. Atwood has just been named as the first contributor to an interesting new public artwork, the [Future Library](#) project....



The Guardian (UK), Sept. 4

[Reading insecurity](#)

Katy Waldman writes: "Reading insecurity is the subjective experience of thinking that you're not getting as much from reading as you used to. It is setting aside an hour for that new book and spending it instead on Facebook. It is deploring your attention span and missing the flow, the trance, of entering a narrative world without bringing the real one along. It is realizing that if Virginia Woolf was correct to call heaven 'one continuous unexhausted reading,' then goodbye, you have been kicked out of paradise."...



Slate, Sept. 8

[CBLDF Banned Books Week Handbook](#)

Betsy Gomez writes: "This year, Banned Books Week will take place September 21-27, and the focus is on comics and graphic novels. The *Comic Book Legal Defense Fund Banned Books Week Handbook* is a free resource ([PDF file](#)) that gives you the scoop on banned comics. It's an essential tool to assist librarians, educators, and retailers in planning Banned Books Week celebrations, as well as a vital reference to help readers everywhere fight censorship." Michael Cherry has some [tips on teaching teens](#) about censored horror comics....



Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, Sept. 5; Programming Librarian, Sept. 9

[Teens taking a stand in YA lit](#)

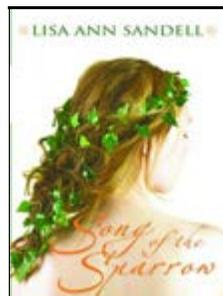
Carli Spina writes: "From dystopian futures, to political protest, to legal disputes, YA literature is full of stories about fighting the rules and even the laws. This post rounds up some of the best examples of teens winning these battles in YA literature across genres and time periods. Find a book here that will inspire you to stand up for your beliefs. *After Ever After* by Jordan Sonnenblick tackles the injustice of rules that refuse to acknowledge both the aftereffects of a teen's cancer treatment and the differences between all students."...
YALSA The Hub, Sept. 8



No tense like the present

Libby Gorman writes: "I don't know if it's my penchant for once-upon-a-time fairy tale retellings, but when I pick up a book, I expect it to be narrated in past tense. Recently, though, it seems like more and more YA books are being told in present tense. I'm not quite sure why this is a trend, but I find the more frequent use of present tense interesting and occasionally annoying. (I write this completely aware of the irony that I am writing this post in the present tense.)"...

YALSA The Hub, Sept. 9



10 experimental novels

Emily Temple writes: "September 9 marks the US publication of Eimear McBride's *A Girl Is a Half-Formed Thing*, a highly experimental, Joycean novel that, despite the fact that modern readers often eschew difficulty, has been heaped with awards. It is, in fact, a difficult book, but it's totally worth it. And it's not the only one. Here are 10 experimental novels that are worth the effort it takes to parse them."...

Flavorwire, Sept. 9



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Tips & Ideas

Checking out America's libraries

Kristin Shaw writes: "The US has thousands of libraries that are providing ever more varied services. In anticipation of UNESCO's [International Literacy Day](#)

on September 8, we took a look at the important role libraries play in our communities and created this infographic." Sources include ALA, At Your Library, the Library of Congress, Pew Research Center, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services....

Block Talk, Aug. 30



A tsunami of streaming video

Nancy K. Herther writes: "Even if your institution isn't ready for a major investment in streaming video resources, it's probably time to explore some of the options available for learning and instruction so you can be ready when the time comes. All of the major vendors of library streaming videos offer



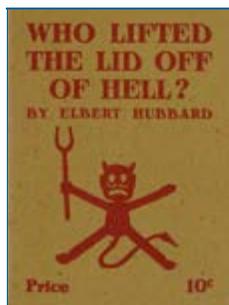
demonstrations, trials, or webinars to help you better understand and evaluate how their services might work for you. This list of vendors is not exhaustive, but provides you with some good options to begin your evaluation.”...

Against the Grain, Sept. 9

[Princeton places WWI pamphlet collection online](#)

Princeton University Library has launched a large digital collection of pamphlets documenting World War I in Europe. These pamphlets were collected by the library, starting from the outbreak of the war in 1914, as part of a larger European War Collection, later renamed the [Western European Theater Political Pamphlet Collection](#). They cover a broad range of topics including the economy, the press, the military, arms, and territorial disputes....

Princeton University Library, Sept. 9



[ProQuest gallery showcases World War I trench magazines](#)

Electronic publisher ProQuest has created a free digital gallery of 100-year-old magazines written and illustrated, mostly unofficially and anonymously, by troops serving on the various fronts of World War I. [Trench Journals Digital Gallery](#) displays poems, essays, jokes, cartoons, and observations within crisp, digital reproductions of the original magazines. The gallery is a sampler of works from ProQuest's [Trench Journals and Unit Magazines of the First World War](#)....

ProQuest, Sept. 10



[A beginner's guide to cosplay](#)

Varia writes: "For someone new to the community, cosplay can be very intimidating, and attending a convention feels a little too reminiscent of Frodo's journey through Mordor. So how do you become a cosplayer? Where do you start? How do you choose a character? What even are conventions, really? Cosplay is a wonderful art form that challenges you continually to learn new skills and expand on developing as a craftsperson."...

io9, Sept. 9



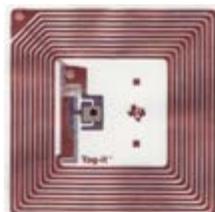
[Five tools to avoid distractions](#)

Ellyssa Kroski writes: "It's that time of year again when we all need to get back on track and start to get focused. But with all of the many distractions online, that can prove difficult. Here are five applications that can help."...

iLibrarian, Sept. 5

[Getting staff and patrons to accept RFID tags](#)

Melanie A. Lyttle and Shawn D. Walsh write: "It's been a little over a year between sticking our first RFID tag on a book and turning on our RFID gates at our main public entrances. As with any change, some staff embraced it and some wished it would go away. Deciding how to shepherd staff through the transition makes it easier to get patrons to accept the change in routine until it becomes second



nature.”...

Public Libraries Online, Sept. 10

[Google Drive your library](#)

Ashley Mancill writes: “An overwhelming number of patrons I assist in the library have Google email accounts, yet only a handful of them use the Google Drive service it comes with. Most of them have never even heard of Drive. And more and more often, I find myself teaching patrons how to use the cloud-based storage system and its web editors. But it’s also a fast and easy tool that library staff can use to collaborate, quickly retrieve documents, and manage workflows. Here are a few ways to make use of it.”...



INALJ, Sept. 9

[NCSU to develop social media preservation toolkit](#)

The North Carolina State University Libraries have been awarded a grant to create a toolkit to help capture and save the increasingly critical but ephemeral social media conversations that now regularly document our lives and times. The EZ Innovation Grant from the State Library of North Carolina will enable librarians Jason Casden and Brian Dietz to lead a team to develop a freely available guide for institutions that wish to collect and curate these primary documents....

NCSU Libraries, Sept. 9

[Hip-hop in the classroom](#)

Shannon McClintock Miller writes: “One of my favorite places to go each week is the [Flocabulary](#) website. It is always filled with such fun and exciting resources to use with our young people. From the moment you go to the website and read ‘Flocabulary is educational hip-hop,’ you are hooked. A talented and cool team of artists and educators have created an online library of educational hip-hop songs and videos that can be used to engage and inspire students in grades K–12.”...



The Library Voice, Sept. 5

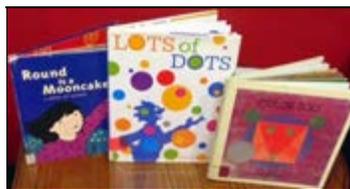
[Serving adults with special needs in the children’s library](#)

Amy Seto Musser writes: “I’ve been thinking a lot lately about serving adults with special needs as a children’s librarian. I work at a large urban library and we have the luxury of having a specific children’s library area. Our policy states that you must be with a child or using children’s materials to be in the children’s library. This policy makes it clear that an adult with special needs can come into look for materials, but does allow for some gray areas. Here are a few related questions I’ve been pondering.”...

ALSC Blog, Sept. 6

[Preschool lab: Shapes](#)

Abby Johnson writes: “This was our first week back for Preschool Explorers and I started us off with a really easy and fun theme: shapes! Shapes probably doesn’t necessarily fit within science themes, but it definitely fits into math (the M in STEM), and learning shapes is great for letter recognition later. Also, I got a great set of foam shapes and I wanted to put them to use.”...



Abby the Librarian, Sept. 9

[Libraries that lend tools](#)

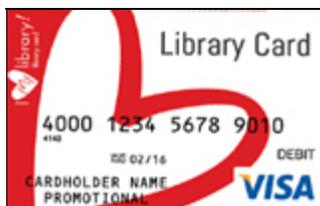
Lauren Williamson writes: "Oakland (Calif.) Public Library is one of a growing number of libraries across the US that lend tools—as in awls, sledgehammers, and hacksaws—as well as other unexpected items like bakeware, Moog synthesizers, and human skeletons, to keep pace with the times. Many see this as a natural extension of their core mission to serve communities through the collective buying power of tax dollars. And community needs have changed."...



Fast Company, Sept. 9

[Frederick County library card doubles as Visa debit card](#)

Matt Enis writes: "Following four months of discussions with SirsiDynix and a brief pilot test in the summer, Frederick County (Md.) Public Libraries on September 5 officially launched the '[I Love My Library](#)' prepaid Visa debit card. Developed by SirsiDynix in partnership with Visa and Card Limited, the new affinity cards double as a patron's library card and aim to help libraries offer a debit service, develop ties with local businesses, and launch a new revenue stream."...



The Digital Shift, Sept. 9

[Corporate archivists are entrusted with brand history](#)

Natalie Zmuda writes: "The annual meeting of the Business Archives Section of the Society of American Archivists was held in Washington, D.C., August 10–16. Those gathered here are responsible for curating, cultivating, and preserving the histories of brands as varied as Coca-Cola, Estée Lauder, American Girl, Wells Fargo, and Leo Burnett. With their vast knowledge, they are a marketer's dream, yet this little-known group needs to market itself."...



Advertising Age, Sept. 3

[Artist uses LC images to animate his GIFs](#)

Art director and designer Kevin Weir uses historical black-and-white images from the Library of Congress [Prints and Photographs Online Catalog](#) as the basis for his quirky—and slightly disturbing—animated GIFs. Weir is deeply drawn to what he calls "unknowable places and persons," images with little connection to present day that he can use as blank canvas for his ideas. He posts the images on his Tumblr, [Flux Machine](#), where they have gone viral....



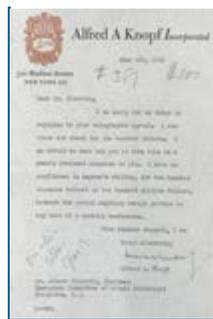
Colossal, Sept. 9

[OSU seeks help transcribing Cold War letters](#)

In 1946, Albert Einstein founded the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists to educate the public

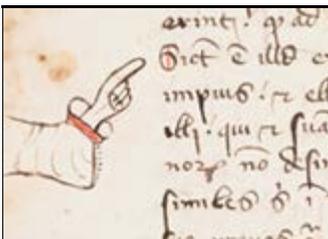
on the dangers of atomic warfare and the mounting need for world peace. A portion of the records from that committee are now available in [an online exhibit](#) through the Special Collections and Archives Research Center at Oregon State University Libraries and Press, and help is being sought from the public to [transcribe](#) the letters in the collection....

Oregon State University, Sept. 4



[Medieval scribes getting personal](#)

Erik Kwakkel writes: "Words found in the margins of a medieval book, placed there 'extra-textually' by scribes and readers, can provide information about the production circumstances of a given manuscript and the attitude of scribes or readers towards a text.



