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ALA disappointed at White House Budget Cut to State Grants to Libraries

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

American Library Association by Nancy Gravatt (Released 2/9/2016) - *Cutting funds to libraries hinders services being delivered directly to people in their communities.*

After reviewing President Obama's Fiscal 2017 Budget released today, Sari Feldman, president of the American Library Association (ALA), issued the following statement:

"We are truly disappointed that the President's budget does not recognize the value libraries bring to our country. Every day America's libraries create individual opportunity and community progress. It is ironic that the President has cut federal funds considering libraries are on

the front lines directly serving all Americans without exception and that our work with individuals and communities advances our country in education, employment, and entrepreneurship. By cutting federal funds to libraries, the President's budget is making it more difficult for libraries to do their job."

Feldman said cutting nearly a million dollars to grants to state library programs means: fewer children will benefit from reading and learning programs; fewer people will get the skills training they need to seek

and sustain employment; fewer small businesses can research markets in order to grow; fewer Americans can search for health care resources and maintain health records; and few parents can investigate how to send their children to college and apply for financial aid. [Article](#)



Job Posting

Info submitted by Mary Lukkarila

Children's Librarians—The City of Cloquet has an opening for a Children's Librarians. Duties include: Plan and provide for Children's Library Services including summer reading; preschool and lap-sit-story times; selecting and ordering materials for children's

area; planning and providing displays, promotions, special events, crafts, games, and other events; catalogs and maintains book records; and other duties: serving the general public at the Cloquet Public Library. Minimum qualifications are a Bachelor's Degree in Library Science and one to two years related experience. Master's Degree preferred. Salary

range is \$37,929.96 to \$49,946.51 DOQ. A City application can be found at www.ci.cloquet.mn.us or contact the City Administrator's Office, 1307 Cloquet Avenue, Cloquet, MN 55720. 218-879-3347. Applications must be received along with a resume by 4:30pm, February 26, 2016. EOE/AA.



ACLU to Privacy Advocates: #TakeCTRL of Your Statehouses Now

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

American Libraries—Stephen Mayeaux and Adam Eisgrau (Released 2/5/2016) - Nearly everyone, including most members of Congress and certainly most librarians, can agree that an individual's electronic records—everything from old emails, texts, and tweets to Facebook messages, search queries, and files stored in the cloud—should be no less protected from unwarranted search and seizure than if they existed in printed form.

That's not what the applicable federal law—the long-outdated 1986 Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) - says, however. Rather, once your electronic records are more than six months old, the authorities don't

actually have to get a judge-issued search warrant to compel your phone company or internet service provider, for example, to hand them over.

The American Library Association (ALA) and privacy-minded coalition partners from across the political spectrum have been lobbying hard for years to change that, backing bills such as the Email Privacy Act (H.R. 699) in the current Congress, which would grant full Fourth Amendment protection to all online communications as soon as they're created.

Despite a growing number of lawmakers (including more than 70% of all house members) calling for reform, H.R. 699 has only just been scheduled for consideration next month by the House Judiciary Committee—and there's reason to believe that opponents will try hard to weaken it.

Faced with Washington's increasing

congressional gridlock, made even worse by the upcoming 2016 elections, what are privacy advocates to do? Taking control of the issue at the state level may well be the answer. [#TakeCTRL](#) is a new nationwide privacy campaign spearheaded by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). ACLU has coordinated the introduction of ECPA and other privacy reform bills in 16 states and the District of Columbia with the goal of upgrading personal, student, and employee data privacy protections across the country.

