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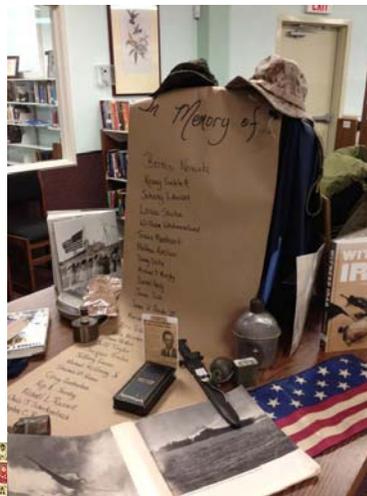
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Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay



How Libraries—Yes, Libraries—Are Helping People Ditch Stuff They Don't Need

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Huffington Post by Casey Williams (Released 4/29/2016) - Have you ever checked out a sewing machine from your local library? What about a guitar or a 3D printer? If you

haven't, you might soon. Public libraries across the country are housing so-called "libraries of things," from which people can borrow useful items for a short time instead of buying them outright.

The Library of Things program at the Sacramento Public Library launched the program after patrons began re-

questing decidedly non-literary items, like sewing machines and specialized cookware.

We were looking at the generation coming up that doesn't necessarily want to own things," Rivkah Sass, executive director of SPL, said. "They don't need a pressure cooker to store on a shelf and gather dust."

[Article](#)

Kids & Teens Broadcast

Articles Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

ARSL President Update—by Jet Kofoot—Libraries in small and rural communities are in a unique position to help provide organized, affordable, and educational afterschool programs. Children are already in the library afterschool, and libraries excel at providing free and low cost programs. It is a matter of recognizing the need, making a commitment, and getting organized. Programs do not have to be elaborate. Start small and grow. Look for content experts in your community. Ask for volunteers. Have a positive attitude. Be determined to overcome the obstacles. Get help. Will it be easy? Perhaps not. Will it be worth it? Most certainly!

Resources: [Afterschool Alliance](#). Know Your Funders: A [Guide](#) to

STEM Funding for Afterschool. Public Libraries as Places for [STEM Learning](#). YALSA STEM Programming [Toolkit](#).

New library privacy guidelines aim to strengthen reader privacy protections for K-12 students

ALA by Deborah Caldwell-Stone (Released 5/5/2015) - On May 2, the American Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee approved a new document "Library Privacy Guidelines for Students in K-12 Schools." The document, which surveys the state of students' privacy in K-12 schools, provides guidance for school libraries and educational institutions seeking to protect students' privacy, both while online and while reading or engaging in research. The document was developed by the IFC Privacy Subcommittee, with input from additional ALA committees, interest groups, and roundtables with an interest in privacy. [Article](#)

Can comic books teach kids money smarts? - CNBC by Chris Taylor (Released 5/12/2015) - It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a... financial planner? The next time your kid brings home a comic book, it might not be just about explosions, and good vs. evil. Instead, it might be about evaluating wants vs. needs, living within your means and creating emergency funds. That is because financial services company Visa Inc has partnered with Marvel Comics to create "Rocket's Powerful Plan," a new comic book starring the superhero team Guardians of the Galaxy. The comic is slated to be sent to every public library in the U.S., and there are more than 150,000 copies printed... [Article](#)

Stanford's Link to Assess

- [2016 ALSC Summer Reading Lists](#)

Job Posting

Info Submitted by Shari Fisher

Do you have a strong knowledge in the use of web services, APIs, and related programming languages? Do you have a strong understanding of network environments and design? Are you passionate about improving the efficiency of workflows for an automation system and its web-based components in a Software as a Service environment? The Arrowhead Library System is seeking a full-time Systems Analyst to join us as part of our operations management team!

The Systems Analyst is responsible for analyzing and improving efficiencies in our automation system and will work with our Local Area Network and Wide Area Network infrastructure to provide guidance on future-focused services and determine increasing future Internet access bandwidth needs. This position also actively contributes to the planning, development and implementation of the library system's overall technology strategy. This is a hands-on technology and team-based position.

Educational Requirements: Bachelor's degree, preferably in Computer

Science or other technology-related field, plus a minimum of three years of relevant work experience. Library experience is desirable.

