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Report from the International Indigenous Librarians' Forum

Loriene Roy reports from the Ninth International Indigenous Librarians' Forum (IILF2015), held August 4–7 on the campus of the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, and on the surrounding land of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) people. The theme of IILF2015 was *Anikoo Gaagige Ganawendaasowin,* a phrase in the Ojibwe language of Anishinaabemowin that expresses the importance of library, archive, and museum workers as keepers of knowledge who extend learning across generations....

AL: Scoop, Aug. 12

ALA Havana Book Fair tour

Vamos a Cuba! Join the American Library Association on a tour of Cuba during the 25th International Havana Book Fair, Feb. 16–23, 2016. The festival consists of book vendors, poetry readings, children's activities, art exhibitions, and concerts in the evenings. Authentic Cuba Travel is able to offer US librarians this eight-day study tour to Cuba because of a rare political opening in US policy. To sign up,

create an account at the reservation website. The registration deadline is September 15....

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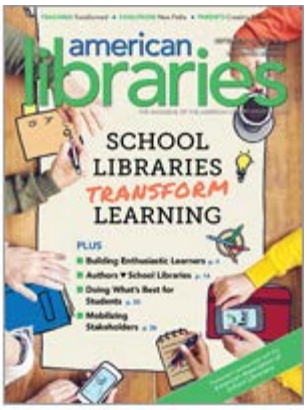
Chelsea Clinton to speak at Midwinter

Chelsea Clinton will close out the 2016 ALA Midwinter Meeting at a special session on Monday, January 11. Attendees will want to be sure to stay to hear her speak about her new book *It's Your World: Get Informed, Get Inspired, and Get Going!* that addresses our biggest challenges, offers ideas for action, and inspires readers of all ages to do their part to make the world a better place....

Conference Services, Aug. 11

Free school library advocacy packs



School library advocacy packs containing tools to spread the word about the many ways school librarians are transforming teaching and learning are now freely available through the ALA Store**.** Sponsored by Bound to Stay Bound Books, these specially created packs are available while supplies last. School library advocates pay only for shipping. The advocacy pack includes 25 copies of a limited print edition of the digital supplement AASL produced in collaboration with *American Libraries*....

AASL, Aug. 11

5 things you thought you knew about teens & social media

Michelle Purcell, Rachel Magee, Denise Agosto, and Andrea Forte write: "In a recent research grant funded by IMLS, we set out to study how public and school libraries fit into teens' online information lives, especially when it comes to searching for information. We collected data through interviews, focus groups, and surveys from two populations of US high school students. Based on this research, we've put together an infographic that summarizes some of the main points we learned."...

YALSA Blog, Aug. 11

2015 David Gemmell Awards for Fantasy

The 2015 David Gemmell Awards for Fantasy were presented during a

ceremony at the Nine Worlds Geekfest convention in London. The winner of the Legend Award for best novel was *Words of Radiance* (Gollancz) by Brandon Sanderson, while the winner of the Morningstar Award for best debut was *The Emperor's Blades* (Pan Macmillan) by Brian Stavely....

David Gemmell Awards, Aug. 9

How solar power could help save world heritage

Kelly Bennett writes: "It was sweaty and sticky when a group of librarians and archivists went to Kerala in humid southwest India last fall. And if the librarians were feeling the heat, just imagine the impact on centuries-old papers. One of them, Hamilton, Ontario-based Colin Clarke, didn't have to imagine. He saw for himself the crumbling of Syriac Christian inscriptions and manuscripts kept in a monastery. His idea: What if we made a solar-powered dehumidifier?"...

CBC News, Aug. 9

Researchers seek to better serve patrons with autism

Florida State University professors have teamed with people with autism to make it easier for people with autism to use the library. Project PALS (Panhandle Autism Library Services) is an online course for librarians designed to teach the unique challenges and needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorder, regardless of age. The project is funded by a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services....

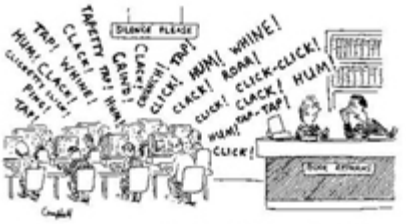
Florida State 24/7, Aug. 13

Tools for verifying online content

Josh Stearns and Leighton Walter Kille write:"'Interesting if true' is the old line about some tidbit of unverified news. Recast as 'whoa, if true' for the Twitter age, it allows people to pass on rumors without having to perform even the most basic fact-checking. The issue has become even knottier in the era of collaborative journalism, when nonprofessional reporting and images can be included in mainstream coverage. Thankfully, some digital tools have been developed to help journalists check facts quickly."...

Journalist's Resource, Apr. 2

Removing the silence signs



I said, I can remember the old days when silence meant silence and you could hear a pin drop

Nancy Carriuolo and Tovah Reis write: "An increasing number of academic institutions are freeing up shelf space in their libraries and moving in student services, a coffee shop, and flexible seating arrangements. Librarians are taking down the silence signs in all but the quiet study room and urging members of the academic community to meet, talk, research, and incubate new ideas collaboratively. Of course, all of this change is jarring to traditional academics."...

New England Journal of Higher Education, Aug. 10

The Bloggess loves libraries

Jenny Lawson (better known as The Bloggess) wrote a love letter to libraries and librarians: "Librarians are how libraries speak. Theirs are the small faces behind a million stories and facts. Theirs are the simple hands that introduce you to the people who will shape you, and the ghosts that will haunt you, and the ideas that will drive you, and the friends that will never leave you."...

The Bloggess, Aug. 13

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