CalECPA, which was signed into California law late last year, provides an example of what's possible nationwide. ACLU seeks to replicate that success with state ECPA bills in Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, and Virginia, and by passing several other kinds of pro-privacy legislation proposed in other states. [Article](#)

Kids & Teens Broadcast

Articles Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

LeVar Burton Launches Skybrary School—*School Library Journal* by Kathy Ishizuka (Released 2/3/2016) - Reading Rainbow has evolved along with its readers. LeVar Burton, long-time host and executive producer of the beloved children's brand, officially launched [Skybrary School](#), a web-based library and supplemental reading service, at the Title 1 Conference in Houston last week. "We are releasing this robust tool that was inspired by teachers who were using our consumer product and saying to us 'I love this,' so I said, let's design a product that's for them," says Burton. Skybrary School is comprised of Reading Rainbow's 800 interactive books, teacher-created lesson plans, and 200 video field trips. [Article](#)

Philly Girl Scout Creates Community Lending Library—*School Library Journal* by Carly Okyle (Released 2/8/2016) - Alexis Davis, 16, joined Girl Scout Troop 97183 in the Olney/Seltonville section of Phila-

delphia seven years ago as a way to meet new people. Now her vest is covered in badges and she's working towards achieving the organization's highest honor, the Gold Award. To earn that distinction, Davis must complete an 80-hour project that helps her community. She chose to create a lending library at Tabor Lutheran Church after her scout leader suggested that Davis try to do a project based on her own experience.

A self-described avid reader, Davis remembers how difficult it was to procure the books on her class's summer reading lists. "I'd have to get the books from the library, but I'd take longer to read them than the two weeks the library gave me." [Article](#)

Teen Creative Writing & Art Contest for Teen Tech Week—YALSA (Released 2/9/2016) - As part of Teen Tech Week, YALSA is teaming up with the Connected Learning Alliance, Deviant Art, National Writing Project, and Wattpad for the [Twist Fate challenge](#).

The challenge is to get young people (ages 13-17) telling stories about what happens when a hero becomes a

villain, or a villain a hero (through writing, video, digital art, animation, etc.) and sharing them across the Deviant Art and Wattpad platforms. It's happening March 6-April 6, and to ramp up for it there will be a series of free webinars with guests including Mimi Ito, Christina Cantrell, Candice Mack, Josh Wattles from DeviantArt, and Jing Jing Tan from Wattpad: [Storytelling and Making Redefined](#), February 18, 7pm and [Meet the "Deviants"](#), February 25, 7pm.

A Supercharged Thank You—State Library Services (Released 2/11/2016) - Your participation in the Supercharged Storytimes pilot this past fall means a lot to us, more importantly, to the children we serve. [Minnesota's Supercharged Storytime](#) is now archived and open for all Minnesota library staff to explore through March 31, 2016. Please share this news with your friends and colleagues and encourage them to attend our [30-minute introductory webinar on February 26, 2016 at 1:30pm](#), highlighting the best of MN's Supercharged Storytime online community.

Training Control Center

Info Submitted by **MaryLei Barclay**

Horizon Back-to-Basics Training at ALS—by Mollie Stanford—February 25, 1:00-4:00pm at ALS Headquarters—Please join us for the Horizon Back-to-Basics Training for Public and School Library Staff. We'll be taking a look at Horizon basics, including: checking books in & out; pull lists; adding and editing patrons; reports; adding items to the catalog. [Register](#) for this session today. If you would like to host a training session at your location, please let me [know](#).

Libraries & the Changing Scholarly Environment: Data Visualization—*Library Journal* February 16, 3:00pm EST—As scholars use new digital tools and resources to expand their scope of research and

teaching, libraries are evolving to support them. While some of these tools and resources reside within the infrastructure of the library, others sit outside of it. This is a trend that cascades across all academic disciplines, from the humanities to the sciences, with often varying needs from disparate researchers. These different needs have led libraries to develop a wide range of service models to support curricular and research needs at their institutions. Learn about these tools, resources, and services and how they can further your interactions with researchers and help you support curricular innovation. [Register](#)

Maker Project Showcase Webcast—*Library Journal*—February 23, 1:00pm EST—Join us online for a live webcast with Maker Workshop graduates Megan Blakemore and Derrick Mason. Both will share their experiences turning their

maker project ideas into realities and answer your burning questions about the Maker Workshop and what it's like to complete—and successfully implement—a truly amazing maker project. [Register](#)