The position is full-time, 40 hours per week and is located at the Arrowhead Library System headquarters in Mt. Iron, MN. Hiring range begins at \$58,240. Insurance benefits are included. To apply for this position, please send your cover letter, resume, completed Arrowhead Library System application available [here](#) and three professional references to Shari Fisher, ALS Assistant Director, [Email](#)

Webinar Control Center

Articles Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Digital Skills for Older Adults: Teaching Technology in Public Libraries—Techsoup May 18, 11:00am PDT—Join us to learn how your library can help older adults learn to use new technologies. You will hear from the St. Mary's County Library (Maryland), which is providing older adults with effective train-

ing and technology assistance. You will also learn about [TechBoomers](#), a free website that offers technology training tutorials developed specifically for older adults. [Register](#)

Invitation...to Murder: More Mysteries for 2016—Booklist May 31, 1:00pm CDT—Booklist's seventh annual Mystery Month ends with a (hollow-tipped) exclamation point as Executive Editor Keir Graff joins four publishers to preview their new and forthcoming mystery titles. [Register](#)

Who Pays the Freight? Open Access: the Future of Funding

Library Journal May 25, 11:00am EDT—The attention on funding models has been increasing for years, as has discussion around journal transition and conversion. Best practices presume these models are continually refined through historical experience, policy and competition. But the iterative nature of OA can come with a cost in terms of implementation, integration, and aggregation performance. [Register](#)

It's a LEGACY Thing

By Alexis Leitgeb

Pushing Chain's Folky Tonk Music—June 1-10—Hear the strong harmonies, kazoos, and songs of Pushing Chain duo Boyd Blomberg on guitar and vocals and Adam Moe on fiddle and vocals. Join the entertaining duo as they perform their original songs and jam with people they have just met.

Pushing Chain was formed in 2012 by Boyd Blomberg and Adam Moe. The duo, which has been performing together in various manifestations since 1997, plays roots and Americana music featuring Blomberg on guitar and vocals and Moe on fiddle and vocals. Pushing



Chain plays original songs and some fresh new takes on old folk songs. The duo also features tight harmonies and a gonzo approach which keeps performances fresh and exciting, even if you have seen them before.

That gonzo approach leads to some interesting variations. You never know what might happen at a Pushing Chain show!

Dearly Departed at County Seat Theater Company—Friday, June 3, Saturday, June 4, Thursday, June 9, Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday June 5 & 12 at 2:00 p.m. —In the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt, the beleaguered Turpin family proves that living and dying in the South are seldom tidy and always hilarious! Despite their earnest efforts to pull themselves together for their father's fu-



neral, the Turpin's other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion. Amidst the chaos, the Turpins turn for comfort to their friends and neighbors, an eccentric community of misfits who just manage to pull together and help each other through their hours of need, and finally, the funeral.

Pick up your tickets at the public libraries in these communities: Aurora, Babbitt, Calumet, Carlton, Chisholm, Cloquet, Duluth, Gilbert, Hibbing, Moose Lake, Silver Bay, and Virginia. At the last minute, free tickets may still be available at the Cloquet Public Library. Patrons with tickets MUST call the theater at 218-878-0071 in advance of the event to reserve a seat.

[Legacy Calendar](#)



Thinking Outside Minnesota

Articles submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Notre Dame and Vatican Library to celebrate new collaboration—*Notre Dame News* by Michael Garvey (Released 4/28/2016) - The University of Notre Dame and the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, or Vatican Library, will formalize a unique agreement of collaboration and exchange in a ceremony at 12:30pm May 9 in the Hesburgh Room of the Morris Inn, where Notre Dame president Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C., and Archbishop Jean-Louis Brugues, O.P., archivist and librarian of the Holy Roman Church, will sign a memorandum of understanding. [Article](#)

Newfoundland to Shutter More than Half its Libraries—*Library Journal* by Bob Warburton (Released 5/10/2016) - Outrage grows across Canada over a plan to close 54 of 95 public libraries in the eastern province of Newfoundland and Labrador, many of them in rural or sparsely populated areas. Twenty-seven li-

braries will be shut this year and 27 more in 2017, leaving only 41 facilities to serve the entire province. [Article](#)

Does dress code cartoon at Desert Ridge High School in Mesa send wrong message to students? - *ABC15* by Nohelani Graf (Released 4/28/2016) - A controversial cartoon posted in the library of Desert Ridge High School moved several seniors to take action to get it removed. The poster is an attempt to be more relatable to students using a bit of humor to send a message about the importance of the school dress code. With captions like 'You come to school looking cute' and 'What the boys see is meat,' the gist of the cartoon is that when girls dress too revealing, boys can't focus, flunk out and girls end up supporting unsuccessful men as adults. [Article](#)

