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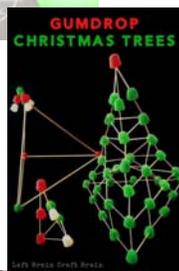
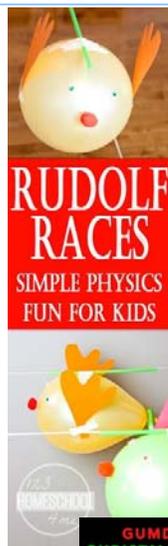
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Queensland Library Releases Open Source Comics Tool

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Library Journal by Ian Chant (Released 12/7/2016) - A new tool from Australia's State Library of Queensland can make a cartoonist out of even the least artistically inclined. The Fun Palaces comics maker lets users place a set

of ready-made images into panels, then write their own word balloons to develop a fully fleshed out four panel comic.

The tool's developers have made its code available on the digital repository [GitHub](#), where librarians and media professionals around the world can customize it for their own purposes, adding new images and new function-

alities.

The generally welcoming culture of comics tends to make the medium a good place for people to try new things and stretch their wings more generally, said Matt Finch, creative in residence at the State of Queensland Library and one of the folks behind the initiative.

[Article](#)

Thinking Outside Minnesota

Articles submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Getty Research Institute Complete Digitization of Knoedler Gallery Letter Copying Books, All Material Accessible Online—*InfoDocket* by Gary Price (Filed 12/2/2016) - Copies of letters sent by the New York office of M. Knoedler & Co. from 1890 to 1940 have been digitized and are now available through the GRI's online [catalog](#). [Article](#)

Denzel Washington Visits His Childhood Librarian to Wish her a Happy 99th Birthday—*People* by Mike Miller (Released 12/8/2016) - Denzel Washington just reconnected with a very special figure from his past. While in town to promote his new film *Fences*, Washington stopped by an assisted living community in Atlanta to wish Miss Connie, his

childhood librarian, a Happy 99th Birthday. The two had not seen each other in nearly 50 years, but the now-retired librarian never forgot the day Washington, around 7 years old at the time, came to the children's department of the Mount Vernon public library to ask for a book. [Article](#)



Vandal defaces Kansas City Public Library with swastikas, hateful graffiti—*Kansas City Star* by Matt Campbell (released 12/13/2016) - Kansas City Public Library officials are hopeful a surveillance image will lead to the arrest of the man who drew a swastika on a portrait at the downtown branch Sunday afternoon. [Article](#)

Canada's University Libraries are in Peril—*Huffington Post* by Dr. Raywat Deonandan (Released 12/13/2016) - Universities and col-

leges across Canada are having their budgets severely tightened for a host of reasons, some more rational than others. In this quest for slashing costs, libraries have found themselves on the chopping block. To many, this move represents an attack on the very idea of scholarship, and the undermining of the nation's quest to be a leader in the knowledge economy. [Article](#)

Estevez, Baldwin to film movie starring Cincinnati Library—*Cincinnati Enquirer* by Carol Motsinger (Released 12/9/2016) - A new drama starring Emilio Estevez, Alec Baldwin and Taylor Schilling will film here in mid-January, according to a Friday announcement from Film Cincinnati. The movie is about a standoff between patrons of the Cincinnati Public Library and police. The patrons there stage a sit-in. Baldwin plays a negotiator, with Estevez cast as a librarian. [Article](#)

ALA, Rosen Publishing Release New "Libraries Ready to Code" Video

Article Submitted by Jim Weikum

District Dispatch by Shawnda Hines (Released 12/8/2016) - Today, ALA and Rosen Publishing released the video "[Libraries Ready to Code](#)." Introduced during Computer Science (CS) Education Week, the video depicts coding activities in public and school libraries and underscores how libraries can increase exposure and access to CS learning opportunities

for youth. The video will be used as an advocacy tool to increase awareness of library coding activities among decision makers, influencers and other stakeholders at all levels.

"Libraries are community hubs for learning a variety of skills relevant to modern life, and computational thinking skills learned through coding are among the most critical," said ALA president Julie B. Todaro. "By showing what libraries can and are already doing to build a successful future for our nation's youth, the Libraries Ready to Code video powerfully communicates the infrastruc-

ture of expertise and resources found in school and public libraries."