Booklist Webinar YA Announcements—*Cisco WebEx*—March 1, 1:00pm CST—Get the jump on the most anticipated YA releases in a free hour-long webinar featuring representatives from Bloomsbury, Disney Book Group, Harlequin Teen, and Macmillan Children's and Adult Publishing Groups. [Register](#)

Online Tutorials: Creating them Easily and Effectively eCourse—ALA fee \$175.00 beginning April 4—Will be introduced to the process and principles of creating tutorials. [Register](#)

Ebooks Minnesota Training Session and Q&A—*Minitex* February 17, 11:30am—[Register](#)

APPLY for Greatness

Articles Submitted by **MaryLei Barclay**

Google RISE Awards—An annual grant program for organizations that promote extracurricular computer science (CS) for pre-university/secondary school/K-12 students, with a specific emphasis on girls and underrepresented minorities. The program is one of the ways Google is working to increase diversity in the tech industry and access to CS education around the world. In



2015, 37 organizations from 17 countries received RISE Awards for projects ranging from programming clubs in Johannesburg to workshops on CS and music production in San Francisco. The RISE Awards are now accepting [applications](#) through February 19.

John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award—The Ameri-

can Library Association and EBSCO honors outstanding library public relations whether a summer reading program, a year-long centennial celebration, fundraising for a new college library, an awareness campaign or an innovative partnership in the community. In recognition of their achievement, John Cotton Dana award winners receive a cash award from the H.W. Wilson Foundation, presented at the American Library Association annual conference. [Submit entry](#). More [info](#)

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Thinking Outside Minnesota

Articles submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Artist Wafaa Bilal uses blank books to rebuild Baghdad's war-torn library—*CNN* by Khushbu Shah (Released 2/4/2015) - At its height, the college of fine arts library at the University of Baghdad housed more than 70,000 books. From floor to ceiling, the topics ranged from the history of art, modern forms of art, and oral history. Students from around the country came to study at the sprawling university campus in the Iraqi capital and study in the massive library. Then came the US-led Iraq invasion in 2003. And when the shells stopped dropping, the books that had not been looted were left as ash. The entire library was destroyed as the rubble settled. Now, one lone artist is trying to restock those books. [Article](#)

Beezow Doo-doo Zopittybop-bop-bop arrested again after attacking police in Washington—*Daily News* by Alfred Ng (Released 2/2/2016) - Beezow Doo-doo Zopittybop-bop-bop is taking his crime spree nationwide. The bizarre-named man who was arrested in 2013 in Iowa and in 2012 in Wisconsin can add another state to his crime spree after his arrest in Washington on Sunday. He is charged with two counts of assault, harassment and mischief for an alleged attack on police in Evergreen State College. Cops chased the repeat offender after he was tearing down fliers from the library entrance at the Washington College. [Article](#)

Dubuque library requests funds for dog to sniff out bedbugs—*NewsTimes* (Released 2/5/2016) - Dubuque officials have asked for increased funding to continue bringing a dog to sniff out bedbugs at a public library. The Telegraph Herald reports that a specially trained Labrador named Cooper has been sniffing Carnegie-Stout Public Library monthly since bedbugs were discovered in the folds of a couch in October. Library officials have requested \$5,400 in the

budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 to continue the inspections. City Manager Mike Van Milligen is recommending approval. [Article](#)

ALA opposes Nebraska bill to rewrite library governance—*American Libraries Direct* by Marci Merola (Released 2/8/2016) - ALA President Sari Feldman, working in conjunction with the Nebraska Library Association, has issued a letter opposing Legislative Bill 969, a bill that would compel cities and towns throughout Nebraska to change their library boards from independent governing bodies to advisory boards. ALA opposes the bill, as it would undermine the autonomy of libraries throughout the state, potentially affecting public library funding levels, equal access, leadership, and other services provided by public libraries. [Article](#)