Michigan couple avoids jail time for failing to return Dr. Seuss book, novel to library—*Daily News* by David Boroff (Released 5/5/2016) - It was a Dr. Seuss ending. Cathy and Melvin Duren of Tecumseh were told by a judge last month that they faced up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine



for their apparently criminal forgetfulness. The misdemeanor charges were dropped this week after the Durens' paid past-due charges and the cost of replacing the Dr. Seuss book. [Article](#)

Sending Books, Other Goods a Great Way to Contribute to Troops' Mental Health—*Public Libraries Online* by Hattie James (Released 5/4/2016) - When deployed overseas, military service members can end up with a lot of downtime on their hands. Many struggle to fill the idle time with activities that contribute to their mental and physical well-being and even further their career aspirations. There is a growing concern about treating service members' mental health issues when they return from deployment, but how do we contribute to improving or maintaining their mental health while they're deployed overseas? For some troops, it can be as simple as receiving something to read. Retired librarians Pat Powell learned this valuable lesson more than a decade ago when a colleague... [Article](#)

Do You Know Where They Are Now?

by **MaryLei Barclay**

In an attempt to update our records about our ALS Board Members, I have come at an impasse of locating details on certain members and if they are still with us. So, I turn to the librarians. The research aficionados among us. The pillars of perpetual passage of perception and exploration. It is your help I seek for the following list:



- ✓ William Beck, Baudette
- ✓ Anne Dornik, Gilbert
- ✓ Lucy Dunham, Williams

- ✓ JoAnne Fieldseth, Baudette
- ✓ Lillian Goldfine, Duluth
- ✓ Carol Gubbels, Baudette
- ✓ Mary Alice Harvey, Grand Marais
- ✓ Wallace Herman, International Falls
- ✓ Boneita Hovland, Ely
- ✓ Patricia Joelson, Virginia
- ✓ Barbara Johnson, Virginia
- ✓ Robin Johnson, Grand Marais
- ✓ Darlene Kalar, International Falls
- ✓ Helen Leaf, Mountain Iron
- ✓ Phyllis (Lehti) Casperson, Cromwell

- ✓ Margaret Morris, International Falls
- ✓ Mary Olson, Duluth
- ✓ Yvonne Skerbec, Gilbert
- ✓ Stanley Thompson, Cook (has note that moved to New Mexico)
- ✓ Louise Trygg, Ely



No matter what information you find out, please let me know. You can even [email](#) me that you were unable to find any information. If you would like details of the years someone was on the ALS Board please let me know.



APPLY for Greatness

Articles Submitted by **MaryLei Barclay**

Inspire Collection Development Grant—AASL Deadline: **May 23**—A grant so that an existing public middle or high school can extend, update, and diversity the book, online, subscription and/or software collections in their library in order to realize sustainable improvement in student



achievement at their school. More [info](#) and eligibility requirements.

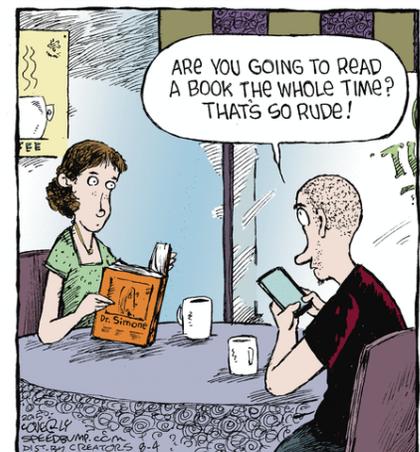
Inspire Special Event Grant—AASL Deadline: **May 23**—The grant opportunity supports a special event so that an existing public middle or high school library can create new or enhance its extracurricular activities in order to increase student academic achievement at their school. The goal is to provide direct assistance funding to middle or high school libraries for special short-term projects or events that would create new or enhance edu-

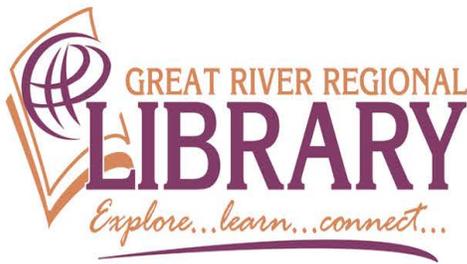
cational activities in order to engage students with and in the library and to promote reading, books, literacy and authors. For more [info](#) and eligibility requirements.