In most books, there was ample room to add such details, because on average a stunning 50% of the medieval page was left blank. It is in this vast emptiness, so often overlooked in editions of texts, that we may pick up key information about the long life of the book."...

medievalbooks, Sept. 5

[The best notebooks, especially for fountain pens](#)

British writer Joe Craig (right) has found some notebooks he loves. He used to use Moleskine notebooks, then switched to Leuchtturm1917 notebooks (which he still uses, alongside these discoveries). In this [video](#) (9:32) he explains why he likes these new ones so much: Baron Fig, paperforfountainpens, and Seven Seas "Writer." All three books have outstanding bindings, and two use Tomoe River paper, making them incredibly light....



YouTube, Aug. 15

[Joan Rivers, honorary librarian](#)

Meredith Myers writes: "Joan Rivers was known as many things. Relentless comedian. First woman to ever host a late night talk show. Reality star. Fashion critic. Lover of plastic surgery. QVC pitchwoman. Librarian? Watching the 2010 documentary *Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work*, I realized that she too was an aspiring librarian. She had a card catalog in her New York apartment where she organized all of her jokes: 30 years of jokes stored in a gray card catalog, meticulously arranged by subject."...



Creative Loafing: Tampa Bay, Sept. 4

[IKEA's bookbook video hit](#)

IKEA's new video touting the power of a good old-fashioned print catalog has generated more than 7.7 million online views in less than a week. "[Experience the Power of a Bookbook](#)" (2:28) introduces viewers to a device that



"changes the way we live" (the new IKEA catalog), parodying the tone and language Apple uses to market its gadgets. In the IKEA spot, a "chief design guru" highlights the so-called bookbook's specs and innovative features, such as an "eternal" battery life and "pre-installed" content....

Wall Street Journal: CMO Today, Sept. 8; YouTube, Sept. 3

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American Libraries Online

12 things no one tells you about building projects

Tim Schlak writes: "In August 2013, Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, completed a large building project: a \$14 million, 58,000-square-foot learning commons. I was library director at the time, and I learned a number of unanticipated lessons during all phases of the project. Any library looking to embark on a brave new building or renovation project will hopefully learn from these experiences."...

American Libraries feature



Advocate, today

ALA President Courtney L. Young (right) writes: "Libraries really do change lives. That reality is well known and proudly understood by every one of us. I don't believe, however, that we have internalized an even more fundamental and vital truth: Libraries are powerful because librarians are powerful. I'd like to speak to that power and be very frank. I am concerned that librarians (and the schools that prepare them) have not yet fully embraced what I believe to be a core professional responsibility. That responsibility is advocacy."...

American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.



Children in Crisis

Greg Landgraf writes: "Sylvia Cisneros, president of Reforma: The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking, delivered 225 Spanish-language children's books to the Rio Grande Processing Center in McAllen, Texas, September 10, as part of



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2015 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits,

Chicago, January 30–February 3. [Bundle registration](#) for 2015 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is now open. You can save up to \$130 and also book Midwinter housing. The conversation starts in Chicago, January 30–February 3, 2015, and continues at ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, June 25–30.

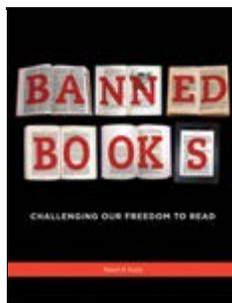
the organization's effort to help meet the social and emotional needs of unaccompanied children from Central America seeking refuge in the United States."...

AL: The Scoop, Sept. 17

[Librarian's Library: Intellectual freedom](#)

Karen Muller writes: "For 75 years, since ALA Council first adopted the [Library Bill of Rights](#) in 1939, challenging censorship has been a core tenet of librarianship. The essays in the 2014 edition of *Banned Books: Challenging our Freedom to Read*, by Robert P. Doyle, outline how case law has extended the protection of the freedoms of speech and press to include freedom of expression of ideas and information."...

American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.



[Dispatches from the Field: The case for 3D printing](#)

Jason Griffey writes: "When I talk to librarians about 3D printing, the most common question I hear is 'Why provide this service?' The answer is that the library has a long history of providing technology for its patrons. 3D printing is still a novelty, but the basic technology is affordable. The future of additive manufacturing will likely be stranger and more wonderful than I can imagine, but given the uses that people are finding for these devices already, it's fair to say that amazing things will come from this technology."...

American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.



[AL Live on Thursday](#)

"Library Self-Service Software and Devices," the next broadcast of [American Libraries Live](#), at 2 p.m. Eastern time on September 18, will discuss how this technology can best serve the library's users as well as its staff....

American Libraries, Sept. 9

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ALA News

[Banned Books Week](#)

Banned Books Week, September 21–27, reminds Americans about the importance of preventing censorship and ensuring everyone's freedom to read any book they choose. According to the Office for Intellectual Freedom, for every banned book reported, there are many more that are not. This year's [Banned Books Week](#) is spotlighting graphic novels because, despite their literary merit and popularity as a format, they are often subject to censorship. The most current list for 2013 includes two graphic novels: Dav Pilkey's Captain Underpants series and Jeff Smith's Bone



Libraries on Film



[The 6th Day](#) (2000). The Colosseum-like building housing the genetic lab is actually the Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library.



[Skuggan](#) (1953, Sweden). Olav Riégo plays a librarian at the Stockholm Public Library.



[The Skulls](#) (2000, US / Canada). College students in a secret

series...

Office for Intellectual Freedom, Sept. 16

Banned Websites Awareness Day

To raise awareness of the overly restrictive blocking of legitimate, educational websites and academically useful social networking tools in schools and school libraries, AASL has designated one day during Banned Books Week as Banned Websites Awareness Day. On September 24, AASL is asking school librarians and other educators to promote an awareness of how overly restrictive filtering affects student learning....

AASL



National Friends of Libraries Week, October 19–25

United for Libraries is coordinating the ninth annual National Friends of Libraries Week, October 19–25. The event is an opportunity to celebrate Friends groups by promoting their work in the community, raising awareness and increasing membership, and giving libraries and trustees the opportunity to recognize Friends for their help and support. Ideas, bookmarks, and promotional materials are available online....

United for Libraries, Sept. 16



ALA to FCC: Set the bar higher on net neutrality

ALA and the Center for Democracy and Technology urged the Federal Communications Commission in a September 15 letter ([PDF file](#)) to adopt strong, enforceable net neutrality rules essential to preserving freedom of speech, educational achievement, and economic growth online. The organizations called for the FCC to set the bar higher than the "commercially reasonable" standard the agency had proposed (whether using Title II or Section 706 of the Communications Act) to preserve the open nature of the internet....

Office for Information Technology Policy, Sept. 16

It's FCC month at ALA

Larra Clark writes: "September has been particularly busy. On September 15 we entered the next round of [e-rate activity](#) with comments in response to the FCC's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and closed out a record-setting public comment period in relation to promoting and protecting net neutrality with two [public filings](#) ([PDF file](#)). The Senate is holding a [hearing](#) on it September 17. This month ALA also filed [comments](#) in support of broadband improvement."...

District Dispatch, Sept. 15–17



ALA featured at telecom policy conference

On September 12, ALA made its first appearance (and through a whole panel no less) at the [Telecommunications Policy and Research Conference](#), the most prestigious conference in information policy. The telecommunications policy topic that, not surprisingly, has dominated OITP's time for over the past year is e-rate reform. The panel "[900](#)



frat club (loosely based on the Yale Skull and Bones society) have surveillance videotapes hidden in a room behind a bookcase in the university library, accessed by moving a certain book. A killer runs into the special collections area. Filmed at the University of Toronto.



[The Skulls III](#) (2004, Canada). Clare Kramer as Taylor Brooks researches the law on campus gender equity so she can be admitted to an all-male secret fraternity. Later she and some friends use the library computer to hack into the university server and read archived emails. They leave without turning the computer off. Irene Dale plays a librarian.

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

Calendar

Oct. 2–3:
[Idaho Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Red Lion

[Questions: A Case Study of Multistakeholder Policy Advocacy through the E-rate Lens](#)” was moderated by Larra Clark, director of the Program on Networks for ALA’s Office for Information Technology Policy....

District Dispatch, Sept. 15

[Creating a program for school libraries](#)

A free October 8 webinar, “The R.O.A.D. I Travel: A Program Model for School Libraries,” will explore how an Indianapolis middle school library partnered with other organizations to develop an innovative genealogy unit for 8th-graders. The program was presented with ALA’s 2014 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming. [Register](#) online....

Public Programs Office, Sept. 16

ALA TechSource workshops

ALA TechSource will sponsor a new 90-minute workshop, “[Engaging Your Community Through Cultural Heritage Digital Libraries](#)” on October 8. Karen Calhoun and Aaron Brenner will discuss the digital library as a platform for a two-way exchange of knowledge between your library and community. Three new iterations of popular workshops on [cloud computing](#) (October 23), [designing library websites](#) (October 15), and [using Twitter for marketing](#) (October 29) are also coming up. Registration for each is through the ALA Store....

ALA TechSource, Sept. 12, 16

[RDA for music](#)

ALA Editions, in partnership with the Music Library Association, will host a new 90-minute workshop, “[RDA for Music: Classical Music Audio Recordings](#)” on October 2. Damian Iseminger and Casey Mullin will teach the basics of cataloging classical music audio recordings using RDA: Resource Description and Access. Registration can be purchased at the ALA Store....

ALA Editions, Sept. 15

[What you need to know about grant writing](#)

ALA Editions is offering a new 90-minute workshop on “[What You Need to Know About Grant Writing](#)” on October 1. Nancy Kalikow Maxwell, a professional library grant writer and former library director, will show you what you need to get started with grant writing. Registration is through the ALA Store....

ALA Editions, Sept. 16

[Community partnerships](#)

ALA Editions’ 90-minute workshop, “[Your Library Needs Community Partnerships: How to Get it Done.](#)” presented by Paul Signorelli, will take place on October 22. Signorelli will show you how to build productive community partnerships that will help your library engage in meaningful projects. Register through the ALA Store....

ALA Editions, Sept. 16

[Ebooks: What you need to know](#)

ALA Editions is offering a new iteration of its popular eCourse, “[Ebooks: What Librarians Need to Know Now and for the Future.](#)” Mirela Roncevic will serve as the instructor for this four-week facilitated eCourse starting on October 13. Registration can be purchased at the ALA Store....

ALA Editions, Sept. 12

[Readers’ advisory for genre blends](#)

Hotel, Lewiston.
“Riding the River of Change.”

Oct. 8–10:

[Ohio Library Council,](#)

Annual Conference and Expo, Columbus.

Oct. 16–18:

[Colorado Association](#)

[of Libraries,](#) Annual

Conference, Embassy

Suites, Loveland.

“Innovate, Inspire,

Connect.”

Oct. 19–21:

[New England Library](#)

[Association,](#) Annual

Conference, Holiday

Inn, Boxborough,

Massachusetts. “Be

Bold. Libraries in the

Center Ring.”

Nov. 4–5:

[Information Today,](#)

[Inc.,](#) Taxonomy

Bootcamp, Grand Hyatt

Washington, D.C.

“Organizing the

Future: Taxonomies

Leading the Way?”

Nov. 26–28:

[Philippine Librarians](#)

[Association, Inc.,](#)

National Congress and

General Assembly,

Century Park Hotel,

Malate, Manila.

Dec. 8–9:

[International](#)

[Conference on Grey](#)

[Literature,](#) Library of

Congress, Washington,

D.C. “Grey Literature

Lobby: Engines and

Requesters for

Change.”

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[Information Systems](#)

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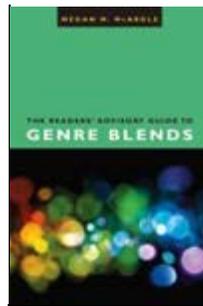
INFORMS Computing

Society Conference,

Omni Richmond Hotel,

The increasing popularity of “genre blends,” or fiction that straddles the traditional labels, means greater pleasure for readers but a greater challenge for readers’ advisory. [The Readers’ Advisory Guide to Genre Blends](#), written by Megan M. McArdle and published by ALA Editions, gets library staff up to speed on these engaging titles, showing how such crossover fiction appeals to fan bases of multiple genres....

