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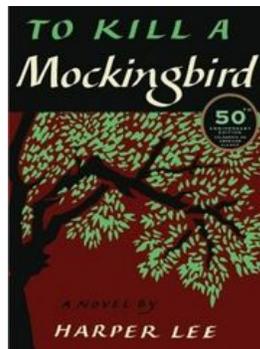
Harper Lee, Author of "To Kill a Mockingbird," Dies at 89

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

New York Times by William Grimes (Released 2/19/2016)—

Harper Lee, whose first novel, "To Kill a Mockingbird," about a racial injustice in a small Alabama town, sold more than 40 million copies and became one of the most beloved and most taught works of fiction ever written by an American, died on Friday in Monroeville, Alabama, where she lived. She was 89.

Hank Connor, a nephew of Ms. Lee's, said that she died



in her sleep at the Meadows, an assisted living facility.

The instant success of "To Kill a Mockingbird," which was published in 1960 and won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction the next year, turned Ms. Lee into a literary celebrity, a role she found oppressive and never learned to accept.

"I never expected any sort of success with 'Mockingbird,'" Ms. Lee told a radio interviewer in 1964. "I was hoping for a quick and merciful

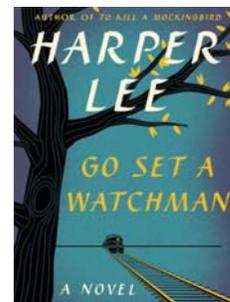


death at the hands of the reviewers, but, at the same time I sort of hoped someone

would like it well enough to give me encouragement."

The enormous popularity of the film version of the novel, released in 1962 with Gregory Peck in the starring role of Atticus

Finch, a small-town Southern lawyer who defends a black man falsely accused of raping a white woman, only added to Ms. Lee's fame and fanned expectations for her next novel.



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Update Regarding the Problems With the Recent OverDrive IOS App Update

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

OverDrive Blog by Adam Sockel (Released 2/12/2015) - We released OverDrive v3.5.0 for iOS on Monday, February 1, 2016. Among

other things, this updated version of the app resolves long-standing issues related to saving audiobook position and syncing. Unfortunately, it also introduced a new bug that prevented some users from opening or using the app after updating. On Friday, February 5, 2016, we released v3.5.1, which resolved the initial errors and allowed most users to open the app.

However, we're now finding that some app users are now encountering new problems.

Details follow, but before we proceed—we're truly sorry for the frustration and hassle that we've cause you.

These issues are also recapped in this [help article](#).

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Kids & Teens Broadcast

Articles Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

What's Lost When Kids are 'Under-connected' to the Internet?

- *Mind/Shift* by Ki Sung (Released 2/3/2016) - Ownership of mobile devices has grown swiftly since the introduction of the smartphone and has created more opportunities to connect to the Internet. Mobile devices have meant more Internet connectivity, but a closer look at how lower-income families use that access reveals the digital divide is still a problem. Kids who don't have reliable Internet access at home (which includes the use of a laptop or desktop for connecting to the Internet) are "less likely to go online to look up information about things that they are interested in," according to the report. While mobile devices do provide Internet access,

kids don't seem to use them for the deeper type of informal learning championed by tech advocates: 35% of children with mobile-only access look up information often, as compared with 52% of kids with Internet at home. [Article](#)

Why the Banning of "A Birthday Cake for George Washington" Really Matters

—*Huffpost Books* by Ramin Ganeshram (Released 2/11/2016) - On Sunday, January 17, 2016 Scholastic Inc., withdrew my book *A Birthday Cake for George Washington* from publication stating it provided a "false impression of the reality of the lives of slaves." The company claims otherwise, but certainly public outcry determined its decision. In the aftermath, it would be easy to feel satisfied that censorship of this book is a testament to the power of modern activism. Using social media, a vocal audience was able to rid the world of a story it consid-

ered too racist without even reading it. It's a free speech success story—except it's not. In halting the publication of this book, the publisher silenced the story of George Washington's enslaved chef, Hercules, a remarkable man whose talent and self-possession earned him unusual status in his own time. [Article](#)

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Thinking Outside Minnesota

Articles submitted by MaryLei Barclay

A Handy Sign that a Local Government is Shirking its Public Duty: Privatizing the Library