Library Awards for Innovation—Penguin Random House Deadline **October 1**—This award will “acknowledge innovative public library programs and services that engage citizens in reading while strengthening the social & cultural fabric of their communities.” For more [info](#) and guidelines.

MaryLei’s Links Limited on Typing

- [Valuing the Homes of Harriet the Spy, Stuart Little & Other Children’s Book Characters](#)
- [Read Aloud Survey Report](#)
- [Please God, Not My Library](#)
- [ALA 140th Anniversary on Pinterest](#)
- [Free Vintage Images from the British Library](#)
- [Bookish Acronyms Cheat Sheet](#)
- [Make It Count—Saint Paul College](#)





PATRON SERVICES LIBRARIAN #1125

St. Cloud Public Library
1300 W. St. Germain St.
St. Cloud, MN 56301

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Under general supervision, the position of Patron Services Librarian exists to provide reference, information services and collection development region-wide and participate in conducting, planning and implementing of a variety of programs region-wide.

REQUIREMENTS: (Please note equivalency statement below)

Graduation from a recognized college or university with a Master's in Library Science or Information Media or equivalent, unless otherwise required by law. One year of library experience. To apply go to <http://www.griver.org/jobsgrrl.htm>.

SCHEDULE:

FT – 40 hrs per week (annualized)

Schedule: Monday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Tuesday 12:00 – 9:00 pm, Wednesday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Thursday 12:00 – 9:00 pm and Friday 9:30 am – 6:00 pm. This schedule allows for a 1/2 hr unpaid lunch break on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and a 1 hr unpaid lunch break on Tuesday and Thursday.

RATE OF PAY:

\$21.38/hr (AFSCME – General Unit)

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

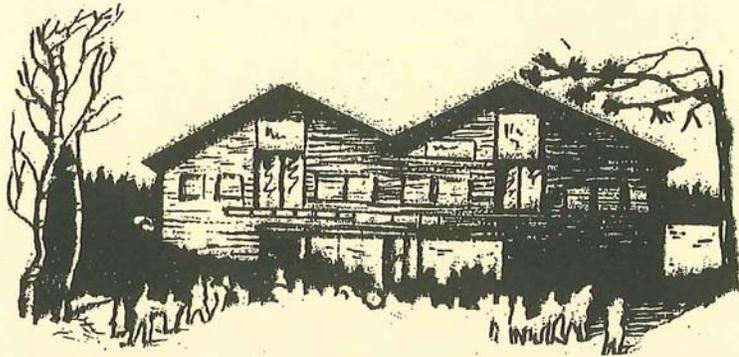
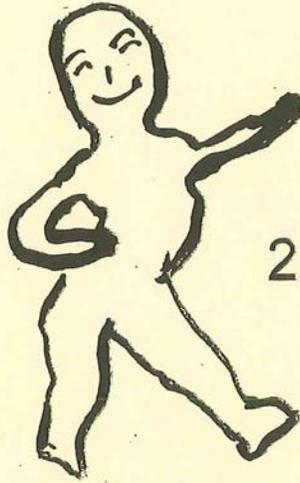
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Applicants requiring a reasonable accommodation to complete an application or attend an interview should contact Human Resources, at (320) 650-2515.

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.





22nd Annual Northstar Arts Camp "Taking the Stage" at Mesaba Co-op Park

The 22nd annual Northstar Arts Camp, will be held at Mesaba Park June 20 - 23, 2016. Theater artists **Tim and Peggy White** lead campers in producing and staging two original plays that will be performed for family and friends on the last day of the camp.

Musician **Oscar Forsman**, vocal artist **Dorothy Sandness**, and dance caller **Terrence Smith** enhance the week with traditional song and dance.

John Latimer, radio naturalist from **KAXE** leads an informative "Walk in the Park." Educator **Elanne Palcich** creates an exploration and understanding of the natural environment of the 240-acre park.

A host of volunteers, led by **David Bednarczuk**, provide a truly unique experience creating **ART** in this beautiful environment.

Campers ages 8-13 will enjoy a memorable experience. The camp runs Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost for the camp is \$90 and includes lunches, snacks, and materials. (Overnight camping permitted if accompanied by an adult.)

Space is limited; register by June 15! Some scholarships may be available.

For information contact: **David Bednarczuk 218/262-5132**
Northstar Foundation
PO Box 293
Hibbing, MN 55746



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