ALA Editions, Sept. 16



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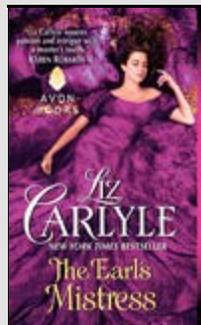
Booklist 

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

Booklist ONLINE

[Featured review: Historical romance](#)

Carlyle, Liz. *The Earl's Mistress*. Sept. 2014. 384p. Avon, paperback (978-0-06-210030-6). The nerve of the man! Isabella Aldridge arrives at the earl of Hepplewood's country estate prepared to assume her duties as governess for his young daughter, Felicity. Unfortunately, the earl, William Mowbrey, has a very different position in mind for Isabella. Outraged by his scandalous proposition, Isabella indignantly returns home, only to later realize that he may have been right all along. Because of the scandalous reputation of Isabella's previous employer, the marchioness of Petershaw, no one is willing to hire Isabella as a governess. Desperate for money, Isabella comes to terms with the fact that she will have to become the mistress of this wealthy, discrete gentleman....



[Top 10 romance fiction, 2014](#)

Donna Seaman writes: “The best romance novels reviewed in *Booklist* between September 15, 2013, and September 1, 2014, include not only irresistible stories of obstacles to love and love's triumph but also incisive tales of exile, war, crime, and sacrifice. Ranging from serious and affecting to riotously sexy and funny, our top romances are all page-turners....”



[Booklist Online's new home for blogs](#)

Learn about the hottest books, latest trends, and must-read authors from [The Booklist Reader](#). Booklist publications' new

Richmond, Virginia. “Operations Research and Computing: Algorithms and Software for Analytics.”

Feb. 13:
[Oregon University System Library Council](#), Online Northwest 2015 Conference, Corvallis.

Feb. 26–
Mar. 1:
[Alaska Library Association](#), Annual Conference, Juneau. “Channel our Voices.”

Mar. 11–14:
[Visual Resources Association](#), Annual Conference, Westin Denver Downtown, Denver.

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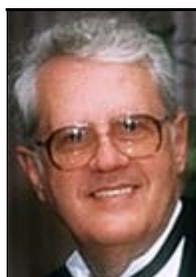
[ACRL 2015 keynote speakers](#)

ACRL has announced its celebrated lineup of keynote speakers for its [2015 Conference](#). "Creating Sustainable Community," to be held March 25–28 in Portland, Oregon. Be challenged and entertained by these three distinguished speakers, who also double as a comics writer and journalist (G. Willow Wilson), radio host and producer (Jad Abumrad), and political activist (Lawrence Lessig)....
ACRL, Sept. 15



[David Loertscher to present at AASL Fall Forum](#)

David Loertscher (right), innovative educational researcher and learning commons revolutionary, will exemplify the anywhere–anytime learning concept by facilitating an online working session during the AASL 2014 Fall Forum. Loertscher will work simultaneously with 10 sites across the country during "School Librarians in the Anytime Anywhere Learning Landscape" taking place in St. Louis, October 17–18. For more information and to register, visit the [Fall Forum website](#)....
AASL, Sept. 16



[YALSA and Blink partner for Teen Read Week](#)

YALSA and Blink, a young adult imprint, have partnered for [Teen Read Week](#), October 12–18. This is the second year in a row that Blink has helped to sponsor Teen Read Week and lent its support to libraries in efforts to strengthen and promote literacy among teens. Through its novels, Blink aims to bring "imaginative and exciting storytelling" that is both inspiring and heartening to its readers....
YALSA, Sept. 16



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October is Connected Educator Month

This October, AASL joins more than 300 major education organizations in celebrating [Connected Educator Month](#). Originally developed by the US Department of Education in 2012, CEM offers diverse and engaging activities to educators at all levels, with the ultimate goal of sparking collaboration and innovation. AASL has been a participating partner in the CEM initiative since its inception....

AASL, Sept. 16



ACRL e-learning, fall 2014

ACRL is offering a variety of online learning opportunities in fall 2014 to meet the demands of your schedule and budget. Full details and registration information for e-courses and webcasts are available on the [ACRL website](#)....

ACRL, Sept. 16

Release the leader within

With help from a new webinar from AASL, school librarians with reluctant or unrealized potential can unlock their inner leader. Presented by Ann Martin, "Coaching the Leader Within" will take place on October 7. The webinar is designed to coach and develop the skills needed to accomplish the many demands required of today's school librarian. To register, visit "Upcoming Webinars" at [eCOLLAB](#)....

AASL, Sept. 16

Choice launches "Guest of Choice" feature

ACRL's *Choice* magazine is initiating a new feature in its editorial lineup in October, a series of guest editorials informally called "Guest of Choice." Contributed by creative and insightful thinkers in library and allied professions, materials in this new series seek to engage readers in important issues and debates concerning the state of academic librarianship and other topics appropriate to its audience....

Choice, Sept. 16

Walt Whitman Literary Landmark dedicated

United for Libraries, in partnership with the Suffolk County Library Association, Suffolk School Library Media Association, Lambda Literary Foundation, and Empire State Center for the Book, designated the Walt Whitman Birthplace State Historic Site and Interpretive Center in Huntington Station, New York, a Literary Landmark during a celebration on September 5. More than 125 people attended, including Congressman Steve Israel (D-N.Y.)....

United for Libraries, Sept. 16



United for Libraries supports Serendipity Films

United for Libraries is asking library Friends, foundations, trustees, and advocates to support filmmakers Dawn Logsdon and Lucie Faulknor (Serendipity Films) as they ask library lovers across America to help them make the first-ever national broadcast documentary about our nation's public libraries. The filmmakers are announcing a Kickstarter campaign through October 26 for their documentary, [Free for All: Inside the Public Library](#)....

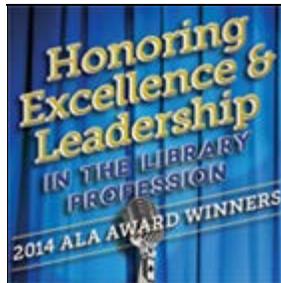
United for Libraries, Sept. 16

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Awards & Grants

2014 ALA award winners

Each year, ALA recognizes the achievements of more than 200 individuals and institutions with various awards. This selection represents only a portion of those honored in 2014 but who are notable for their contributions to the field of librarianship. New this year, the Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity is an indication of the scope and influence of these awards. Chosen by juries consisting of colleagues and peers, this year's award winners are distinguished for their leadership and vision, as well as their continued investment in the profession through mentorship....



American Libraries feature

The importance of the Schneider Family Book Award

Kody Keplinger (right) writes: "I was born with Leber's congenital amaurosis, a disorder that causes legal blindness. As I got older and my bookshelf expanded, I found books that more closely mirrored my experience. Not all of them featured blindness. Many were about other disabilities, but I was still able to see myself in them. Many of these books were winners of the Schneider Family Book Award, which honors the best children's books that capture the disabled experience."...



American Libraries feature

Andrew Carnegie Medals update

A new committee is set to start work on selecting the prestigious 2015 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction, awards that reflect the expert judgment and insight of library professionals who work closely with adult readers. For the first time in 2015, an independent bookseller is joining the selection committee, reflecting the impact and influence of these awards on general readers both inside and beyond the library. Betsy Burton (above), owner of The King's English in Salt Lake City, joins the committee to represent independent booksellers....



RUSA, Sept. 15

Nominations for LITA awards

LITA is seeking nominations for its [Frederick G. Kilgour Award for Research in Library and Information Technology](#) (deadline is December 31) and [Library Hi Tech awards](#) (deadline is December 1) and applications for its [Ex Libris Student Writing Award](#). The deadline for the writing award is February 28....

LITA, Sept. 16

GLBT awards committee volunteers needed

Appointments for the Stonewall Book Awards Committee, Rainbow Project Committee, and Over the Rainbow Committee will be made this fall. The time to volunteer is now through October 15. Volunteers must fill out two forms (the [Committee Volunteer Form](#) and the [Award and Book List Committee Volunteer Form](#)) to be considered for an

appointment....

GLBT News, Aug. 29

[ALSC and YALSA receive a Youth Literacy Grant](#)

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded a Youth Literacy grant in the amount of \$246,806 to ALSC and YALSA. The Everyone Reads @ your library grant allows the two divisions to support important literacy programs across the country....

ALSC, Sept. 16

[Achievement in Library Diversity Research award](#)

The ALA Office for Diversity is seeking nominations for its 2014 Achievement in Library Diversity Research award. The award recognizes ALA members for contributions to the profession through research on LIS diversity issues. [Nominations](#) will be accepted through October 15....

Office for Diversity, Sept. 16

[EBSCO offers five Midwinter scholarships](#)

ALA and EBSCO are partnering to offer five scholarships for librarians to attend the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Chicago, January 29–February 2. Each EBSCO scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,500, and one of the five scholarships will be awarded to a first-time conference attendee. [Apply](#) by November 3....

Office of ALA Governance, Sept. 16

[IMLS awards \\$9.2 million to US libraries](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services on September 11 announced grants for 51 library projects, totaling \$9,291,441, that will advance library and archives practice by addressing challenges in the field and by testing and evaluating innovations. The projects were selected from 212 applications through the National Leadership Grants for Libraries and Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries programs, requesting more than \$14.6 million and matched with \$7.2 in non-federal funds. The full list of recipients is [here](#)....

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Sept. 11

[Alison Bechdel named a 2014 MacArthur Fellow](#)

Cartoonist and graphic memoirist Alison Bechdel, author and illustrator of *Fun Home* (2006) and *Are You My Mother?* (2012), was one of 21 creative individuals awarded a 2014 MacArthur Fellowship by the MacArthur Foundation on September 16. Bechdel will receive a no-strings-attached stipend of \$625,000 without any stipulations or reporting requirements, allowing her maximum freedom to follow her creative vision. Bechdel was reportedly "[in shock](#)" after being notified....

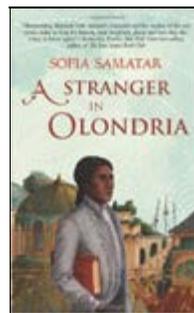
MacArthur Foundation, Sept. 16; *The Guardian* (UK), Sept. 17



[2014 British Fantasy Awards](#)

The winners of this year's British Fantasy Awards were announced September 7 at an awards banquet at FantasyCon 2014 held in York, England. The Robert Holdstock Award for best fantasy novel went to Sofia Samatar for *A Stranger in Olondria* (Small Beer), and the August Derleth Award for best horror novel went to Lauren Beukes for *The Shining Girls* (HarperCollins). The British Fantasy Society presents the awards....

British Fantasy Society, Sept. 7



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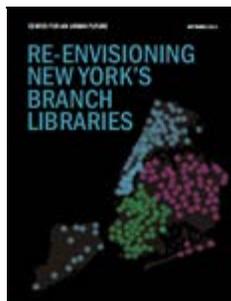
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Libraries in the News

[NYPL branches need \\$1.1 billion in repairs](#)

New York's public library branches need \$1.1 billion in repairs to fix leaky roofs, broken air-conditioning systems, and a host of other problems, according to a [report](#) released September 15 by the Center for an Urban Future, a New York-based think tank. The report argues that the city has a "broken funding system" in which libraries rely too much on discretionary funds from City Council members....

Wall Street Journal, Sept. 15



[Trustees approve plan to sell land beneath Brooklyn Heights branch](#)

The Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library needs \$300 million across its 60 branches for repairs and restorations. On September 16, the library's board of trustees unanimously approved a recommendation to let the city sell the land beneath its Brooklyn Heights branch to a developer, provided the developer builds a library on the ground floor and affordable housing units around the borough. An advocacy group, Citizens Defending Libraries, has been opposed to the plan....