—*Los Angeles Times* by Michael Hiltzik (Released 2/1/2016) - The Proposal before the Kern County supervisors to turn over the county library system to a private company operating out of suburban Maryland marks a major step. The competing proposals

facing the supervisors, who will be meeting in Bakersfield on Tuesday, are whether to proceed with a plan to turn over the county's 24 branches and two bookmobiles to Library Systems & Services Inc., or to place a sales tax increase of one-eighth of a cent to fund the libraries as a public service by bringing in an estimated \$15 million a year. [Article](#)



Librarians Tape Funny Videos Begging You to Return Late Books Without Fines

—*DNA Info* by Patty Wetli (Released 2/16/2016) - Forget "sexy librarian" - the guardians of

Chicago's stacks are going full stop funny in a [series of videos](#) aimed at spreading the word about Chicago Public Library's fine amnesty. On Feb. 4, the library announced it would waive late fees on books, CDs, DVDs, etc. handed over by Feb. 18. [Article](#)

Yale Museums Making Thousands of Artwork Images Available for Free Downloading

—*Library Journal* by Gary Price (Filed 2/13/2016) - Download a high-res TIFF of Van Gogh's "The Night Café" and others... [Article](#)

Good News, But Wait

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

District Dispatch by Carrie Russell (2/11/2016) - Yesterday, the Obama Administration transmitted to the Senate the ratification package for the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled. After extensive executive review, the

Senate now has a chance to pass copyright legislation that will ratify the Treaty, adopted in June 2013 by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

The Library Copyright Alliance (LCA) - of which ALA is a member—supported efforts to pass the treaty, which is the first WIPO treaty to mandate an exception to copyright. If ratified, the treaty will allow countries with copyright exceptions for the disabled to share accessible content for people with print disabilities—

including the blind and vision impaired, those who suffer from dyslexia, and others. Additionally, libraries will be "authorized agencies" that can make accessible copies without the prior permission of the rights holder. Fourteen other countries have already ratified the treaty, with EU countries noticeably forestalling ratification. The hope is that with U.S. ratification, more nations will come on board and benefit from a substantial collection of accessible, English content. [Article](#)



LIBRARY SVCS. COORDINATOR MONTICELLO #1105

Monticello Public Library
200 W. 6th Street
Monticello, MN 55362

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Under general direction, the position of Library Services Coordinator exists to provide direct customer service and to oversee the operation of a branch library.

REQUIREMENTS: (Please note equivalency statement below)

Graduation from a recognized college or university in a bachelor's program or equivalent education and experience. Two years of library or customer service (cash handling, multi-line phone system, answering questions of the general public) experience. One year supervisory experience. Preferred qualities include, but not limited to: Prior public library experience, staff training/interviewing/evaluation exp, intermediate computer/internet skills, intermediate knowledge and skills with the online catalog, experience planning, coordinating or conducting programs for children and/or adults, and skill in interpreting and applying policy and procedures. To apply go to <http://www.griver.org/jobsgrrl.htm>.

SCHEDULE:

PT – 34 hours per week - annualized.

Schedule: Monday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm*, Tuesday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm*, Wednesday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Thursday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm* and Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm* (* includes 1/2 hour lunch break).

Note: The hours for this position are currently under evaluation and may be subject to change and occasional training hours may be required in excess of the regular schedule.

RATE OF PAY:

\$20.56/hr

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

02/25/2016

Applicants requiring a reasonable accommodation to complete an application or attend an interview should contact Human Resources, at (320) 650-2515.

Great River Regional Library job postings list the minimum education and experience acceptable for the posted position. It is important to note, however, that it is the intent of GRRL to hire the best qualified applicant for each position.

An "equivalent" (combination of education and/or experience) is comparable knowledge, skills, and abilities that have been achieved will be considered. Education equivalencies will be based on one and half years of direct experience equal one year of formal education.

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By *LJ* Reviews Editors The 33 new books that are capturing our imagination this season cover topics from existentialism and Aleppo cuisine to women crime writers and *Hamilton*. Not the least of which is the riveting true story (pictured on our cover) of adventure, intrigue, and derring-do as librarians rescued artifacts from Timbuktu.

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By Barbara Hoffert *LJ*'s annual Materials Survey finds print circ rising, ebook circ freezing, and other e-products booming. After gaining steadily in the last decade, ebook and media budgets and circulation in U.S. public libraries have stalled as a percentage of the materials mix. In fact, though the circulation of downloadable media increased last year, media circulation as a whole was down.

