

# WEEKLY WEEDER



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## Help Patrons Take Advantage of Your Collection When Holds Lists are Miles-Long

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

*NoveList* by Cassi Hall (Released 1/20/2016) - You know how the story goes: Stephen King releases a new thriller and suddenly the holds list is 75 deep and growing. Maybe it's the latest book-to-movie blockbuster and your readers are scrambling to get their hands on the book before they see it on the big screen. Besides ordering 50+ copies of every bestseller out there, what can you do to satisfy your patrons while they're waiting? *NoveList* can help.

### Read-alikes: The Best Weapon in Your Arsenal:

When you're faced with the dilemma of helping a patron find a book to read while they're waiting for the upcoming Stephen King, read-alikes are the best weapon in your arsenal. Whether it's finding

another twisted, creepy thriller, a series read-alike, or even a listen-alike for audiobook fans, you can find something your patient patron will love with just a [few clicks in NoveList](#). (video)

Now that you've found a list of titles for our best-seller, what can you do with them? Of course, if you have a patron at the desk requesting a book like *The Martian* while she waits for her hold day, go ahead and print out that read-alike list directly from *NoveList*. But if this is a bestseller-turned-blockbuster like *The Martian*, you may want to preemptively get prepared for the influx of readers looking for something just like it. Books-to-movies are some of the most checked-out books in

the library—make sure you don't miss a beat with the [Books-to-Movies list](#) in *NoveList*.

"Reading maps" are a great way to both catch a reader's eye and help them find something else to read while they're waiting for their hold to become available. If you have access to *LibraryAware*, we've taken the work out of creating reading maps by offering dozens of ready-to-go maps of different layouts for popular titles such as *The Martian*, *All the Light We Cannot See*, and many more—and even buzzworthy genres. Print them out with your library's branding and they're perfect accompaniments to displays, posting nearby your holds shelf, or in any high-traffic areas of your library.

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## Apply for Greatness

Info Submitted by MaryLei

**Champions of Change nominations**—State and local leaders, community-based organizations, private sector and philanthropic leaders, schools and other youth-serving agencies are coming together to create a set of supports that enable strong transitions from school year to school year

and from high school to college and careers. In recognition of the innovative and effective summer jobs, learning, and meals partnerships in cities, towns and counties, the White House and the National Summer Learning Association will convene a [Champions of Change](#) event to highlight leaders who are turning summer from a time of loss into a time of great gain.

**Win a School Visit from Science Bob**—*School Library Journal*—Award-winning elementary school teacher Science Bob encourages "Random Acts of Science" with the Nick and Tesla series. Create a random act of science with your students by building a project from one of the Nick and Tesla books and submit for a chance to win a visit with Science Bob. [Register](#) For more [information](#).

## Kids & Teens Broadcast

Articles Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

**Black History Month Ideas from NCTE—School Library Journal—** (Released 1/15/2016) - The Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and NCTE are urging schools and libraries to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month in February by hosting a read-in. The event can be as simple as bringing together a few kids to share a book, poem, or speech (anything) authored by an African American, or as elaborate as arranging a public presentation by a professional African American writer. [Article](#)

**National Library of Medicine Releases Three New Game Apps (Free) For High School Students—Library Journal** by Gary Price (Filed

1/16/2016) - The National Library of Medicine (NLM) [Division of Specialized Information Services](#) announces the launch of three interactive, education iOS apps for students studying genetics, chemistry and environmental health science. These free, readily accessible resources help students learn concepts such as DNA base pairing, the Bohr model of the atom and environmental conservation. Designed in collaboration between high school educators and the SIS K-12 team, Bohr Thru and Base Chase reinforce content taught in the biology/chemistry classroom. A third game, Run4Green, reinforces concepts like environmental conservation and introduces students to the value of “green” alternatives. [Article](#)