New York Times, Sept. 16



[Philadelphia receives \\$25 million grant](#)

The Free Library of Philadelphia has received the largest gift in its 120-year history: \$25 million from the William Penn Foundation. Some of the gift will go to the ongoing renovation of the interior of the main Parkway Central Library. The bulk of the gift (\$18 million) will go toward the campaign to renovate branch libraries, for which the city has also chipped in \$4.5 million, City Council has given \$2 million, the state has promised \$6 million, and private donors have also made contributions....

WHYY-FM, Philadelphia, Sept. 11



[Galante on leave as inquiry proceeds](#)

As federal and city officials continue their [investigation](#) into spending at the Queens (N.Y.) Public Library, the library's board of trustees has placed President Thomas W. Galante (right) on paid administrative leave. At a special meeting on September 11, the board also moved to give City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer full access to the library's financial records, including its entire \$127 million annual budget....

New York Times, Aug. 21, Sept. 12



[Former Detroit library officer sentenced to 10 years in prison](#)

Timothy Cromer, a former Detroit Public Library official who was [fired](#) in February 2013 and accused three months later of accepting kickbacks from technology contractors, was sentenced September 16 to 10 years in federal prison. Cromer was the library's chief administrative and technology officer between 2006 and 2013. Investigators [accused](#) him of accepting \$1.4 million in kickbacks from two contractors....

Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press, Feb. 24, May 21, 2013; Sept. 16

[Fired for disagreeing](#)

Carl Straumsheim writes: "On August 26, Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, [fired](#) its head librarian after a prolonged debate over the role of a library at a liberal arts institution. Patricia A. Tully (right), a 10-year veteran with the university, had served as the Caleb T. Winchester university librarian since March 2010. In a September 2 email to the faculty listserv, Tully said she was fired because of her ongoing disagreement with Provost Ruth S. Weissman 'about how to lead people effectively in an organization.'"...



Inside Higher Ed, Sept. 11; *Wesleying*, Sept. 16

[Los Angeles students need better libraries, not iPads](#)

Rebecca Constantino writes: "While the iPad-for-every-student controversy has gotten much media coverage lately, another problem has had very little attention: the lack of equal access to a quality school library. A 19-month investigation by the US Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights concluded in 2011 that thousands of Los Angeles Unified School District students were being denied equal educational opportunities, which included libraries with sufficient books and staffing."...

Los Angeles Times, Sept. 14

[Most Sendak items to leave the Rosenbach](#)

Peter Dobrin writes: "Nearly half a century ago, the Rosenbach Museum and Library in Philadelphia began building a relationship with the young author and illustrator Maurice Sendak, who very quickly started using the townhouse museum as a repository for his original drawings, manuscripts, proofs, and rare editions. But Sendak never gifted any of these items, and the trustees managing his legacy (he died at 83 in 2012) have asked that the collection be returned to them in Connecticut, ending a bond between artist and institution that many assumed would continue in perpetuity."...



Philadelphia Inquirer, Sept. 15

[Kansas City gathers burlesque theater ephemera](#)

Miss Stormy Night was paid \$175 a week to be exotic on stage. She must have been a bit more talented than Suni Daye, who only got \$165. Those performer contracts from 1959 are among thousands of business records, glamour publicity photos, movie



posters, and other ephemera that languished in the boiler room in the basement of the Folly Theater.

Now they are in the safe possession of the Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library, which will catalog the material and make it available to researchers and the general public....

Kansas City (Mo.) Star, Sept. 14

[Dover AFB library books go public](#)

When officials closed the Dover (Del.) Air Force Base Library in February, families were worried. The collection—more than 40,000 holdings—seemed too valuable to lose. As it turns out, the books have been turned over to the state Division of Libraries. In early September, Dover Public Library received a big delivery of tens of thousands of books from the base, and staff from DPL and Kent County Public Library are sorting through them....

Dover *Delaware State News*, Sept. 15

[Library offers virtual visitation with county jail inmates](#)



Floridians who want to visit loved ones in the Okaloosa County Jail won't have to set foot in the facility. The Crestview (Fla.) Public Library allows residents with no internet access or web camera to use the video visitation service, for a fee to the video provider, from an enclosed webcam reservation tutor room, giving visitors some privacy from the rest of the library. The jail's conversion from personal to virtual visits has resulted in an increase in prisoner visitation....

Crestview (Fla.) News Bulletin, Sept. 15

[Fairfield library branch gets yarn-bombed](#)



A "yarn bombing" took place September 6 at the Fairfield Woods branch of the Fairfield (Conn.) Public Library, but the masked "ninja knitters" came with good intentions—to draw attention to the branch's 45th anniversary celebration. In advance, the knitting group wrapped tree branches and poles on the library property with coats of colorful yarn to reflect the festive spirit....

Fairfield (Conn.) Citizen, Sept. 9

[Vietnamese academic runs free library](#)



Nguyen Quang Cuong, a lecturer at Quy Nhon University in Vietnam, has run on his own a free library with almost 10,000 books and magazines in central Vietnam for the past 10 years to instill a reading interest in local students and encourage needy kids to pursue their education. Cuong set up the Hoa Cuong Library in his home town in Hà Tĩnh province, often buys and sends home new

publications, and calls on individuals and organizations nationwide to donate books....

TalkVietnam, Sept. 14

[French online library for rail](#)

[passengers](#) (in French)

France's state-operated railway company, Société Nationale des Chemins de fer Français, opened its first digital library on September 12. The service, which offers ebooks for train passengers, will be tested for 6–12 months on the Nancy-Metz-Luxembourg regional line and could expand to the entire country. Travelers scan a QR code to get free access to classics of French literature and regional authors from Lorraine....

Le Figaro (Paris), Sept. 11



[Donations help Glasgow art library](#)

The Glasgow School of Art has replaced 22% of its most popular books that were lost in a May 23 fire. The blaze caused extensive damage to the iconic Mackintosh building and destroyed its famous library. The art school said it had now replaced almost a quarter of these books thanks to the "huge generosity of private individuals and institutions." Among the books received were John Sampson's *XXI Welsh Gypsy Folk-Tales* (1933), illustrated by Agnes Miller Parker, and a complete set of *Ver Sacrum*, the magazine of the Vienna Secession (1898–1903)....

BBC News, Sept. 15



[Tonbridge librarian became World War I hero](#)

Swapping the peace and quiet of Tonbridge Library in Kent, UK, for the battlefields of the First World War must have been a drastic transition for one assistant librarian who was awarded with a medal for his heroism. The life of Druce Cheal (right, 1895–1974), who left his job at the library 100 years ago to join the Royal Engineers, was researched by a contemporary staff member who first came across references to "Sapper" Cheal while leafing through the Tonbridge Council minute book from 1914....

Kent and Sussex Courier (UK), Sept. 16



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Issues

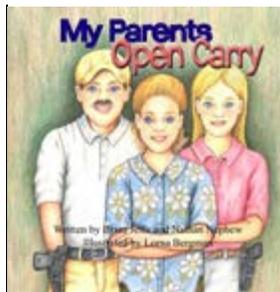
[Fallout from Internet Slowdown Day](#)

Eric Hal Schwartz writes: "The [Internet Slowdown campaign](#) for net neutrality on September 10 ended up bringing in 722,364 comments to the Federal Communications Commission, leading to a wholesale [change](#) to the comment system to make sure the FCC can keep up with it. On top of all the comments, members of Congress fielded close to 300,000 calls, sometimes averaging 1,000 per minute, and 2 million emails, according to Battle for the Net, the group behind the protest."...

InTheCapital, Sept. 10, 12; Official FCC Blog, Sept. 11

[My Parents Open Carry](#)

Miriam Lang Budin writes: "What obligation do public or school libraries have to purchase materials that present a range of views on controversial subjects? This and other questions occurred to me in response to the recent discussions about *My Parents Open Carry* by Brian Jeffs and Nathan Nephew (White Feather Press). Though formatted as a picture book, the character whose parents open carry is a 13-year-old girl named Brenna. And despite the title, she doesn't narrate the text."...



ALSC Blog, Sept. 17

[Library jobs math](#)

Emily Weak writes: "Did you read the recent *Wall Street Journal* article that said we would soon be experiencing a [shortage of librarians](#) and sea captains? Does that math sound right to you? *Library Journal's* [2012 placements and salary survey](#) shows in that year, 6,184 people graduated. If that number remains constant (more about this later), that's 61,840 new librarians over the 10 years from 2012 to 2022. Is there really a shortage of traditional librarians?"...

Hiring Librarians, Sept. 12; *Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 2; *Library Journal*, Oct. 17

[Massachusetts librarians work to ensure privacy](#)

Alison Macrina and April Glaser write: "Librarians in Massachusetts are working to give their patrons a chance to opt out of pervasive surveillance. Partnering with the ACLU of Massachusetts, area librarians have been teaching and taking workshops on how freedom of speech and the right to privacy are compromised by the surveillance of online and digital communications—and what new privacy-protecting services they can offer patrons to shield them from unwanted spying of their library activity."...

BoingBoing, Sept. 13

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Tech Talk

[How to buy an all-in-one PC](#)

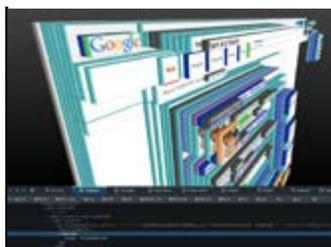
Joel Santo Domingo writes: "So the 15-inch display on your laptop is starting to feel cramped, and you work mainly in one location? You should consider an all-in-one (AIO) desktop. For the same amount you would spend on a 17-inch laptop that weighs more than 10 pounds, you can get an AIO desktop PC, with a 23-inch (or larger) screen. You'll probably also have a better Windows 8 touch experience on an AIO system, since some smaller models can be used like huge tablets. Here's what to look for." [These](#) are *PC Magazine's* top-rated models....



PC Magazine, Sept. 5, 9

[Browser developer tools](#)

Bryan Brown writes: "Despite what the name may imply, browser developer tools are not only useful for developers. Anyone who works with the web can find value in browser developer tools because they use the browser, the tool we all use to access



the riches of the web, to deconstruct the information that makes up the core of our online experience. A user who has a solid grasp on how to use these tools can get much incredibly useful feedback."...

LITA Blog, Sept. 17

[The six best gaming mice of 2014](#)

Hayden Dingman writes: "You love games. Don't settle for a tool designed for applications no more demanding than a web browser. Stepping up to a purpose-designed mouse won't yield benefits as significant as upgrading from a cheap keyboard, but they're still notable. A good mouse can also reduce stress on your body *and* make you more productive if you take advantage of its added buttons and programmability."...

PC World, Sept. 12



[Does the iPhone 6 really have console-quality graphics?](#)

Sebastian Anthony writes: "Over the last few years, there has been a steadily growing refrain from device makers and game developers that mobile devices, including the new iPhone 6, have processing power and graphics capabilities that are approaching that of game consoles. Is it really possible for a battery-powered device that's 7mm thick to have comparable CPU and GPU performance to next-generation consoles that are still less than a year old?" Find out here....

Extreme Tech, Sept. 16



[Six ways to actually use 1 TB of cloud storage](#)

Chris Hoffman writes: "The cloud storage wars are heating up. Microsoft now offers 1 TB of cloud storage along with Office 365, and both Dropbox and Google are offering 1 TB at just \$10 per month. Flickr even offers 1 TB for free. But the real reason companies are offering so much storage is because they know most users will never actually use anything near 1 TB of storage. Here's how you actually could."...