Video sponsor and President of Rosen Publishing Roger Rosen added, "People today are not only digital information consumers, we are all digital producers—and the jobs of the future demand skills to create. Youth need places to practice and develop coding skills outside the traditional classroom environment, especially for girls and others who have less exposure to coding and computer science."

[Article](#)

It's a LEGACY Thing

By Alexis Leitgeb

Paul Bunyan: Loggin' Legends and Lore—December 27-30 at various locations—Fast, fun and fact filled, exciting and outrageous tales from the Paul Bunyan legend. Actor David Ward recreates characters from Paul's era such as "Ole the Big Swede" and "Hot Bis-



cuit Slim" the camp cook. Kids will love seeing giant recreations of some authentic Paul artifacts such as Paul's baby bottle, toothpick and a giant mosquito from Paul's famous tale of "*The Giant Mosquitobees!*" If they're not careful, kids may also learn about the logging/lumber industry that helped to build the communities where they now live. Audiences of all ages will enjoy this program.

David Ward, is an actor, director and

writer. He created "Paul Bunyan" to introduce audience's young and old to American folklore. David has been acting for over 20 years, in Chicago, Minneapolis, and internationally as an actor/director for Paramount Parks Star Trek franchise.

Join us for an insightful view of a Minnesota legend!

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Press Release

December 9, 2016

Grand Marais Public Library

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Grand Marais, MN 55604

Contact: Steve Harsin, Director (218) 387-1140

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LIBRARY ANNOUNCES FILM SERIES

The Grand Marais Public Library is pleased to again offer a winter film series, Friday Night Reels, to be held in the library each Friday evening, from 6 PM until 8 PM, beginning January 6, 2017. The series is slated to run for 10 consecutive Fridays into the middle of March.

Everyone is invited to attend. Please note the films selected are intended for an adult audience, and may address situations or themes that could be challenging for younger members of the community. The full schedule and synopses of the films can be found at the library website: www.grandmaraislibrary.org.

The schedule for the series is:

January 6	MY LOVE DON'T CROSS THAT RIVER
January 13	MONEY MONSTER
January 20	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT
January 27	CREED
February 3	INDIGNATION
February 10	BLUSH
February 17	A HOLOGRAM FOR THE KING
February 24	THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS
March 3	THE ARDENNES.
March 10	HELL OR HIGH WATER

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LIBRARY ANNOUNCES WINTER WEDNESDAY SERIES

The Grand Marais Public Library is pleased to again offer a winter events series on Wednesday nights beginning January 4, and running for 10 weeks.

Everyone is invited to attend. Family friendly events have been marked with an asterisk.

The schedule for the series is:

January 4	*Tales from the Deep Woods – Fred Keller
January 11	Dat Dere Jazz – music event
January 18	*Echoes of the Night Sky – Wolf Ridge
January 25	*There's a Bald Eagle in the Library! – Minnesota Raptor Center
February 1	*Minnesota's Winter Storms – John Silliman
February 8	Here I Am After All – Mary Beams
February 15	*Bagpipes – Peter Mack
February 22	Medicinal Plants – Tim White
March 1	Grand Portage Arts & Crafts History – Bob Swanson
March 8	Consumers Driving the Food Industry Bus – Hartley Acero

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MESABI DAILY NEWS

Virginia, MN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016

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Queen City Reads a new community book club of sorts 'Goodbye to the Dead' is first offering

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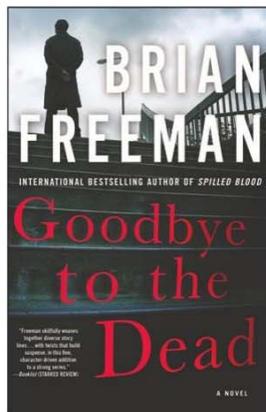
VIRGINIA — Virginia Public Library is announcing Queen City Reads today.

Queen City Reads is a community reading program created by the Virginia Public Library and city of Virginia for the library, serving as a community book club of sorts.

"Queen City Reads is a community reading program during which all members of the community are invited to read and discuss the same book," said Virginia Public Library press release. "Our Queen City Reads program is designed to encourage citizens of Virginia to engage in conversation."

Queen City Reads has chosen "Goodbye to the Dead" by Brian Freeman for its first community read. This is the seventh book in the Jonathan Stride series, a Duluth-based police lieutenant.