**Scholastic Yanks Controversial Picture Book—School Library Journal** (Released 1/18/2016) - In a highly unusual move, Scholastic, Inc. has pulled a picture book from distribu-

tion less than two weeks after its publication. The action came after public outcry about the way the book, *A Birthday Cake for George Washington*, presents the lives of slaves. [Article](#)

**Communities across the U.S. answer call for a Library Card for every student—Institute of Museum and Library Services** by Giuliana Bullard (Released 1/19/2016) - Mayors, county executives, school superintendents, and library leaders from approximately 50 cities and counties are meeting in Washington, DC, today as part of a national initiative to connect students to public library system resources. These communities are among the 60 communities that have answered the call of President Obama’s [ConnectEd Library Challenge](#) to put a library card in every student’s hand through partnership initiatives. [Article](#)

## The Conference is Calling

Info Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

**Big Talk From Small Libraries—** Registration is now open for 2016. The conference will be broadcast online on February 26 between 8:45am and 5:00pm via the GoToWebinar online meeting service. Login instructions will be e-mailed to [registered](#) attendees the day before the conference. We’re in the process of contacting presenters now, and we’ll have a schedule available for you soon. More [information](#).

**Lake Superior Libraries Symposium—**The organizers of the LSLS invite breakout session proposals for our fifth annual conference to be held on May 20, 2016 at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota. While many conferences have focused on the future of libraries, LSLS is excited to highlight today’s top hits that rockin’ libraries have rolled out. These timeless tracks can help you meet the challenges you’re facing today. This year’s theme, “NOW That’s What I Call Libraries!” celebrates the inspiring, bold, and creative ways libraries are meeting their patrons’ needs. For more information or to

submit a proposal, please view our full [Call for Proposals](#).

**PLA now accepting proposals for first-ever How-To Festival at PLA 2016 Conference—ALA** by Kara O’Keefe (Released 1/22/2016) - The Public Library Association (PLA) encourages you to share your gifts and talents with your fellow colleagues at the [PLA 2016 How-To Festival](#). Join the fun by participating in PLA’s first-ever mini How-To Festival, which will be held during the [PLA 2016 Conference](#). A How-To Festival is a cooperative learning experience, teaching... [Article](#)

## Tantalizing Tidbits

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In September 2006, *USA Today* reported that at least seven men had been electrocuted and killed since July trying to steal wire from live power lines. Three of the deaths were in Detroit, the latest being when the body of a 24-year-old man was found near a utility box. A pair of wire cutters was found next to his body. Au-

thorities said the would-be thieves were motivated by record-high copper prices – the price of scrap copper has doubled in the last year, according to the report, to about \$3 per pound.

Each year, approximately 13 people die from being crushed by falling vending machines.

Three people die annually from using their tongue to check if a battery works.

The First Viennese Vegetable Orchestra: This nine-member Austrian group plays instruments made completely out of fresh vegetables, including carrot flutes, eggplant drums, and a “gurkaphone” (a hollow cucumber with a carrot mouthpiece and green-pepper bell). At the conclusion of live performances, the Orchestra chops up its instruments and makes a soup, which is shared with the audience.



## Librarians in the Digital Age

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

*American Libraries Magazine* by Sari Feldman and Julie Todaro (Released 1/19/2016) - In response to a controversial January 10 [opinion piece in The Wall Street Journal](#) by librarian Steve Barker, *Librarians around the country wrote to the paper to set the record straight about their real roles in the age of Google.* ALA President Sari Feldman and President-Elect Julie Todaro also wrote in, though only a small portion of their letter appeared in the [roundup of responses](#). (Please note that The Wall Street Journal has a paywall and requires a subscription for reading both links.) Here is the full text of Feldman and Todaro's letter.

Nothing could be further from the truth than the outdated stereotype of

libraries and librarians that Steve Barker presents in his January 11 article. In Boston at our national conference this past week, we heard repeatedly from colleagues among the thousands gathered that this might be the most exciting time of opportunity in libraries and for librarians. Attendees included librarians of all ages and demographics, librarians who—whether in school, public, academic, or special library settings—take pride in playing an integral role in the educational, cultural, and information experiences of their patrons.