How-To Geek, Sept. 14

[A 3D-printed book of genuine artworks](#)

Kelsey Campbell-Dollaghan writes: "Tom Burtonwood's *Folium* is a book of 3D-printed pages that each contain a different piece of art you can actually feel with your hands. Burtonwood scanned nine pieces of art and sculpture, ranging from 664 B.C. to the 20th century, at the Chicago Institute of Art. Using Autodesk's 123D Catch and Recap photogrammetry, he was able to capture the subtle topography of each piece in model space, then print them as pages for



the book.”...
Gizmodo, Sept. 17

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E-Content

[Libraries balk at OverDrive changes](#)

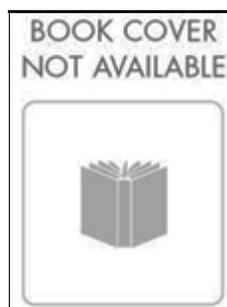
In a letter to OverDrive CEO Steve Potash, the [ReadersFirst](#) coalition of libraries has protested a change that would require new users of OverDrive’s app to register accounts directly with OverDrive. It stresses that “libraries, not the vendors we pay,” should own the customer relationship. The letter comes in response to an [email from OverDrive](#) to library partners announcing changes coming to the OverDrive mobile app. New users, including library patrons, would have to register for an OverDrive account....

Publishers Weekly, Sept. 15; OverDrive Blogs, Sept. 16

[Judging an ebook by its cover](#)

James LaRue writes: “It doesn’t matter if a book is paper or pixels: Covers matter. We are drawn to images, and the brighter and more appealing the image, the more briskly the book circulates. But there’s a problem. For many public domain, Creative Commons, and self-published works, no image is available. And so libraries sometimes use totally generic covers—the title of the book with a book or film icon to indicate format, for instance.”...

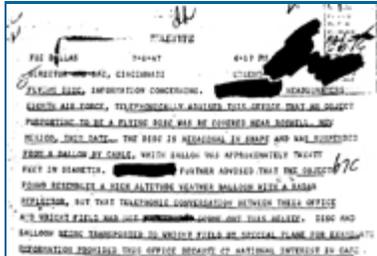
AL: E-Content, Sept. 12



[GPO items findable in DPLA](#)

More than 148,000 items from the Government Printing Office’s *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications* are now also [available](#) through the Digital Public Library of America. Notable examples of the types of records now available from the GPO include the Federal Budget, laws such as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Federal regulations, and Congressional hearings, reports, and documents. GPO continuously adds records to its *Catalog*, which will also be available through DPLA, increasing the discoverability of and access to federal information for the American public....

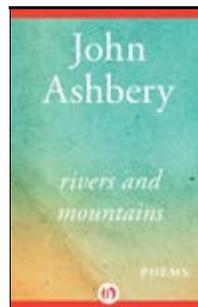
DPLA Blog, Sept. 17



[Ebooks turn poet-friendly](#)

Alexandra Alter writes: “When John Ashbery, the Pulitzer Prize–winning poet, first learned that the digital editions of his poetry looked nothing like the print version, he was stunned. There were no line breaks, and the stanzas had been jammed together. That was three years ago. Publishers can now create ebooks that better preserve a poet’s meticulous formatting. In September, Open Road published 17 digital collections of Ashbery’s work, and this time it’s faithful to the original formatting.”...

New York Times, Sept. 14



[Digital watermarks to prevent](#)

[ebook piracy](#)

Pranav Dixit writes: "HarperCollins and ebook distributor LibreDigital have [signed up](#) to use a new technology called Guardian Watermarking for Publishing from Digimarc, a new antipiracy technology that embeds an invisible watermark into ebooks at the time of transaction. The service is cloud-based and offers an easy-to-integrate API for most ebook formats, including EPUB, PDF, and MOBI. These watermarks allow publishers to track the source of the leak and take necessary steps to plug the hole." Watch the [video](#) (2:59)....



Gizmodo, Sept. 16, Digimarc, Sept. 15; Vimeo, Apr.

[EU libraries may digitize books without permission](#)

European libraries may digitize books and make them available at electronic reading points without first gaining consent of the copyright holder, the Court of Justice of the European Union ruled on September 11. Libraries can use this exception to publish works on electronic terminals on their premises, the court ruled. However, libraries cannot permit visitors to print out the works or store them on a USB stick. Kevin Smith offers some [insight](#) on the ruling....

PC World, Sept. 11; Scholarly Communications @ Duke, Sept. 16

[The Loeb Classical Library goes digital](#)

The Loeb Classical Library, the series of trim red (Latin) and green (Greek) volumes of ancient texts, has gone into the ether. The [Digital Loeb Classical Library](#), available on a fee basis, makes the more than 520 volumes of the series available on an online platform that allows readers to search, browse, share, annotate, and bookmark any two-page spread, which, as with the print editions, shows the Latin or Greek on the left and an English translation on the right....



New York Times: ArtsBeat, Sept. 15

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Books & Reading

[Reading is good for you](#)

CBC Books and Canada's National Reading Campaign have created an [infographic](#) that highlights all of the reasons that reading is good for you. According to the graphic, on average readers have better physical health, empathy, and mental health. In addition, reading for as little as six minutes can reduce stress by 60%, better than going for a walk or listening to music....

GalleyCat, Sept. 12; National Reading Campaign, Oct. 13, 2013



[Tutoring works for struggling readers](#)

Tina Rosenberg writes: "All participants in the reading wars agree on some things: Early reading is crucial. A child who does not read proficiently by 3rd grade will probably fall further behind each year.

And they agree on something else: Any reading curriculum works better if children who are struggling get the chance to work, one on one, with a tutor. The problem, of course, is that very few principals can afford it.”...

New York Times, Sept. 11

[In World War II, publishers created a nation of readers](#)

In 1943, in the middle of the Second World War, America’s book publishers took an audacious gamble. They decided to sell the armed forces cheap paperbacks, shipped to units scattered around the globe. Instead of printing only the books soldiers and sailors actually wanted to read, though, publishers decided to send them the best they had to offer. Over the next four years, publishers gave away 122,951,031 copies of their most valuable titles....

The Atlantic, Sept. 10



[Chicago kids read 2.7 million books over the summer](#)

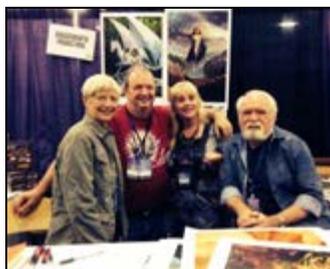
Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced September 15 that the city’s kids have read a record-breaking 2.7 million books this summer as part of Rahm’s Readers Summer Learning Challenge, with more than 83,000 children reading a total of 66 million minutes over the summer months. Rahm’s Readers is designed to encourage more kids to participate and provide additional activities as opportunities for kids to grow and learn, serving as a cornerstone of the city-wide Summer of Learning initiative....

City of Chicago, Sept. 15

[Celebrating Dragonlance](#)

Julie Bartel writes: “On September 4–6, I spent the better part of three days at the truly outrageous [2014 Salt Lake Comic Con](#). One of the highlights, for me, was the [Dragonlance 30th Anniversary Celebration panel](#). Along with a couple hundred other guests, I was treated to stories about the genesis and development of Dragonlance, a series of gaming modules and fantasy novels first published in the mid-1980s that became one of the most popular shared-world settings of all time.”...

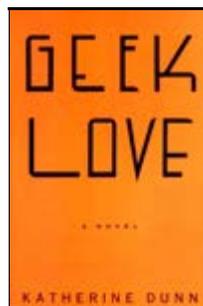
YALSA The Hub, Sept. 11



[50 romantic novels for people who hate romance novels](#)

Emily Temple writes: “Sometimes, you just want to read a good love story. Or at least, something with a little sex, a little passion, a few dramatic swoons. But a romance novel, per se? Nothing so gaudy or slapdash for you! Here is a selection of romantic books that will rev your motor (emotional or otherwise) but don’t fall into that taboo category of cheap paper and cheaper storylines.”...

Flavorwire, Sept. 15

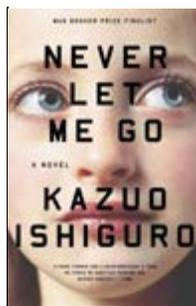


[Realistic but fictional school settings](#)

Carly Pansulla writes: “To help take the sting out of

the end of summer, I like to throw myself into celebrating the beginning of fall. For me, this means new notebooks, adding apples to pretty much every meal, and diving into books that highlight all the little rituals of the school year. The following are some of my favorite titles with strong school settings, to help us all get excited for the new semester (even if we can't actually enroll at Hogwarts, which would, let's be honest, be the ultimate in back-to-school excitement)."...

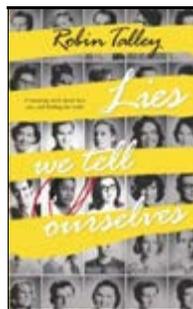
YALSA The Hub, Sept. 12



[New and forthcoming LGBTQ fiction](#)

Molly Wetta writes: "This post highlights teen fiction that features lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and otherwise non-heterosexual identifying characters and themes that are coming out in Fall 2014 and Winter 2015. In some of these novels, the sexual orientation and gender identity are integral to the plot, and in others, it's just another characteristic of the protagonist. There's a great mix of genres and styles so that any reader can find a book they'll enjoy."...

YALSA The Hub, Sept. 15



[Jane Austen fans break world record](#)

Jane Austen fans believe they have reclaimed their world record for the largest gathering of people dressed in Regency costume. As many as 550 men, women, and children all gathered outside of the Assembly Rooms in Bath, Somerset, UK, Austen's former home, on September 13 to break the Guinness World Record. Previously standing at 491 from the US, fans turned out in their finest period clothing to celebrate the event, which was part of the Jane Austen Festival....

The Telegraph (UK), Sept. 14



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Tips & Ideas

[Banned Books Week: In the Library with a Comic Book](#)

In the Library with a Comic Book, a tumblr by and for librarians, educators, and people who love comics, offers occasional podcasts on relevant topics. Episode 19 features Jack Baur, teen librarian at Berkeley (Calif.) Public Library, and Amanda Jacobs Foust, electronic services librarian for Marin County (Calif.) Free Library, discussing challenged comics with special guests Eva Volin, head of children's services at Alameda (Calif.) Free Library, and Casey Gilly of Comic Book Resources....

In the Library with a Comic Book, Sept. 15



[Street Books in Portland serves homeless persons](#)

Laura Moulton started the bicycle-powered

[Street Books](#) in June 2011 as a three-month, grant-funded project in Portland, Oregon. Now it has turned into a registered nonprofit with a growing board, three street librarians, and a regular cadre of volunteers. Its fourth summer in operation is winding down and in mid-September the organization is hosting its first official fundraiser....

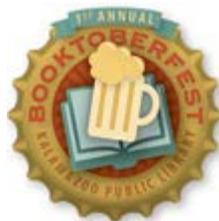
Portland *Oregonian*, Sept. 16



[Craft beer and books at Kalamazoo's Booktoberfest](#)

Craft beer and book lovers in Kalamazoo, Michigan, can learn more about brews this fall at the inaugural [Booktoberfest](#). The Kalamazoo Public Library has teamed up with several Kalamazoo breweries to showcase Kalamazoo's brewing history, home brewing, food and beer pairings, and books. The library promises some hop-tastic events....

Kalamazoo (Mich.) *Gazette*, Sept. 16



[Five best language translation tools](#)

Alan Henry writes: "When you need to translate one language to another, either just to communicate or because you're trying to read something, you have tons of options—they're just not all that great at capturing what the original language really meant without sounding silly. This week we're looking at five of the best, based on reader nominations."...

Lifehacker, Sept. 14



[Mill Valley's zine workshop for high school students](#)

Katie MacBride writes: "On September 2, we had a truly inspiring zine workshop for high school students at the Mill Valley (Calif.) Public Library. 'Take Your Rage to the Page' worked like this: First, Elly Blue and Joe Biel, zine aficionados from Microcosm Publishing in Portland, Oregon, helped us make a list of everything that makes us angry (it was long). We talked about what zines are, how they can help us express that anger, looked at some examples, and then we made our own."...

Mill Valley (Calif.) Public Library



[Six ways you are telling kids not to listen](#)

Amanda Morgan writes: "Learning to be a good listener is a critical skill. Kids need to learn to be active listeners (here's [how I teach it](#) in the classroom) and adults need to [remember](#) to be good listeners too. But there are also things we do as we speak to children that may increase or lessen the likelihood that children will actually be listening. Here are six ways we may be unintentionally telling kids *not* to listen, and how to correct that."...