House bill would allow parents to veto sexually explicit materials in classroom—*Richmond Times Dispatch* by Louis Llovio (Released 1/26/2016) - A Northern Virginia mother's fight over the Toni Morrison Novel "Beloved" taught in her son's classroom has led to legislation that, if approved, would give parents more power over some materials their children see at school. [Article](#)

Library campaigners descend on parliament to defend public funding—*The Guardian* by Aisha Gani and Alison Flood (Released 2/9/2016) - Top authors have gathered in parliament to campaign against cuts to libraries and are calling MPs to ensure the public service has sufficient funding. Librarians and supporters from across the UK descended on parliament in London, urging MPs to focus on what they see as the root cause of the decline in libraries—laying the blame on "apathy and ignorance" in local and central government. [Article](#)

Letter from Flint Public Library about Lead in Water Crisis to PUBLIB—*American Libraries Direct* (Released 1/23/2016) - The Flint Public Library is getting many expres-

sions of sympathy from libraries all over the country about the water crisis in Flint—Thank you all so much for your concern for our community and our library! Flint indeed has a long road to travel, because we have to now determine what homes and businesses and what underground water systems were damaged by the corrosive water, and decide how to fix all that. Now that we're back on regular Lake Huron water, we still aren't able to drink it until each and every home and building is tested to make sure that the service lines AND the lines within the home are not leaching lead. It varies building to building, neighborhood to neighborhood, and house to house. Understand that it was not the river water per se, but the failure to add corrosion control to the water, that caused the damage. The water was ok when it left the plant but corroded the pipes on the way to homes and corroded the pipes inside your home or building on the way to your faucets. [Article](#)



Book-to-Movie Clubs @The Library—*Programming Librarian* by Veronica Stork (Released 2/10/2016) - "The book was better" is a phrase I probably utter too much. I'm that killjoy in the room who will refuse to see movie adaptations because they never seem to measure up to what I imagined as I read the book. However, when a group of friends suggested we do a Book-to-Movie Club at the library, I knew it was too good an idea to pass up. The premise: every month we read a book. Then we gather together one evening and watch a film adaptation of it. The program tends to run a bit long (between the movie and a short discussion, we're usually there between two and two-and-a-half hours). So we eat dinner while we watch. [Article](#)

University of South Carolina Plans to Preserve, Digitize U.S. Marine Corps Film Repository (16,000 Reels) - *Library Journal* by Gary Price (Filed 2/9/2016) [Article](#)

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By Paul Stenis Learning the Craft. Books on the craft of writing often fall into three categories: the practical, meant to teach readers to construct entertaining works; the academic, meant to mold the aspiring writer into an artist; and titles that are a mix of the two. Whatever an aspiring writer's needs, these 30 resources should help wannabes become wordsmiths.

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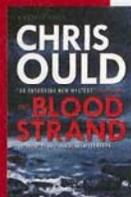
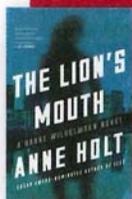
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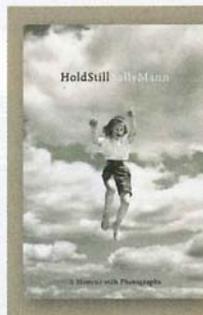
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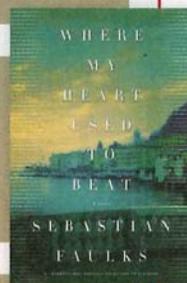


AND THE CARNEGIE GOES TO... MEDAL WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT ALA MIDWINTER

"For the first time since the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction were established in 2012, the winners were announced at the RUSA Book & Media Awards Ceremony & Reception, rather than at ALA annual. The 2016 winners include Viet Thanh Nguyen's *The Sympathizer* (an *LJ* Best Book) and Sally Mann's *Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs*."—from **Carnegie Medal Winners Announced at ALA Midwinter** by Barbara Hoffert (ow.ly/X4qLa)

