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Women in management, revisited

Greg Landgraf writes: "Thirty years ago, *American Libraries* published 'Spotlight on Women Managers,' a series of interviews with several women who had been recently appointed to library management positions about their views of management, their goals and challenges, and their expectations for the future. Recently, we followed up with four of those interviewees to see how their experiences matched—or didn't match—their expectations. The interviewees were Bridget Lamont, Sharon J. Rogers, Judy Rule, and Elizabeth Teoman."...

American Libraries feature

Scott Bonner wins second annual Lemony Snicket Prize

Scott Bonner (right), director of the Ferguson (Mo.) Public Library, has been selected as the recipient of the second annual Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity. Daniel Handler, also known as Lemony Snicket, will co-present Bonner with the prize with *National Book Award*-winning author Jacqueline Woodson on June 28 during the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco. Bonner will receive a cash prize and an object from Handler's private collection....

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Celebrate National Poetry Month in April and Poem in Your Pocket Day on April 30 at your library.

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Nathan Scott wins Paul Howard Award for Courage

Nathan Scott (right) of the Strozier Library at Florida State University, Tallahassee, has been awarded the ALA Paul Howard Award for Courage. The $1,000 award and citation honors a librarian, library board, library group, or an individual who has exhibited unusual courage for the benefit of library programs or services. Scott is a library assistant for security who saved the lives of library patrons during an active shooter situation....

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Upcoming National Library Legislative Day deadlines

National Library Legislative Day, May 4–5, will be here soon. Here are a few dates you should know: March 31 is the last day to receive the discount rate available at the Liaison Hotel as part of the NLLD room block. April 24 is the last day to register online for National Library Legislative Day. Know a non-librarian who gets fired up about library issues? First-time participants are eligible for a unique scholarship opportunity. April 1 is the last day to nominate someone for the WHCLIST award....

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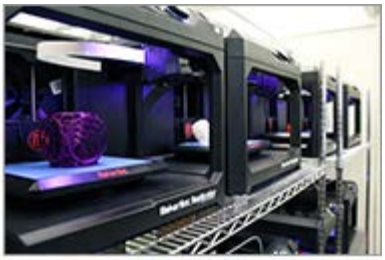
UMass Amherst opens MakerBot Innovation Center



The University of Massachusetts Amherst is teaming up with MakerBot to deploy the first large-scale 3D printing MakerBot Innovation Center in New England and the first at a university library. The center is located in the Digital Media Lab at the Du Bois Library. The grand opening is scheduled for March 26. A MakerBot Innovation Center is an installation of more than 30 MakerBot Replicator 3D printers and supporting devices that empower educational institutions to innovate faster, increase collaboration, and compete more effectively....

MakerBot, Mar. 24

Inside laser printer toner

Kaitlin Duffey and Lee Simmons write: “Toner is one of those everyday products we all take for granted. When the printer runs low you pop a new cartridge in—out of sight, out of mind. Well, we got to wondering what’s actually in that cartridge, so we busted one open. Bad idea! (More on that later.) But we’re all cleaned up now and back with answers. Turns out toner is mostly powdered plastic—and that’s key to the whole technology.”....

Wired, Mar. 23

The 10 best external hard drives

Laarni Almandrala Ragaza writes: “I’ve always extolled the virtues of regularly backing up your data, so for me, having an external hard drive is a must. But which to choose? There’s a lot consider, so finding the perfect hard drive for your use can seem overwhelming. That’s where we come in. We narrow down your choices to the 10 best external hard drives on the market.”...

PC Magazine, Mar. 16

99 authors on board for LC’s National Book Festival

99 of the nation’s best writers, poets, and illustrators have committed to appear at the 2015 Library of Congress National Book Festival, which will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., on September 5. The festival will mark its 15th anniversary since its establishment in 2001 and will also honor the library’s spiritual founder, Thomas Jefferson, whose personal library covering all subjects guides the universal collecting policies of today’s Library of Congress....

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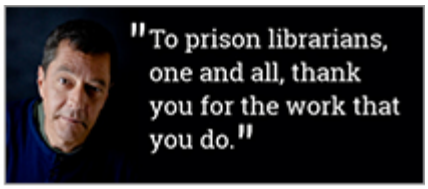
Prison libraries: The great escape



Ex-prisoner Jonathan Robinson writes: “Inhabitants of prisons find the library the one place that vaguely resembles life on the outside. A place to escape (calm down, I don’t mean that literally). A place to learn. A place to read. A place to learn to read. The A list then. Prison librarians were put on this earth to rehabilitate their customers. To prison librarians, one and all, *thank you* for the work that you do.”...

CILIP, Mar. 23

Archivists discover first edition of rare geological map

A rare early copy of William Smith's 1815 Geological Map of England and Wales, previously thought lost, has been uncovered by Geological Society archivists. The new map has been digitized and made available online in time for the start of celebrations of the map's 200th anniversary. The map, the first geological map of a nation ever produced, shows the geological strata of England, Wales, and part of Scotland. The newly discovered copy is thought to have been one of the first 10 produced by William Smith (1769–1839)....

Geological Society, Mar. 23

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