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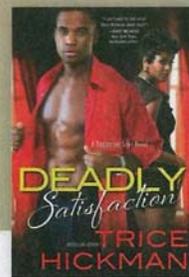
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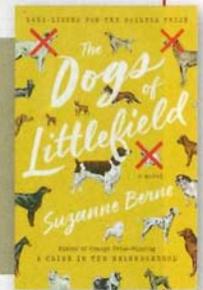


WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AFRICAN AMERICAN FICTION (AND MORE)

"While Harlem and Brooklyn have been the settings for much of urban fiction, this month's selections extend into Newark, NJ, Detroit, and Memphis. A small town in Alabama joins the mix, but the destination that really stands out is Washington's Library of Congress."—from *The Mean Streets* by Rollie Welch (ow.ly/XEIA2)

FIRST LOOK AT NEW BOOKS XPRESS REVIEWS

"Verdict: More a comedy of manners than a mystery, Berne's fourth novel (after *A Crime in the Neighborhood*) should appeal to fans of contemporary slice-of-life fiction. The reader will find much to savor and reflect upon in the citizens of Littlefield's attempts to survive and thrive in this modern, connected, but sometimes lonely world"—from Dan Forrest's review of Suzanne Berne's *The Dogs of Littlefield* (ow.ly/XEGsG)



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Did You Hear That? It's the Exploding World of Audiobooks and Listeners Advisory—NoveList

March 23, 2:00pm EST—Listening to audiobooks has never been easier, but do your library patrons know that? With nearly 26,000 titles published in 2014, listeners have never had so many options to choose from or to confuse them. Librarians too must decide which formats and titles are best for their collections. While revealing the results of a newly commissioned, comprehensive nationwide survey focusing on public library audiobook collections and patron usage patterns, our expert panel of listeners' advisory librarians and audiobook industry experts will demystify trends and issues as well as offer resources and strategies for creating an engaging and responsive audiobook collection for your library. [Register](#)

Library Solutions for eBook and eAudiobook Trends—American Library Association (ALA) - March 10, 2:00pm EST—On the next episode of American Libraries Live, we'll be talking about eBooks and Audiobooks. With the explosion of digital library resources, patrons increasingly expect their library to offer a wide variety of both eBooks and Audiobooks. Our expert panel will discuss the state of eBooks and

Audiobooks in libraries from both a technology and collection development standpoint. [Information](#)

Gadgets in the Library with Jason Griffey—ALA fee \$60.00 April 7, 2:30pm Eastern—What's the current and near-future state for personal electronics at the library, and what gadgets should you be looking at to help your patrons? Join Jason Griffey for a survey of the current state of technology that you could be using to enhance both your patrons and your library. Jason will revisit some of his past recommendations, make new suggestions, and hopefully introduce a few things you've never seen before. [Register](#)

Creating a Digital Media Space for Today's Teens—ALA fee \$55.00—Part 1: April 14, 2:00pm & Part 2: April 21, 2:00pm EST—In the age of iPads, YouTube and instant information sharing, an ordinary "computer lab" doesn't draw teens into library the way it used to. To get teens more active in the library and enthusiastic about library programs and services, a Digital Media Space can be the draw—a place that teens can go to record videos, use social media, create projects, and engage with the community and their peers on their own terms. As the Digital Learning Librarian at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Corey Wittig knows what it takes to build an effective, popular lab, and he'll share his knowledge with you in this comprehensive, two-part workshop. [Register](#)

Privacy Part 1: What Data is Being Collected and By Whom? -

March 16, 12:00pm Central—***Privacy Part 2: Understanding Privacy Policies***—March 23, 12:00pm Central. *NISO Webinar*. Both at University of MN (Twin Cities) - In Our Current information ecosystem, respect for user privacy is a key distinguishing characteristic of libraries. Few communities have been as vehement and long-standing in their support of people's right to intellectual freedom and privacy protections as librarians have been. There are core elements of library services that are now provided by third parties, providing user services on behalf of the library. These vendors might not have the same respect for patron privacy as librarians do and in order to ensure consistency in library services, librarians providing access to digital services and content to patrons need a thorough understanding of privacy in a library context. [Register](#)

