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**Privacy**

**Privacy and Digital Rights for All**

"The United States confronts a crisis. Digital giants invade our private lives, spy on our families, and gather our most intimate facts for profit. Bad actors, foreign and domestic, target the personal data gathered by U.S. firms, including our bank details, email messages, and Social Security Numbers."

"Our privacy laws are decades out of date. We urgently need a new approach to privacy protection. We must update federal laws and create a data protection agency specifically tasked with safeguarding the privacy of Americans. The time is now."

[https://www.electronicfrontiers.org/privacy-and-digital-rights-for-all-framework-act/](#)

**Teasing with Privacy: Regulating the Internet of Toys**

"Abstract – Recently toys have become more interactive than ever before. The emergence of the Internet of Things (IoT) makes toys smarter and more communicative; they can now interact with children by 'listening' to them and respond accordingly. While there is little doubt that these toys can be highly entertaining for children and even pass on social and educational benefits, the Internet of Toys (IoT-toys) raises many concerns. Beyond the fact that IoT-toys that might be hacked or simply misused by unauthorized parties, distribution of children by toy manufacturers, various internet-enabled parties and perhaps even their parents could be highly troubling. It could potentially threaten children's right to privacy as it subjects and surrenders them to ubiquitous surveillance and destruction of their personal information, requests, and any other information they divulge. While American policymakers acknowledge the importance of protecting children's privacy online back in 1996, when enacting COPPA, this regulatory framework might become obsolete in face of the new privacy risks that arise from IoT-toys. Do fundamental differences between webcams and IoT-toys necessitate a different legal framework to protect children's privacy? Should policymakers recalibrate the current legal framework to adequately protect the privacy of children who have IoT-toys? Finally, what are the consequences for children's privacy of ubiquitous parental surveillance through IoT-toys – allegedly granted to safeguard children from online risks? And how might children's privacy be better framed and protected in the context?"

"This Article focuses on the privacy concerns that IoT-toys raise. Part I briefly outlines the evolution of IoT-toys while examining their capacity to collect and retain data. Then, in reference to the legal framework devised to protect children from online distraction twenty years ago, the next part discusses the American perception of children's privacy, focusing on COPPA. Through this analysis, this part will show how key market players currently comply with COPPA's regulation, and evaluate whether such compliance is relevant to IoT-toys' dangers and challenges. Part III reviews COPPA's challenges, and is calling for its recalibration offers some practical solutions to IoT-toys' privacy threats. Thereafter Part IV tentatively evaluates children's conception of privacy and argues that IoT-toys' misusing practices could jeopardize the parent-child relationship and calls for recalibrating children's privacy in the digital era. The final part summarizes the discussion and concludes that children's privacy matters today perhaps more than ever before, and that the practical movement toward a ubiquitous surveillance era should not lead to its demise."

[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=376044](#)

**DarkDeck Go Search Vehicles Mapping to Apple Maps**

"Privacy-focused search engine [DarkDeckGo](#) announced yesterday that the search engine's map and address related searches and functions are now powered by Apple's [Maple IR framework](#)."

"The new functionality is live already for desktop and mobile devices that use DarkDeckGo for searches."

"DarkDeckGo highlights two main benefits that come out of the move: improved privacy and better mapping functionality."

"Users may use maps and related data when they run searches for places or addresses. A search for the best Thai, Vietnamese or Italian restaurant displays a map and related information in the sidebar or at the top on search results pages."

"Searches for addresses, geographical places, local businesses, a type of business, or nearby places return embedded maps usually."

[https://www.darkgo.net/2019/01/16/darkdeckgo-search-vehicles-mapping-to-apple-maps/](#)

**Facebook Algorithms and Personal Data**

"Almost half of Facebook users say they are not comfortable when they see how the platform categorizes them, and 77% maintain the site's classifications do not accurately represent them."

"Most controversial issue from social media platforms involves whether to collect, retain, and use personal information. Facebook, Platforms use this data to deliver content and recommendations based on users' interests and traits, and to allow advertisers to target ads to relatively precise segments of the public. But how well do Americans understand these algorithmic classification systems, and how much do they think their lives line up with what gets reported about them? As a window into this hard-to-study phenomenon, a new Pew Research Center survey asked about representative samples of users of the nation's most popular social media platforms. Facebook, to reflect on the data that had been collected about them."

[https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/2019/01/09/facebook-algorithms-FINAL-2-2/](#)

**Location Data is Ground Zero in Privacy Wars**

"Our phones' GPS and location capabilities are a key part of what make them integral – enabling them to speed our commutes, help drivers and find the devices when we lose them. These capabilities are also ground zero for the burning fight over defining the boundaries of privacy and acceptable uses of our personal information."

"The big picture: Three recent stories about just how common problems with location data can be – and how they may be because."

[https://www.wired.com/story/location-data-is-ground-zero-in-privacy-wars-1/77764-4-246-404-b-7-27-407646411666](#)

**Right To Be Forgotten By Google Should Apply Only In EU, Says Court Opinion**

"The 'right to be forgotten,' which enables citizens to request the removal of links to irrelevant or outdated online information about them, should not be enforceable globally, the European court of justice (ECJ) has found in a preliminary opinion."