FIRST LOOK AT NEW BOOKS XPRESS REVIEWS

"Verdict: Like his well-loved "Birdsong" trilogy, Faulks's new novel moves from the mud- and blood-soaked trenches of two world wars to the tenderness of a short-lived love affair and ends on a note of poignancy and uplift."—from Barbara Love's review of Sebastian Faulks's *Where My Heart Used To Beat* (ow.ly/X4ayD)



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- **Get live tutoring**
- **Build your skills**

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- **Prepare for your interview**

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News Release

For immediate release through February 23, 2015

Contact: Dave Boe at 218-733-7500 or david@thehistorypeople.org for further information.

Veterans' Memorial Hall, a program of the St. Louis County Historical Society, announces the next in its local history discussion series, "**History in a Pint.**" The presentation will take place at **Carmody Irish Pub & Brewing** and will begin at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 23. The event is free.

This "History in a Pint" takes place during the week of the 25th anniversary of the ground war of Desert Storm. Gulf War veteran John Marshall will discuss his experiences during the conflict. According to his biography at www.vets-hall.org, John W. Marshall of Duluth, Minnesota enlisted in the Army Dec. 26, 1988. When the Persian Gulf War began his unit, the First Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, Second Armored Division, was sent to the Middle East, where it was involved in the ground offensive against Iraq. On Feb. 27, 1991, only 18 hours before the cease-fire, two Bradley Fighting Vehicles became separated from others in the unit. Shortly after capturing Iraqi soldiers, the U.S. troops, including Marshall, came under "friendly fire" because of a mistaken identity. Marshall and two other members of his unit were wounded and one was killed. Marshall, who won the Purple Heart, received a medical discharge later in 1991. John has a compelling story of war and its after effects.

So come have some great local beer and hear some great personal, military history.

Veterans' Memorial Hall was established in 1910 and is a program of the St. Louis County Historical Society. It is the mission of Veterans' Memorial Hall to preserve and collect veterans' stories and artifacts and to educate the general public about the history of veterans from northeastern Minnesota. Its website, www.vets-hall.org, features more than 6,000 veteran stories.

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William Fahey, 8, of Gryffindor House (left), and Connor Feldt, 8, of Hufflepuff House (right), duel competing spells at the signal of Taryn Greiner during the Harry Potter Book Night: A Night of Spells at the Gilbert Library on Thursday night. The international event celebrates the book series. Below, Wyatt Mettler, 8, of Hufflepuff House, prepares to cast his dueling spell.

Harry Potter and the sorcerers of Gilbert

International book event casts a spell on the Iron Range



JERRY BURNES
MANAGING EDITOR

GILBERT — With the flick of a wand and the cast of a spell, the everyday Muggles of Gilbert turned to worldly wizards of Hogwarts.

At least for one night, Thursday, the Gilbert Library transformed into the fictional school of witches and wizards dur-

ing the internationally-celebrated Harry Potter Book Night: A Night of Spells, when thousands of similar parties were held to appreciate the Potter collection.

About 60 kids gathered in the library auditorium, decorated to look like the Great Hall from the books, as the “Sorting Hat” called out their as

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JERRY BURNES

Kids look for hidden ingredients to Polyjuice Potion during a scavenger hunt Thursday night at the Gilbert Library. The hunt was part of Harry Potter Book Night: A Night of Spells.

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signed Hogwarts House — Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw or Slytherin — upon orientation to the night.

Library Director Nicole Miller and Taryn Greiner brewed up the idea after Miller came across the event through her daily literacy emails about upcoming books and programs.

“Taryn and I both love Harry Potter, so that’s how it happened,” Miller said. “We had a lot of fun planning and doing it.”

After being assigned to their houses, the wizards and witches were sent on a scavenger hunt through the library to find six hidden Polyjuice Potion ingredients. They wandered around

bookshelves dressed in robes and Potter-like sweaters and ties or scarves — some with makeup on their foreheads to resemble Harry’s famous lighting scar — looking for bottled up leeches and grasses, and checked it off their list.