In years past, the Virginia Public Library has been part of the One Book Northland reading program with



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'Goodbye to the Dead' is the first book to be part of Queen City Reads, which was announced today.

Duluth, Colquet and other libraries. In this program, Northland readers would enjoy the same book and meet at various libraries for discussion, presentations and programing relating to that year's title.

This winter, the Virginia Public Library decided to branch out on its own.

"We want to focus on regional authors," explained Susan Hoppe, reference and adult services librarian for Virginia Public Library,

SEE READS, A8



BRIAN FREEMAN

READS

FROM A1

"and our local community." "Goodbye to the Dead" is based in Duluth, written by an area author.

Freeman lives and works in the Twin Cities and many of his books focus on northern Minnesota. He has written over 13 titles and two shorter electronic stories.

Although "Goodbye to the Dead" is not the first book in the Jonathan Stride series, Hoppe

chose it because it can stand alone for new readers, while continuing previous plot lines for others. This book is on loan at the Virginia Public Library and through the Arrowhead Library System. "Goodbye to the Dead" is available at Barnes and Noble, Target, Walmart and online retailers.

For those interested in reader response, the average of the 740 ratings on Goodreads.com, a popular reader feedback website, is 4.25 out of 5 stars. There are 146 reviews posted on this website for Goodbye to the Dead.

Queen City Reads culminates in two events both at the Virginia Library's auditorium.

There will be a community book discussion at noon on Feb. 23, 2017. At noon on March 2, there will be an author presentation about "Goodbye to the Dead" and working in the publishing industry, followed by a book signing. Queen City Reads is provided by the Virginia Public Library and the city of Virginia, and is funded by the Friends of the Virginia Public Library.

Webinar Control Center

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

[ALA Course Offerings for February](#)—Click [Here](#)

[Playful Building Hands-On Activities](#)—*Star Net Libraries* January 18, 1:00pm Mountain—Join us for a free online training in conducting a selection of hands-on engineering activities. The Star_Net Playful Building activities are designed to engage children, tweens, and families in hands-on engineering fun at the library, and they rely on inexpensive materials! Play along with us. There are materials needed to try the activities during the webinar. [Register](#)

[How to Market Your Library eCourse](#)—*ALA* February 6, continuing for 4 weeks **Fee \$175.00**—Can you guess one of the most essential components of library operations? It's marketing! In this eCourse, you will learn all the necessary skills to market your library—from social media and PR campaigns to designing new library programs and enhancing the experience of your library's users. [Register](#)

[Basic Reference Skills for Non-Reference Librarians eCourse](#)—*ALA* February 6, continuing for 4 weeks **Fee \$175.00**—Are you new to the reference desk? The ability to provide reference services is a valuable skill for every librarian, but proper training is essential. This course is

designed to help librarians who have never done reference work get up to speed. [Register](#)

[Coding Program Workshop: Create Tech Programming that Supports Digital Literacy](#)—*Library Journal* February 28, 1:00pm - March 21, 2:00pm Eastern **Fee \$261.75**—In this interactive workshop, you'll learn how to launch a coding program in your library that will promote digital literacy and impact your community. Over four weeks, you'll get an understanding of how to run computer programming courses that will introduce your patrons to new career paths and technologies. We'll give you the tools you need to create library programs around coding languages, career development software, and early learning without having to know how to code. [Register](#)

[The Daybooks of History and Beyond: Digital Historic Newspapers at the Minnesota Historical Society](#) - *MN Historical Society* January 18, 1:00pm Central—Will discuss the uses of yesterday's news in historical and genealogical research. Three different, freely-available digital newspaper platforms hosted by the Minnesota Historical Society will be presented: The Minnesota Digital Newspaper hub, the Historic Minneapolis Tribune, and the Swedish American Newspaper Project, along with basic and advanced search techniques. [Register](#)

[Using Digital Public Library of America \(DPLA\) for Research and](#)

[Learning](#)—*Infopeople* January 11, 12:00pm Pacific—Would you like to be able to search one website to access thousands of libraries, archives, and museums? Do you work with researchers who struggle searching many institutional websites to find online sources relevant to their needs? This webinar will introduce participants to the [Digital Public Library of America](#) that provides access to digital primary and secondary sources from libraries, archives, and museums across the United States. [Register](#)

