Helping West Virginia libraries.

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Fundraising for Rainelle (W.Va.) Public Library

Efforts to clean up and raise funds for Rainelle (W.Va.) Public Library are ongoing after massive flooding in the state. The library had five feet of water in it, destroying the print collection and computers and 90% of the furnishings. Emilee Seese, president of the West Virginia Library Association, says the library is weeks or months away from accepting book donations, but anyone wishing to help may send monetary donations to Rainelle Public Library, 378 7th Street, Rainelle, WV 25962. Information on fundraising for the Clendenin Branch of Kanawha County Public Library, which was completely destroyed in the flooding, is forthcoming....

Beckley (W.Va.) Register-Herald, June 29; West Virginia Library Association

Quaker school wins ALA award for sit-in program

The library at Friends Seminary, a private Quaker day school in New York City, has been recognized by the American Library Association (ALA) for creating an exceptional program for eighth-graders about the Greensboro, North Carolina, sit-ins of 1960. As the recipient of ALA's 2016 Sara Jaffarian

School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming, the Friends Seminary library will receive $5,000 and a plaque recognizing their achievements....

Public Programs Office, June 29

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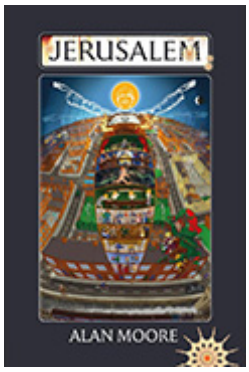
How to narrate a million-word novel



The narration process is usually straightforward—read, research, record. But what if the book is extraordinarily long? Simon Vance is narrating Alan Moore's new novel, *Jerusalem*, which at one million words is 200,000 words longer than the Bible. How is Simon preparing for this massive undertaking, set for release September 15? "*Jerusalem* portrays the heart of England, the author's home town of Northampton," said Simon, "so the best research I can think of is actually going there to meet the author, and the city itself." Sounds like the perfect plan!

Library Campaign Training Institute

The Library Campaign Training Institute (LCTI) is a free webinar series presented by ALA's Office for Library Advocacy and cosponsored by United for Libraries and the ALA Chapter Relations Office. Developed and presented by Libby Post of Communication Services, the LCTI will teach attendees how to create, market, and implement an effective advocacy campaign for your library. Registration is mandatory, and "seats" in the virtual room are first come, first served....

Office for Library Advocacy

Obamas choose architects for presidential library

President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama have selected New York architects Tod Williams and Billie Tsien to design their presidential library, the Obama Presidential Center, in Chicago. The pair will work with Chicago-based Interactive Design Architects....

Chicago Tribune, June 30

Library lets inmates read to their kids through video chat

Chris Weller profiles the TeleStory pilot program at Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library, which allows inmates at Riker's Island to read to their kids through video chat. In the program, “single parents—typically mothers—can bring their children to the library to see the incarcerated parent in a warm, loving setting, and help cultivate the child's love of reading while they're at it.”...

TechInsider.io, June 30

Library cuts threaten local history

Tacoma, Washington, has a $6.7 million budget shortfall, and the 2017–2018 budget is requiring a 4% cut from the city's public libraries. One proposal is to close the Northwest Room in the downtown branch, which the *News Tribune* called “unthinkable” in an editorial: “The room’s repository includes early to current newspapers, genealogy and record indexes, maps, photos, manuscripts, and much more. Inside those walls is the story of us, filled with accounts about the people, places, and events that shaped our region’s history. The mere suggestion of closing it is like stomping through sacred territory wearing dirty boots.”

Tacoma (Wash.) News Tribune, June 29

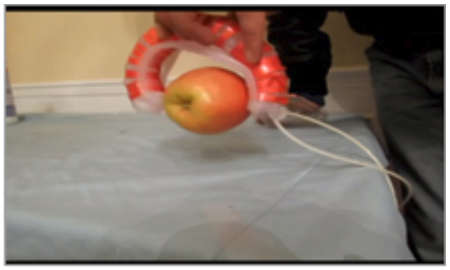
Best projectors of 2016

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

questions to answer that will help you find a projector with the right features and performance for your needs.”...

PC Magazine, June 22

Make a gripping robot hand without a 3D printer



Harrison Young has created a “fiber-reinforced actuator,” which is a fancy way of saying “cool, flexible robot hand,” and he did it without a 3D printer. In a YouTube video, Young shows step-by-step how to build the gripping hand, which can lift heavy or irregular objects, with simple tools including a glue gun, cardboard, printer paper, and a low-cost silicone called Smooth-On Ecoflex....

Boing Boing, June 30

The secret apartments of New York libraries

Cait Etherington writes: “For many book lovers, there is nothing more exciting than the idea of a home library. What most of the city’s book lovers don’t know is that until recently, there was an affordable way to fulfill the dream of a home library—at least for book lovers who also happened to be handy with tools. In the early to mid–twentieth century, the majority of the city’s libraries had live-in superintendents.”...

6sqft.com, June 28

Mid-60s posters teach kids how to use library

Rebecca Onion writes: “Here are eight sweet posters from a 32-poster book, first published in 1965, *Using Your Library: 32 Posters for Classroom and Library*, by Mary Joan Egan and Cynthia Amrice. The posters guide baby-boomer children through the processes of research, book discovery, and borrowing. In the 1960s, money provided by Congress through the Library Services and Construction Act enabled public libraries to expand their services. The act, taking a cue from the civil rights movement, was intended to extend libraries' reach into underserved rural and urban communities.”...

Slate, June 29

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