Not Just Cute, Sept. 14, 2009; Apr. 8, 2011; Sept. 10



Uncovering the text of the New Testament

A £1.1 million (\$1.8 million US) campaign by Cambridge University Library in the UK to secure one of the most important New Testament manuscripts, the 7th-century Codex Zacynthius, has been a success. The library, which holds but does not own the codex, reached its appeal target after the National Heritage Memorial Fund recognized its importance and stepped in with a grant. The manuscript (a palimpsest) will now undergo multispectral imaging and x-ray fluorescence spectroscopy to enrich a new generation of research on the text....

Cambridge University Library, Sept. 12



Medieval supermodels

Erik Kwakkel writes: "This post is devoted to a particularly attractive and rare kind of medieval manuscript: the model book. A feast to the eye, the book is filled with drawings and paintings that were meant to show scribes and illuminators how to decorate letters, paint initials, or add large segments of decoration to the page. Within this tradition, two types of model books can be distinguished. Some functioned as instruction manuals, while others were a source of inspiration."...

medievalbooks, Sept. 12



The many TV stations of book preservation

Don't change that channel! Books and other library resources are a treasure, but they can be fragile and won't last unless we do our part to extend their lives and leave them in good shape for the next patron. This amusing [video](#) (8:25), created by the Harold B. Lee Library at Brigham Young University, strives to "enter-train" student workers on the most important points of book preservation. Directed by Lauren Laws....

YouTube, Aug. 28



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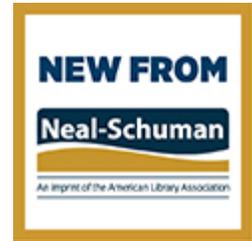
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American Libraries Online

Banned Books Week celebrates comics

Jack Baur and Amanda Jacobs Foust write: "Banned Books Week, running September 21–27, offers libraries everywhere an opportunity to celebrate challenging and challenged literature and let their communities exercise their freedom to read. This year is devoted to comics and graphic novels, and the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund—a nonprofit organization devoted to free speech and defending comic book readers, retailers, publishers, and creators—has partnered with ALA to create and distribute tools and resources for libraries."...

AL: The Scoop, Sept. 22



Youth Matters: Storytime Underground

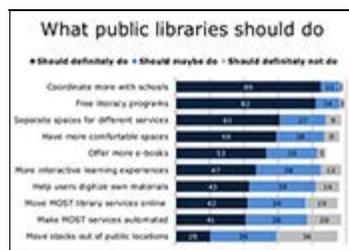
Abby Johnson writes: "[Storytime Underground](#), an informal idea-sharing website where youth librarians can learn from each other, started with Guerrilla Storytime—gatherings of children's librarians sharing ideas, brainstorming, and troubleshooting issues related to early childhood librarianship—at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference and Exhibition in Chicago. Since then, Guerrilla Storytime has been held at conferences all over North America, creating grassroots professional development opportunities."...

American Libraries column, Sept./Oct.



The Gates legacy

Janes LaRue writes: "The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation seems to be [getting out](#) of the world of libraries, which is a shame. One result of their investments has been the fascinating research conducted by the Pew Research Center. A succinct overview of the last three years of their examination



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2015 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits

Chicago, January 30–February 3. [Bundle registration](#) for 2015 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is now open. You can save up to \$130 and also book Midwinter housing. The conversation starts in Chicago, January 30–February 3, 2015, and continues at ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, June 25–30.

of 'Americans' relationships to public libraries in the digital age' can be found [here](#). I suggest that this slideshow—suitable for projection—would make a terrific presentation to the library board, staff, or community group.”...

AL: E-Content, Sept. 22; Impatient Optimists, May 7; Pew Research Center, Aug. 18

[The world is yours with American Libraries](#)

Explore ALA's worldwide impact in *A Global View*, the 2014 [international digital edition](#) of *American Libraries*. This special issue presents initiatives, advocacy, issues, and services that affect libraries and ALA members all over the world. Included is a report from the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Lyon, France, and a look at the first Sharjah International Book Fair in the United Arab Emirates....

American Libraries, Sept. 23



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ALA News

[Free webinar on Money Smart Week](#)

Register for a [free webinar](#) on October 1 to learn how your library can participate in 2015 Money Smart Week @ your library. This hour-long session will provide you with resources and ideas to partner with others in your community, campus, or school. [Money Smart Week @ your library](#), April 18–25, 2015, is a national initiative between ALA and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to provide financial literacy programming....

Chapter Relations Office, Sept. 9



[Planned giving campaign](#)

Coming on board to lead the next phase of the ALA 15 x 15 planned giving campaign are new cochairs Robert Banks and Barbara Ford. In June 2012, ALA launched an ambitious campaign to raise \$15 million in future support to the Association by December 31, 2015. As of September 1, 51 individuals have committed, recommitted, or increased their gift amount to more than \$5.2 million in support of their areas of interest. To learn more, visit the [Planned Giving website](#)....

ALA Development Office, Sept. 22



[Sixth Research Library Seminar](#)

With support from the Library Research Round Table, the [Sixth Library Research Seminar](#) (LRS VI) will take place in Urbana, Illinois, on October 7–9. Focused on the theme of "The Engaged Librarian," LRS VI will bring together LIS/iSchool faculty, graduate students, and librarians of all types for a three-day seminar exploring how collaboration and cross-disciplinary research can create new knowledge and chart a course for partnerships with deep and lasting



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Libraries on Film



[Sidewalk Stories](#)

(1989). Olivia Sklar is a librarian.



[Silence of the Lambs](#)

(1991). Jodie Foster as FBI agent trainee Clarice Starling consults newspapers on microfilm in the FBI Academy library in Quantico, Virginia, to learn more about the murders committed by Baltimore psychiatrist Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins). All four articles by Lecter are surrounded by the same text about a government conference.

impact....

Office for Research and Statistics, Sept. 19

Banned Books Week events

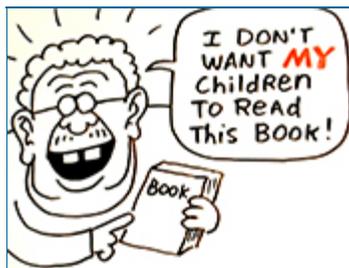
[Banned Books Week](#) started September 21, and Freedom to Read Foundation supporters are encouraged to check out some of these events from the 2014 recipients of grants from the [Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund](#). Follow the links for many more great events from these sponsors. All events are free and open to the public. Here are some other Banned Books Week [activities](#)....

FTRF Blog, Sept. 17; Office for Intellectual Freedom, Sept. 24

Dav Pilkey and Banned Books Week

In this [video](#) (1:54) *Captain Underpants* author Dav Pilkey explains how people can express concern about a book without undermining the freedom to read of those around them by making a simple change. Banned Books Week (September 21–27) celebrates everyone's freedom to read. By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship....

YouTube, Sept. 21



Which banned book are you?

Take the new online "[Which Banned Book Are You?](#)" quiz and find out which banned or challenged book best fits your personality. Developed by librarians at Columbus (Ohio) State Community College, the quiz was created to celebrate Banned Books Week, the freedom to read, and the right to choose reading materials without restriction....

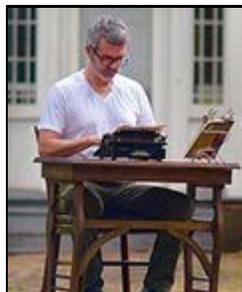
Office for Intellectual Freedom, Sept. 23; PlayBuzz, Sept. 22



Artistic typist raises awareness of censorship

All this week, Banned Books Week, a man is camping out in the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library in Indianapolis, in the large picture window that fronts the sidewalk, and typing. He is the Los Angeles performance artist Tim Youd, who specializes in typing works of literature. Entire books. Word for word. On a typewriter. This week Youd is typing Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, which is about censorship and book burning....

Indianapolis Star, Sept. 22



Banned Websites Awareness Day

To raise awareness of the overly restrictive blocking of legitimate, educational websites and academically useful social networking tools in schools and school libraries, AASL has designated one day during Banned Books Week as Banned Websites Awareness Day. On September 24, AASL is asking school librarians and other educators to promote an awareness of how overly restrictive filtering affects student learning....



Silent Library (2008–

2011, TV series). A team of six players sits at a table on a set that looks like a public library in this MTV game show. Whoever draws a skull-and-crossbones card must endure a punishment challenge. The entire team must last through each challenge silently (without laughing or crying out) to win four rounds and the game. The show was based on a segment of the Japanese variety show *Downtown no gake no tsukai ya arahende!!*



[A Simple Plan](#) (1998, France / UK / Germany / US / Japan). Bridget Fonda plays Sarah Mitchell, who hates her work as a shelver in a public library in Minnesota.

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](#).

AASL

[Use extensible processing to reduce backlogs](#)

Extensible processing allows collection managers to establish a baseline level of access to all holdings, then conduct additional processing based on user demand and ongoing assessment. Daniel A. Santamaria's new book *Extensible Processing for Archives and Special Collections: Reducing Processing Backlogs*, published by ALA Neal-Schuman, details this important approach, which adheres to archival principles while emphasizing decision-making and prioritization....

ALA Neal-Schuman, Sept. 23



[ALA's European war representative](#)

Lydia Tang writes: "Burton Egbert Stevenson (1872–1962, right) was surprised to find himself named the foremost ALA representative in Europe for the Library War Services campaign during the First World War. A college dropout from Princeton University and aspiring novelist, he fell into the library profession after marrying Chillicothe (Ohio) Public Librarian Elisabeth Shephard Butler and accepting a librarian position at the same library in 1899."...

ALA Archives blog, Sept. 19



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Booklist 

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[Featured review: Graphic novel](#)

Doctorow, Cory. *In Real Life*. Illustrated by Jen Wang. Oct. 2014. 384p. First, Second, paperback (9781596436589).

While in programming class, Anda is invited to join a girls-only fighting guild in a new MMORPG, and she jumps at the chance. Soon, she's recruited by another player for paid missions to exterminate gold farmers, low-level players who use the game for profit. It all seems like good, honest fun until she talks to one gold farmer, Raymond, a teen in China who is also playing the game, but for him, it's a job, and his working conditions are unsafe. Anda encourages Raymond to foment a strike, but it doesn't go well. Guilt-ridden, she attempts to find other ways to help, and she becomes more in tune with global injustice and labor issues in the process. Doctorow's story brilliantly ties together real-world economic and labor issues in the context of



Calendar

Nov. 5–8:

[So Many Roads: The World in the Grateful Dead](#), Conference and Symposium, Student Union, San José State University.

Apr. 9–19:

[Virginia Hamilton Conference on Multicultural Literature for Youth](#), Student Center, Kent (Ohio) State University. "Building Global Citizens Through Literature."

Apr. 17–18:

[Digital Public Library of America](#), DPLAfest, Indianapolis.

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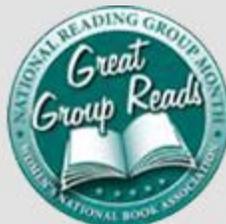
an online game....

[Celebrate Banned Books Week with graphic novels](#)



Eva Volin writes: "Banned Comics Week, September 21–27, is a fantastic opportunity to spotlight how vulnerable this art form is to challenges. Because comics are still considered by some to be exclusively for children, the powerful and sometimes mature images often found in comics can come as a shock to those new to this storytelling format. Challenges to material can often be difficult and stressful for library staff to manage. In addition to staying calm and respectful, here are some tips on coping with challenges."...

[Booklist chosen for National Reading Group Month](#)



Booklist has been selected again as a sponsoring partner for the Women's National Book Association's October National Reading Group Month, including the special [Great Group Reads](#) initiative that highlights selected titles. National Reading Group Month celebrates shared reading by promoting reading groups, while "Great Group Reads" is a key element of National Reading Group Month, with 20 titles selected this year for their appeal to reading groups by a panel of writers, reviewers, librarians, booksellers, publicists, and committed readers....