Disney Publishing Preview at Your Desk—Booklist

March 10, 1:00pm CST—Want to hear about some great new books? Better yet, how about hearing the books themselves—as read by their authors! Join *Booklist* for a free, hour-long sneak peek at some of Disney Publishing's upcoming titles, featuring authors Jonathan Stroud, Mac Barnett & Adam Rex, Bob Shea, Robin Roe, Debbie Levy, and Zana Frailion. [Register](#)

OCLC Webjunction—Click [Here](#)

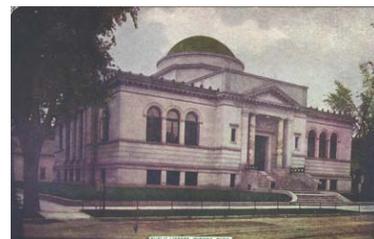
Job Posting

Info Submitted by Jim Weikum

Youth Services Librarian: City of Winona, MN. Salary range: \$54,298 to \$67,872. This professional service position provides, maintains, and promotes youth services to the public, plans and develops a unified program that educates the public in the use and availability of library materials and services and promotes early literacy through collaborations, partner-

ships and community committees. Advanced degree equaling a master's in library and information science along with two (2) years of library experience required. Training in educational theories, child development, programming, or storytelling. *City of Winona application must be postmarked by Friday, February 26, 2016*. Initial examination will consist of a supplemental questionnaire. Applications and questionnaires available from Human Resources Office, 207 Lafayette, PO

Box 378, Winona, MN 55987; 507-457-8234 or www.cityofwinona.com
[E-mail](#) EOE



February quilt of the month

VIRGINIA — The month of February sees the continuation of the collaboration between the Going to Pieces Quilt Guild and the Virginia Public Library. Henrietta Koski, who contributed two quilts last April, is the featured artist this month.

Snow People is an original fiber art piece created in January especially for the February 2016 Virginia Public Library display. It is simply snow, the night sky and snowmen. It is machine appliquéd and free-motion quilted. The wider-than-normal binding echoes the colors in the wall quilt. It is embellished with fun fur yarn, buttons, hot fix studs and crystals, appliques, ribbon, lace, trims and what-nots.

The sky is black/gray streaked cotton with a sparkling navy tulle overlay. The snow is tone-on-tone white and the snow people fabric is a recycled wedding suit. If one looks closely, they can see that the hearts flowing from the snowman's pipe encircle a very emotional "taah."

Joyous love is embodied in the images of the snow people. Henrietta's creative young granddaughter once made a



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Henrietta Koski's quilt, Snow People, is on display this month.

snow cat, the idea of which is included in this beautiful winter quilt.

This quilt will be on display at the library through the end of February. If you have questions about it or any other displays in our library, feel free to come in and ask about them.

Area sewers are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the guild, which are held the third Tuesday of each

month from 6 to 8 p.m. in the basement of the First Covenant Church, at 232 5th St. S.

The motto of the Going to Pieces Quilt Guild is "Inspire, instruct and improve."

Quilting retreats are sponsored by the guild every spring and fall. For more information, contact Darcy at 750-7035 or Betty and 741-4348. New members are always welcome.

AUTHOR SIGNING



MARK SAUER/MESABI DAILY NEWS

Writer and former Ely resident Sarah Stonich, author of *Fishing with Rayanne*, *Vacationland*, *These Granite Islands*, *Shelter* and *The Ice Chorus*, signs books at the Virginia Public Library Thursday afternoon. Stonich was the featured speaker during a Friends of the Library tea and lunch.

Good turnout for Grand Rapids Area Library solar sunflower installation

CHRISTOPHER A. FERNLUND
HERALD-REVIEW

More than 40 people joined the Itasca Area Clean Energy Resources Team's Solar Energy Fair to celebrate the Grand Rapids Area Library's new solar sunflower installation as part of the Riverfront Energy Center project.

One of three planned solar sunflowers, the sunflower tilts to follow the sun as it travels across the sky. The solar panels were manufactured in Mt. Iron MN by Silicon Energy and will eventually provide 3,550 kWh/year when all three are installed and connected. Once all three are installed, they will produce enough electricity to provide a small portion of the library's electricity.

Library board member Randy McCarty shares the history of the Riverfront Energy Center project in the Grand Rapids area.

The project started out as a conversation at the Men's Reading Group in the Grand Rapids Area Library.

The conversation turned into one of the most innovative and interesting alternative energy projects in the region. The group proposed the idea of pursuing alternative energy projects to help lower the operating costs of the library and to create a showpiece for energy conservation and sustainability for the Grand Rapids.