There was series-related trivia questions later in the night, but the highlight was when the kids grabbed the wands and duelled, which in the books is where wizards and witches combat each other using only magic.

They drew a magic spell out of hat and — assisted by Greiner for pronunciation — tried to cast the best and strongest spell.

Miller and Greiner used some activities suggested by the official events page, but also came up with their own, along with decorations.

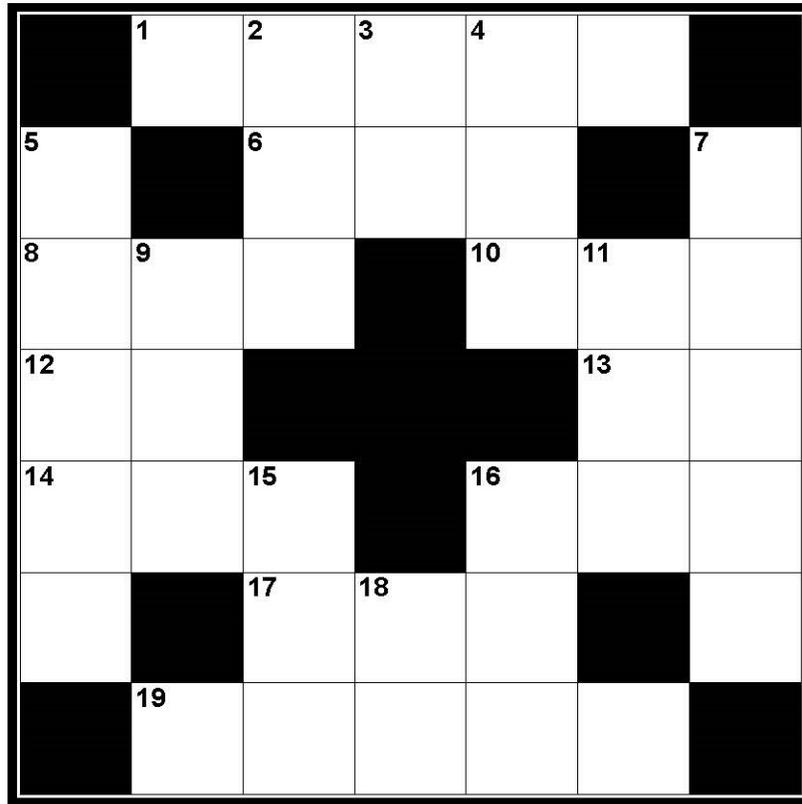
“I think people really appreciated the small details,” Greiner

said. “We really enjoyed the kids’ faces while they were getting sorted. I think they were a little freaked out that the hat was talking to them.”

For the library team, the success of the event transcended the fun, as kids showed excitement to continue reading through the books, and in a few cases, start reading the series.

When events concluded for the night, Miller said she hopped on an online forum to ask other librarians what they did differently. She generated ideas for next year, which she intends to be a new experience for the wizards, witches and Muggles alike.

“Through trial and error, we’ve really found out how to make our programs successful,” Miller said. “We don’t want to do the same thing every time.”



ACROSS

- 1. 14 across times 16 across
- 6. 11 down plus sixty
- 8. See 2 down
- 10. Its digits total five
- 12. 13 across minus one
- 13. A square
- 14. 17 across minus 15 down
- 16. 8 across plus a hundred
- 17. Second digit is sum of the others
- 19. 6 across squared

DOWN

- 2. 8 across plus ten times 13 across
- 3. Twice 12 across
- 4. 9 down rearranged
- 5. Square of two less than 6 across
- 7. 2 down times 3 down
- 9. The first digit is sum of the others
- 11. 8 across plus 3 down
- 15. Consecutive digits unordered
- 16. 14 across plus five
- 18. Last two digits of 17 across



Answer



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