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

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Division News

[New cataloging web course](#)

A new Fundamentals web course is coming from ALCTS. "[Fundamentals of Cataloging](#)" is a six-week online course that is a basic primer for library cataloging concepts and practices. It covers principles underlying cataloging practice, as well as examples, tools, and processes. The dates of the course are October 6–November 21. [Register](#) online....

ALCTS, Sept. 19

[PLA Midwinter Institute](#)

PLA is offering a thought-provoking Institute at the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting. "[Who We Are, What We Do, Why It Matters: Our Distinctive Purpose](#)" will be presented by Valerie J. Gross (right), president and CEO of Howard County (Md.) Public Library, on January 30. At this time the Institute is only available with [ALA Midwinter / Annual Bundle registration](#)....



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[New version of scholarly communication toolkit](#)

ACRL has released a new version of its popular [Scholarly Communication Toolkit](#) with updated content. The toolkit, developed and maintained by the ACRL Research and Scholarly Environment Committee, continues to provide content and context on a broad range of scholarly communication topics, including expanded information on data management....

ACRL Insider, Sept. 24

[Managing outreach and instruction](#)

If you're looking for fresh ideas about managing your library outreach and instruction program, then LLAMA has a webinar that can help. LLAMA will present "Tips for Managing a Library Instruction/Outreach Program" on October 15. This webinar will provide practical ideas to help you move your programs forward and help you look at the problems managers commonly face from a different angle. [Register](#) online....

LLAMA, Sept. 22

[Conferences: ALSC and ALA](#)

Marge Loch-Wouters writes: "We all only have so much continuing education and professional conference funding. Choosing what works best and balancing our choices is definitely a challenge. Though we want to attend all the things, it just isn't possible. Just off the end of the ALSC 2014 Institute in Oakland, I want to talk a bit about the differences in two of my favorite conferences."...

Tiny Tips for Library Fun, Sept. 21



[Expert panel at AASL Fall Forum](#)

An expert panel showcasing an exemplary school district collaboration to create a truly blended learning experience has been added to the AASL 2014 Fall Forum, October 17-18, in St. Louis. Moderated by Fall Forum Committee Chair Steven Yates, the panel will feature Arturo Cavazos, Mireya Galvan, and Michelle Ayala, all from the Harlingen (Tex.) Consolidated Independent School District....

AASL, Sept. 23

[PLA Leadership Academy](#)

PLA is accepting applications for its [Leadership Academy: Navigating Change · Building Community](#) through September 30. This special event, held March 23-27 in Charleston, South Carolina, will offer intensive, empowering leadership education for public librarians who want to increase their capacity to lead not only within the library, but also in the community....

PLA, Sept. 23

Awards & Grants

[Travel grants for San Francisco](#)

Here is an abbreviated list of ALA grants that provide funding assistance to librarians traveling to the 2015 ALA Annual Conference and Exhibition in San Francisco. Some require ALA and/or division membership and others are open to a larger audience. The list is arranged by deadline. For a more comprehensive list of travel grants, visit the [ALA Awards Database](#)....



American Libraries news, Sept. 17

[ALA 2015 scholarships available](#)

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

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Sept. 18

[LITA scholarships](#)

Applications are being accepted for three LITA scholarships: the Christian Larew Memorial Scholarship, the LSSI Minority Scholarship, and the OCLC Minority Scholarship. The scholarships are designed to encourage the entry of qualified persons into the library technology field. References, transcripts, and other documents must be postmarked no later than March 1....

LITA, Sept. 17

[2014 Diversity Research Grants](#)

The Office for Diversity has awarded Diversity Research Grants to three individuals: Shannon M. Oltmann, Amy VanScoy, and Michelle Abate. The grants consist of a one-time \$2,500 award for original research. Recipients will conduct their research over the course of the year, are expected to compile the results of their research into a paper, and will be asked to present and publish the final product in conjunction with ALA....

Office for Diversity, Sept. 19

[Carterette Professional Development Grant](#)

In memory of Pat Carterette, former staff development coordinator at the Cleveland Heights–University Heights (Ohio) Public Library, the Learning Round Table is offering the Pat Carterette Professional Development Grant. The grant winner will be awarded up to \$1,000 to attend a continuing education event. Monies can be used to cover registration, travel, lodging, or other expenses. [Apply](#) by December 15....

Learning Round Table, Sept. 19

[ALA Trustee Citation applications](#)

United for Libraries is accepting applications for the ALA Trustee Citation through January 15. The citation was established in 1941 to recognize public library trustees for distinguished service to library development. Visit the United for Libraries [website](#) to apply....

United for Libraries, Sept. 22

[YALSA grants for 2015](#)

YALSA has opened up applications for its 2015 grants. Twenty [summer reading resources grants](#), worth \$1,000 each, will be awarded to libraries for purchasing resources that better equip them to serve struggling readers and teens who are English-language learners. Twenty [teen summer intern program grants](#), also worth \$1,000 each, will be awarded to libraries to implement summer reading and learning programs. Apply by January 1....

YALSA, Sept. 23

[Six programs commended for support of school libraries](#)

Moving on recommendations made by its Affiliate Assembly, AASL formally commended six programs based on their support of school libraries and librarians. To be considered, programs must align with

AASL's learning standards and program guidelines as well as the principles expressed in the AASL mission and value statements....

AASL, Sept. 23

[Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Awards](#)

The Rona Jaffe Foundation is giving its 20th annual Writers' Awards under a program that identifies and supports women writers of exceptional talent. Six emerging women writers have been singled out for

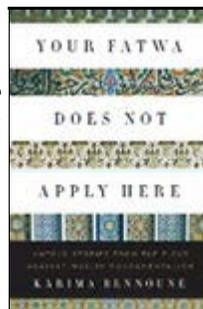


excellence by the Foundation and will receive awards of \$30,000 each. The 2014 winners are Solmaz Sharif, T. L. Khleif, Mara Naselli, Danielle Jones-Pruett, Karen Hays, and Olivia Clare....

Rona Jaffe Foundation, Sept. 22

[2014 Dayton Literary Peace Prize](#)

Two books exploring the role that religion can play in spurring either endless conflict or potential peace—*The Woman Who Lost Her Soul* by Bob Shacochis and *Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here* by Karima Bennoune—have won the 2014 Dayton Literary Peace Prize for fiction and nonfiction, respectively. The \$10,000 prize is the only international literary peace prize awarded in the United States....



Dayton Literary Peace Prize, Sept. 24

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Libraries in the News

[New set of Banned Books Week trading cards](#)

The Lawrence (Kans.) Public Library on September 18 unveiled its third edition of banned books trading cards, the project that asks residents to submit artwork inspired by censored books for the chance to have it converted into a collector's item. Forty-seven artists submitted works, seven of which were chosen by a panel of judges. Following Banned Books Week, the library will have the 2014 deck available for purchase [online](#)....



Lawrence (Kans.) Journal-World, Sept. 18

[New York insists on more school librarians](#)

New York State Education Commissioner John King Jr. (right) has rejected New York City's request to employ fewer librarians in schools, in part because the city took too long to come up with an alternative plan to provide library services to students. King said he was troubled by the number of city schools that don't have librarians on staff, a



violation of state regulations. In a [decision he issued](#) to the city and union lawyers representing librarians last week, King ordered the city to begin following the rules immediately....

Chalkbeat: New York, Sept. 22

[Library student helps create Ebola tracking site](#)

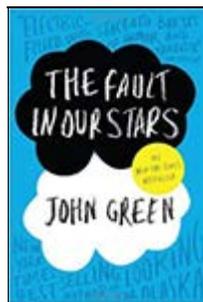
A team of students from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, including School of Information and Library Science student Alison Blaine (right), has joined in the fight against the Ebola epidemic by helping to create [ebolainliberia.org](#). This website, which launched in early September, was commissioned by Liberia's Ministry of Information and Communication. It seeks to provide a central location for data about the Ebola outbreak....



UNC Library News and Events, Sept. 23

[Challenge to *The Fault in Our Stars*](#)

Riverside (Calif.) Unified School District's book reconsideration committee voted September 22 to remove John Green's novel *The Fault in Our Stars* from its middle schools after a parent challenged the teen love story as inappropriate for that age group. But the book will be allowed at high school libraries, said committee chairwoman Christine Allen, librarian at Arlington High School, where the meeting was held....



Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise, Sept. 22

[Palo Alto files claim against contractor](#)

The city of Palo Alto, California, has kicked off the legal process to collect millions of dollars from the general contractor that was hired to rebuild its Mitchell Park Library and Community Center but did not finish the job.



The city announced plans to pursue a \$9.4 million legal claim against Flintco Pacific. A "notice of contract dispute" has been filed that includes the city's claim for liquidated damages, credit for noncompliant work, and the cost of repeated inspections. The new facility is expected to open on December 6....

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, Sept. 19

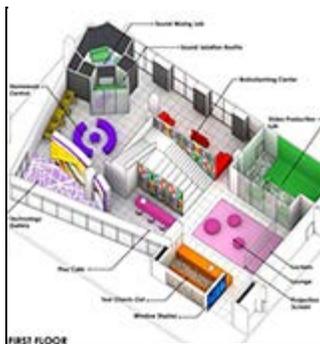
[Sacramento seeks to be a Library of Things](#)

Sonya Sorich writes: "A guy walks into a library, and leaves with a sewing machine. No, that's not the start of a bad joke. It could be the future of the local library system. Sacramento (Calif.) Public Library is seeking public input for the creation of a Library of Things—a system that would allow patrons to borrow an expanded list of items other than books."...

Sacramento Business Journal, Sept. 23

[Memphis to get Teen Learning Lab](#)

The Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library in Memphis, Tennessee, is ramping up to begin construction on its \$2 million state-of-the-art Teen Learning Lab, which is slated for a spring 2015 opening. The 8,300-square foot



space will include video and audio production labs, editing and mixing stations, a video game zone for playing and creating games, formal and informal learning areas, digital and analog displays, an art studio, a performance stage, and a Makerspace, as well as brainstorming, homework, and collaboration zones....

High Ground News, Sept. 17

Boulder tries out a new code of conduct

The Boulder (Colo.) Public Library is seeking public comment on revisions to its code of conduct that remove many specific rules while giving library staff broader discretion to intervene to stop “disruptive” behavior. Gone are explicit rules about eating, having large bags, and washing hair and clothes in restroom sinks. Library spokeswoman Jennifer Bray said the purpose of the changes is to make the library a more welcoming place....

Boulder (Colo.) Daily Camera, Sept. 22

Bangor thief sentenced

A man who admitted to stealing historic photographs and posters from the Bangor (Maine) Public Library was sentenced September 16 to two years in prison with all but six months suspended after pleading guilty to a theft charge. Russell Graves was also sentenced to two years of probation, which means he cannot come into the library. Earlier this year, Graves took 75 Civil War-era cartes de visite and about 50 posters from World War I and World War II....



Bangor (Maine) Daily News, Sept. 17

Former director pleads guilty to embezzlement

A former director has pleaded guilty to embezzling money from the Albion (Mich.) District Library. Karen Kuhn-Clarke pleaded guilty September 22 to a count of embezzlement of an estimated \$14,000 from a nonprofit organization after an investigation of improper use of a library credit card. As part of a plea agreement she could be placed on probation if she repays the stolen money by the time she is sentenced November 3....

Battle Creek (Mich.) Enquirer, Sept. 22

Chinese officials shut down rural library chain

A nongovernmental organization that had run a rural library project with as many as 22 libraries across China has announced that it is closing down, citing “tremendous pressure” from local authorities. No reason was given for the shutdown. Since 2007, [Liren](#), which means helping someone find his way, had devoted itself to providing children in underprivileged areas with free access to books and fostering independent thinking. Some 40,000 readers, mainly rural primary and



secondary school students, were affected by Liren's shutdown....