A team of volunteers and city employees met to explore possibilities.

The Grand Rapids

City Facilities Manager brought up the idea of using the heat from the UPM Blandin Paper Mill waste water stream to heat the library. The team set a goal to figure out how to utilize the hot waste water from the UPM Blandin Paper Mill to provide heat for the Grand Rapids Area Library and other nearby buildings and how the project could be funded. SEH engineering firm de-

veloped an initial design concept and cost estimate.

The Blandin Foundation committed \$50,000 toward the project and the Iron Range Resources committed \$200,000. The remainder of the funding was made up by the library fund. The library developed a heat exchange program which used warm effluence from UPM Blandin to heat the building.

"The library's energy

cost went from \$12,000 down to \$3,000," said McCarty.

Other groups in Grand Rapids are considering the same model to reduce their own electrical cost.

However, the celebration wasn't only for the

new sunflower solar panel at the library. The Itasca Clean Energy Resources Team and Earth Circle, introduced plans to develop the concept of community solar gardens in the Grand Rapids and surrounding communities.

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Arn Kind will present “Minnesota Fabulous Firsts” at libraries in Babbitt, Eveleth and Ely in March.

ALS to present a free program on ‘Minnesota firsts’

MOUNTAIN IRON — The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present Arn Kind with “Minnesota Fabulous Firsts,” a free program being offered at the following dates and locations:

- Thursday, March 3, 1 p.m. — Babbitt Public Library.
- Thursday, March 3, 6 p.m. — Eveleth Public Library.
- Wednesday, March 9, 3:30 p.m. — Ely Public Library.

Did you know that Minnesotans were the first to volunteer troops to fight in the Civil War? Did you know that Minnesotans fired the first shots at the beginning of America’s involvement in the Pacific War of World War II? Did you know that a famous Minnesota aviator was the first to make a solo, non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean, stretching

and proving the capabilities of aircraft?

Arn Kind, a teacher for the past 37 years, will share his love of history and provide a hands-on experience for the audience about the many ways the state of Minnesota was first. This program is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. Join us for an exciting look at Minnesota history.

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, please see our calendar at www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us/whats-new find us on Twitter www.twitter.com/ArrowheadLegacy or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ArrowheadLegacy.

JEANNE GRONQUIST

Jeanne Gronquist, 84 of Cloquet, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at The Pines assisted living facility in Richfield, Minnesota.

A great sailor in her youth and avid reader all her life, she was born in White Plains, New York on August 22, 1931, and grew up in White Plains and Southold Long Island. Jeanne graduated from Colby College and became a Physical Therapist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

At Mayo, a friend encouraged her to join a ski trip to Sun Valley, Idaho where she met a Finnish surgeon, who would later become her husband. Yrjo Kaarlo Johannes (Charlie) Gronquist and Jeanne Elizabeth D'Wolf were married in White Plains on October 9th, 1954. She and Charlie had four children who they raised in Scanlon, then Cloquet and at a cabin on Big Sandy Lake.

Jeanne was well known in Minnesota as an advocate for libraries. She served as president of the Cloquet Public Library Board and was one of the incorporators of the Shaw Memorial Library Foundation. While serving on these boards, she helped plan and raise funds to build the Cloquet Public Library. Jeanne also served as president of the Arrowhead Library System Board. Known by many for her dedication and passion for libraries, Jeanne was appointed by the State Librarian in 1994 to serve on the Minnesota Library Planning Task Force.

Jeanne is lovingly remembered by her husband; her siblings, Jim D'Wolf, Dorothy Hallin and Mary Ellen Syrjala (Fred); her children, Anne Carlson (Gary), Judy Grant (Tom), Carl Gronquist (Beth) and Jim Gronquist; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and those who knew her and worked with her. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Elizabeth D'Wolf.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Cloquet Public Library, 320 14th Street, Cloquet MN 55720.

A separate announcement will be provided for the graveside service, to be held in the spring. To leave an online condolence, visit www.nelsonfuneralcare.net

<http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/obituaries/3952166-jeanne-gronquist>

Jeanne Gronquist was a long-time former ALS Board member. She served on the ALS Board from 1983-1992 as the representative of the library boards in Carlton County Her service included three terms as president (1989-1992). She returned to the ALS Board in 1994 and served until 1999 as the appointee of the Carlton County Board of Commissioners.



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