MaryLei's Links That Have No Place To Go

- [How to Teach citations](#)
- [Stress! Let's Listen to Podcasts to Help](#)
- [2016 Holiday gift Guide for Librarians and Book Lovers](#)
- [Best \(and Worst\) Practices for Designing Learning Spaces](#)
- [Famous Novelists on Symbolism in Their Work and Whether it was Intentional](#)
- [15 Psychological Conditions Named after Literary Characters](#)
- [The Most Popular Holiday Recipe in Each State](#)
- [Prague's Hottest New Reading Spot is a Zeppelin on Top of an Art Gallery](#)
- [MDL 2017 Calendars Available](#)

APPLY for Greatness

Articles Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

[NEA Big Read](#)—Guidelines and Applications—**Deadline January 26, 4:00pm CST**—Programming Dates: September 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. Approximately 75 organizations will be selected for grants from \$5,000 to \$20,000. [Website](#)

[Professional Development Schol-](#)

[arship Available](#)—*ALA*—The ALA Learning Round Table will award up to \$1,000 to an individual to attend a professional development event between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. The award recipient will be required to share their new learning with other Round Table members in some way (newsletter, blog, list serve, etc.) Applicants do not have to be ALA members to apply. Applicants must respond to the Survey Monkey [questionnaire](#) by February 15, 2017. [Information](#)

[Wish You Well Foundation](#) - Supporting adult and family literacy in the U.S. by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs. Most requests range from \$200 to \$10,000. Organizations are reminded to base their requested amount on the program's unique needs for funding. Donations are made at various times each year. Please visit the [website](#) for details on applying and information.



HEALTH INSURANCE LITERACY WORKSHOPS

FREE HEALTH INSURANCE LITERACY TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS

WINTER, 2016 /2017

TRAINING PURPOSE

Consumers say they are confused about making health insurance purchase decisions and are not confident about making choices. University of Minnesota Extension is offering a 2 ½ hour training on two workshops to help you assist your clients in making informed decisions in choosing and using health insurance. This training will help you build confidence and knowledge on health insurance literacy so you can better serve your clients.

SMART CHOICE HEALTH INSURANCE BASICS

- Participants will learn:
 - basic information about health insurance
 - how to help clients make informed health decisions as they select a health insurance plan that best meets their needs.
- This workshop can be conducted with your clients in a 1-hour session or one-on-one
- Topics include basic health insurance terminology, learn what to compare to understand cost and coverage and how health insurance can help you control regular and unexpected health care costs

SMART USE HEALTH INSURANCE

- Participants will increase:
 - their understanding of why and how to estimate health insurance costs and better plan for the future.
 - their knowledge and skills about how to effectively use their health insurance.
- This workshop can be conducted with your clients in a 1-hour session or one-on-one
- Topics include understanding what are “out of pocket costs”, tracking your health insurance costs, and how to save for health insurance costs.

REGISTRATION

Visit <http://z.umn.edu/healthinsuranceliteracy> for more information and to register

*Please Note: Our 2016/2017 workshop & webinar schedule is below, but we welcome organizations who are interested in partnering to offer on-site training for your organization or community.

Questions? Please contact Mary Jo Katras at mkatras@umn.edu

2016/2017 LOCATIONS AND DATES



Location	Address	Date	Time
Webinar #1	Smart Choice Use/Actions	December 13, 2016	10:00 - 11:30 am
Willmar	U of M Extension Regional Office – Willmar 1802 18th Street NE Willmar, MN 56201	December 13, 2016	10:00 am - 12:30 pm
Nobles County /Worthington	Government Center Farmer’s Room315 Tenth Street Worthington, MN 56187	December 20, 2016	1:00 - 3:30 pm
Fergus Falls	Otter Tail County Building 505 South Court Street Fergus Falls, MN 56537	Jan. 10, 2017	1:00 - 3:30 pm
Grand Rapids	U of M Extension Regional Office Multi-purpose Room 1861 E. Hwy 169 Grand Rapids	January 10, 2017	9:00 – 11:30 am
Webinar #2	Smart Choice Use/Actions	January 12, 2017	10:00 - 11:30 am
Cloquet	Cloquet Public Library 320 14th St. Cloquet, MN	Jan. 18, 2017	1:00 -3:30 pm