New York Times: Sinosphere, Sept. 22

[Public library services to teens](#)

Libraries are home to microfilm readers and encyclopedias, but they are also a popular space for something a little newer—teenagers. "It's a place where you can read and learn and truly find yourself and find your passion and you can be guided by highly trained professionals," said ALA President-Elect Sari Feldman. Many public libraries include a space just for young people so that they feel at home, Feldman said, and oftentimes teens are involved in designing the spaces....

US News & World Report, Sept. 22



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Issues

[Banned books and collection development](#)

Andy Woodworth writes: "The library collection development process remains an enigma to the general public. For all the time devoted to presenting the image of the library as welcome to all ideas and opinions, the reality is more pragmatic and nuanced so as to keep the library efficient, relevant, and functional. While freedom of speech should be near-universally supported within the library, the collection is a different matter. It is a finite resource in so many definitions of the term."...

Agnostic, Maybe, Sept. 22

[In praise of #teamharpy](#)

Barbara Fister writes: "One thing the US does get right is the high bar we set for charges of libel. It's a lot easier to use the courts to make people shut up in the UK and Canada because their laws favor plaintiffs in libel cases. A Canadian librarian and another who lives in the American Midwest [are being sued](#) in Canada for \$1.25 million by an American librarian named Joe Murphy, whom I have never met but who is fairly well known as a conference speaker."...

Inside Higher Ed: Library Babel Fish, Sept. 23; Team Harpy

[Why public libraries need social workers](#)

Jenna Nemec-Loise writes: "When I heard that the District of Columbia Public Library hired a social worker this past May to help improve outcomes for homeless patrons, I almost surprised myself. I don't know if 'underwhelmed' is quite the right word for my reaction, but I wasn't exactly bowled over, either. Because *of course* a library would hire a social worker. It's kind of a no-brainer, isn't it?'"...

Public Libraries Online, Sept. 23

[Public libraries must agree on a mission](#)

Kimberly Matthews writes: "As librarians we are repeatedly told that the average person doesn't really know what the library does. We worry about this. We recognize that this lack of understanding leads to reduced funding, marginalization, and potentially worse fates. We discuss at length how to address the problem. We market. We advocate. We promote. And still we hear from surveys and studies that people 'love the library' but they aren't really sure what we do or offer. The more frightening notion is that by not understanding what

we do they cannot truly understand why we exist.”....
21st Century Library Blog, Sept. 24

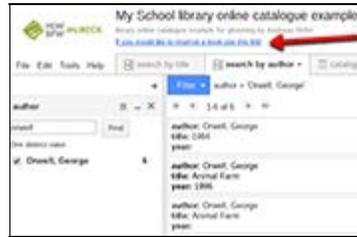
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Tech Talk

[Create an online catalog with Google Drive](#)

Andreas Hofer writes: “At the beginning of this school year I was faced with a novel task: putting the school’s library catalog online for our students. My first thought was simply to use Google Docs or Sheets and publish the catalog online. However, after having tried out these options I found them quite cumbersome for users and tried to come up with something more database-like using Google Fusion Tables. I was quite satisfied with the result.”...

G-Learning, Sept. 20



[The best free antivirus for 2014](#)

Neil J. Rubenking writes: “Going without antivirus protection isn’t an option. Even if you don’t care about your own computer, leaving it unprotected could let cyber-crooks turn it into a zombie minion and force it to participate in DDoS attacks. If you have any computers without an antivirus, you need to install protection. Right now. Don’t worry; it won’t cost you a penny.”...

PC Magazine, Sept. 17



[Making peace with phablets](#)

Farhad Manjoo writes: “It’s time to make peace with the term ‘phablet.’ Sure, the tech industry could have come up with a prettier, less jarring way to refer to smartphones that are big enough to be used as tablet computers. But phablets deserve their own unforgettably descriptive name. They aren’t simply large-screen phones. They are a distinctly new type of computing device, a machine that is often more useful, and more versatile, than either smartphones or laptops.”...

New York Times, Sept. 17



[Why media website redesigns all look the same](#)

Jason Abbruzzese writes: “If web design is art, we may be entering its minimalist phase. Website redesigns from some of the most-visited media destinations on the internet may be leaving users with a bit of déjà vu, since many are sporting the same visual elements. The designs are responsive, a concept that allows websites to conform to a wide variety of screen sizes while still providing a useful experience. The rise of responsive design has been driven by [steadily rising mobile traffic](#) combined with the introduction of a wide range of devices.”....

Mashable, Sept. 24; Pew Research Center, Mar. 17



[How to delete online accounts](#)

Eric Griffith writes: "No matter what you call it—deleting, canceling, removing—when you want to be rid of an online account, many sites don't make it easy.

You don't want to rush into a break-up, but if you're ready, we've compiled the links, tips, and, in the most extreme cases, the phone numbers you need to sever ties with social media sites, online retailers, entertainment services, and dating sites. And there are a few accounts you can't delete."...

PC Magazine, Sept. 23



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E-Content

[All the news, in print](#)

Maura Smale writes: "I'm suddenly finding myself very nostalgic for the age of paper newspapers in our academic libraries. I know they're impractical for a whole range of reasons (so I'm not really serious about their return), but I do think they're better for students in a number of ways. It's been really interesting to go back to a print newspaper at home. Here are some things I've noticed."...

ACRLog, Sept. 22



[San Diego trolley passengers can read and ride](#)

Trolley and bus passengers in San Diego, California, can now use their digital devices to check out books on the go. City Librarian Janice Wilhelm said the idea is to foster a greater appreciation for reading among the 300,000 daily transit riders.

Like a traditional book club, readers will be able to exchange ideas about the books in the real and virtual world. The two featured ebooks this quarter in the new "[Read and Ride](#)" program are *Maya's Notebook* and *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*....

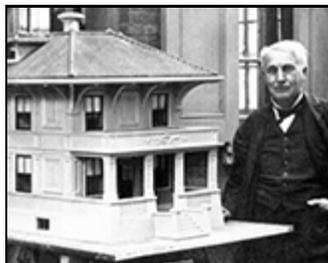
KPBS-TV, San Diego, Calif., Sept. 23



[ProQuest digitizes Thomas Edison](#)

ProQuest and Rutgers University are teaming to make the university's acclaimed Thomas A. Edison Papers more accessible to scholars and students around the world. More than 175,000 of Edison's laboratory notebooks, diaries, business records, correspondence, and other documents will now be available in the ProQuest History Vault. The Thomas A. Edison Papers Collection ([PDF file](#)) provides an intimate look at the life, work, and vision of the inventor credited with integrating the worlds of science, technology, movies, business, and finance....

ProQuest, Sept. 22



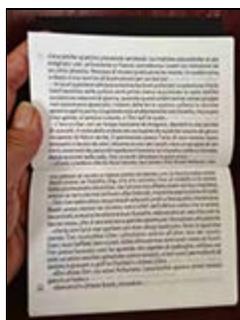
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Books & Reading

[A book you can scroll](#)

Karen Coyle writes: "I was traveling in Italy where I spent a lot of time in bookstores. While there I came across something that I find fascinating: the [flipback](#) book. These books are small; the one I picked up is about 4 3/4" x 3 1/4". It feels like a good-sized package of Post-it notes in your hand. The first thing you notice is that you read the book top-to-bottom across two pages. It's almost like scrolling on a web page, because you move the pages up, not across."...

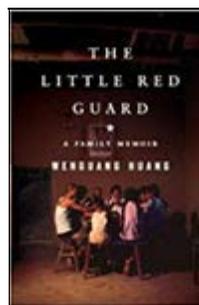
Coyle's InFormation, Sept. 23



[Books about modern China](#)

Keir Graff writes: "I don't know nearly enough about Chinese history. I think that, for most of us, that amazing country exists as a sort of looming idea, a place where cheap stuff comes from that we all feel vaguely guilty about consuming, a place we feel both superior to and threatened by, a place that only enters our minds when we read about overcrowding, pollution, and gargantuan civic works. We owe it to ourselves to learn more. I spent a large part of this morning looking for good books about modern China, and here's a selected list."...

Booklist Online: Likely Stories, Sept. 22



[Famous historical book bannings](#)

Claire Fallon writes: "Attempts to control and squelch literary speech have existed nearly as long as published literature itself. The ALA's yearly Banned Books Week shines a light on how censorship and restriction of speech continue to affect readers and authors in America today, but the roots of book banning stretch deep into the past. Here are six historical moments when book censors won major victories, restricting access to the written word."...

The Huffington Post, Sept. 23



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Tips & Ideas

[New combined system for Montana academic libraries](#)

The collection holdings of 14 academic libraries in Montana are now available through a single online search, thanks to a new statewide partnership. The system is made possible by a collaborative effort of the libraries of the four campuses of the University of Montana and the four campuses of Montana State University, as well as private colleges, tribal colleges, and a community college. The discovery system is powered by Primo software from Ex Libris and is designed to search across the 14 libraries' catalogs, databases, and e-resource subscriptions....

University of Montana News, Sept. 24

[Homebound outreach to new parents](#)

Bringing the library to its patrons is the latest focus of the Eisenhower Public Library District in Harwood Heights, Illinois, to reach out to the community. Developing a love a reading is the philosophy behind its new program, Baby's First Book Bag, which features a heavyweight shoulder bag with pockets that includes a board book and information on how to participate in "1,000 books before kindergarten." New mothers may register through the library's home delivery service....

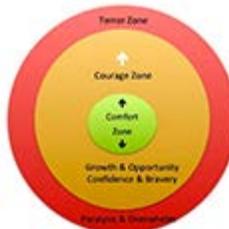
NorrIDGE-Harwood Heights (Ill.) News, Sept. 22



[Getting uncomfortable](#)

Linda W. Braun writes: "When I went to library school a few decades ago, we learned that in order to provide high-quality library service to youth it was imperative to read library professional literature and attend library related local, regional, state, and national conferences. Today, though it's possible to provide good library services to teens by focusing on library professional development, to provide great service to a wide variety of teens from a wide variety of demographics you must move outside of the library silo."...

YALSAblog, Sept. 22



[Art painted on discarded library books](#)

Since 2006, Los Angeles-based artist [Mike Stilkey](#) has been painting dreamlike figures of people and animals on discarded library books. "Most libraries have thousands and thousands of books that they can throw away at any time," Stilkey said. Books can't be recycled due to binding glue, so he gives them "a second life." His book sculptures, the highest of which is 24 feet tall and is made up of 3,000 books, have been exhibited around the world. Painting on books adds an extra layer of meaning because of the objects' history, he says....

The Observer (UK), July 19



[Three warning signs that email is malicious](#)

Ian Paul writes: "Email spam filtering is far better than it used to be. There was a time when nearly every scam email would land in your inbox. Thankfully that's not the case anymore—especially if you're a Gmail user. But no system is perfect. How do you know when you're looking at a scam or not? Here are three basic tip-offs you can look for to figure out whether you're looking at an email with dishonest intentions."...

PC World, Sept. 16

[Medieval selfies](#)

Erik Kwakkel writes: "Self-portraits of medieval book artisans are as exciting as they are rare. In the age before the modern camera there were limited means to show others what you looked like. In the very late medieval period, when the Renaissance spirit was already felt in the air, some painters made self-portraits or included themselves



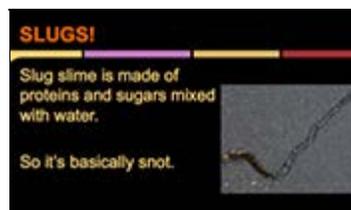
in paintings commissioned by others. A particularly telling self-portrait (right) was made in 1512 by the German book decorator Nicolaus Bertschy."...

medievalbooks, Sept. 19

[The science of slimy things](#)

Amy Koester writes: "A few months ago, one of my frequent program-goers made a request: Would I please be able to offer a program that includes slugs, one of his favorite animals? I was inclined to agree to the challenge, even before said child had his mother email me a photo of him with his three pet slugs. How does a librarian say no to that? This gave me the idea to explore 'slime' from two different perspectives: animal biology and physics. Thus 'The Science of Slimy Things' was born."...

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