Examples? Consider Multnomah County Library's Lyndsey Runyan, a librarian who specializes in rethinking how to use existing space in public libraries for 21st-century learning and creation. She's overseeing a new facility near Portland, Oregon, for underserved teenagers to build science, technology, engineering, arts,

and math skills by making electronic music, building robots, utilizing 3-D printers, and more. How about Kristina Holzweiss, Bay shore Middle School librarian, who developed "GENIUS Hour," a team-work-based program in which students create original presentations while exploring their own passions from robotics to coding? Or George Washington University Gelman Librarian Bill Gillis who co-teaches a required freshmen writing class where students learn to use research and sources to expand their horizons and strengthen their writing?

Rather than being pushed aside by the information revolution, our public libraries alone continue to host more than 1.5 billion visits annually—or about 4 million per day. Our school and academic libraries are destinations for millions of students daily for research... [Article](#)

## Webinar Control Center

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

**Library Transformation: Connecting Home & School—Learning Bird** January 28, 10:00am CST—Libraries are taking on a new role in creating extraordinary communities, bridging the gap between home and school. At the same time, they are looking to attract new youth patrons and keep this audience engaged through their teen years, offering a variety of new and exciting programs. This webinar

will look at the evolving role of libraries in connecting home and school to offer the right mix of teen support and engagement. [Register](#)

**Upcoming ELM Webinars.**

**Event Information: History Day Research (MN): Recommended Sources and Research Tools—Cengage Learning**—January 27, 1:00pm EST—Join this 30 minute webinar to learn more about the recommended sources and research tools for History Day research in Minnesota! These sources are databases in the Electronic Library for Minnesota

(ELM). They are available to any Minnesota student or researcher on the History Day page of the [ELM Website](#). We will also discuss the various tools available on the History Day Research in Minnesota [website](#). [Register](#)

**Archived Using Data to Better Serve Your Community—Library Journal**—Analytics can position your library to better meet the needs of its patrons. Once you know exactly who is and isn't using its products and services, you can affect change based on real community data. Webinar [access](#)

## Aspen Institute: A New Vision for Public Libraries

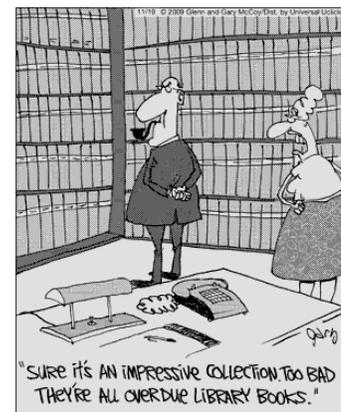
Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

By Donna Eby (Released 1/12/2016) - The [Dialogue on Public Libraries](#) recently released the "[Action Guide for Re-Envisioning your Public Library](#)," a set of resources to help library and community leaders use the "[Rising to the Challenge](#)" report to



prepare for and convene an ongoing community dialogue and to take action to re-envision their own public library. Find out more about how you can use this resource to benefit your library users and the community at large. Libraries need to be in the forefront to be used and called up as the "Go-To" resource in their communities.

Start the conversation with your community leaders to show them what a value libraries are and how they make a difference. More [information](#)



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**MaryLei's Links Limited on Typing**

- [Police Sketches of 5 Literary Characters Based on Their Book Descriptions](#)
- [Queens quiz: How well do you know royalty in literature?](#)
- [The most popular book in the UN's On-site library is...](#)
- [The Debate on Whether America's Best Days Are Past, or Ahead](#)
- [Hearing Voices: Librarian-Produced Podcasts](#)
- [What Classic Literature Looks Like Without Words](#)
- [14 Stages of Book Addiction](#)
- [This Frozen Pants Prank is Taking Minneapolis by Storm](#)
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Answers:  
Last Dance, For  
Crying Out Loud, In  
Ground Pool, No TV  
for a week, High  
Frequency, Sit Ups