"The controversial power, requiring search engines to prevent access to material on the internet, should be enforceable only in the EU and not worldwide, the court's six-judge panel, led by Judge Advocate General, Maizey Sponner, said. Final judgments by the ECJ usually require initial opinions."

[https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2019/jan/16/right-to-be-forgotten-by-google-should-apply-only-in-eu-says-court](#)

**Copyright**

**New EVERYBODY Hates the New EU Copyright Directive**

"Until last spring, everyone wanted to see the new European Copyright Directive pass, then German MEP Axel Voss took over as rapporteur and revised the most extreme, controversial version of two proposals that had been sidelined long before as the Directive had progressed towards completion."

"After all, this is the first reform on EU copyright since 2001, and so the Directive is mostly a laundry list of obsolete, uncontroversial technical tweaks with many stakeholders. The first thing anyone wanted was a update to the music."

"Again, that is, except for German copyright lawyer (and the head of the EU), who could charge Big Tech for the privilege of sending readers to their sites and the largest record labels (who had long demanded of Article 13) which would force the platforms to implement filters to check everything users posted, and think anything that resembled a known copyrighted work, or anything someone claimed was a known copyrighted work."

[https://www.offandonline.net/2019/01/16/everybody-hates-the-new-eu-copyright-directive](#)

**Copyright's Safe Harbors Preserve What We Love About the Internet**

"How is the Internet different from what came before? We've had great art, music, film, and writing for far longer than we've had the World Wide Web. What we didn't have were global conversations and collaborations that millions can participate in. The Internet has lowered barriers to participation in culture, politics, and communities of interest. Copyright's [safe harbors](#) for intermediaries are essential to making this possible. But today, these safe harbors are under threat from laws like [Article 11](#) of the EU's proposed Copyright

in the Digital Single Market Directive. And some voices in the U.S. want to go further with similar legislation."

"In the U.S., the safe harbors of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act protect Internet companies of various kinds against the possibility of massive copyright infringement damages when one of their users copies creative work illegally. In return for that protection, Internet companies have to take some concrete steps, like adopting and enforcing a repeat infringer policy. Some companies—the ones that *store* user-uploaded content—have to register an agent to act on takedown notices from rightsholders (the familiar DMCA notices). The law is explicit that Internet companies aren't required to remove everything uploaded by users to find possible copyright infringement. It also provides a counter-notice process for users to get non-infringing stuff back online."

[https://www.offandonline.net/2019/01/16/copyrights-safe-harbors-preserve-what-we-love-about-the-internet](#)

**Publishing**

**Editorial Malady at Elsevier Journal**

"The entire editorial board of the Elsevier-owned *Journal of Informetrics* resigned Thursday in protest over high open access fees, unethical access to citation data and commercial control of scholarly work."

"Today, the same team is launching a new fully open access journal called *Quantitative Science Studies*. The journal will be for and by the academic community and will be owned by the International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics (ISI). It will be published jointly with MIT Press."

"The editorial board of the *Journal of Informetrics* said in a statement that they were unanimous in their decision to quit. They claimed that scholarly journals should be owned by the scholarly community rather than by commercial publishers, should be open access under fair principles, and publishers should make citation data freely available."

[https://www.khaleejtimes.com/2019/01/15/elsevier-journal-editorial-board-quit-over-open-access-fees/](#)

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**Privacy**

**Phone Forgets Where I Was Last Summer: The Privacy Risks of Public Location Metadata**

"Abstract – The exposure of location data constitutes a significant privacy risk to users as it can lead to the de-anonymization, the inference of sensitive information, and even physical threats. In this paper we present iPhadone, a tool that conducts a comprehensive evaluation of the privacy loss caused by publicly available location metadata. First, we demonstrate how our system can program users' key locations at an unprecedented granularity by identifying their exact point addresses. Our experimental evaluation on Twitter data highlights the effectiveness of our techniques which requires prior approaches to 10.67%-91.0% for homes and 4.7%-21.8% for workplaces. Next we present a novel explanation of annotated privacy information statistics that measures "sensitivity" because that more have critical (pertaining to health, religion, and sexuality). We find that locations metadata can provide additional context to users and thus lead to the exposure of private information that might not match the users' intentions."

[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=368474](#)

**Don't Be Bothered: How to Protect Yourself From Email Tracking**

"Thinking everyone on the Internet. Over the past year a [doxing of public figures](#) has resulted in the mass number of ways that personal information can be collected and leaked. As a result, it might not come as a surprise to learn that emails, too, can be victims for tracking. Email readers can [analyze](#) who opens which emails, when, and what device they use to do it. If you work for a business or a non-profit that sends mass emails, maybe you've used tools to perform this kind of tracking before. Even if you have not then, this might be the first you've heard of it – because unfortunately, email marketing software, tracking is often enabled by default."

"There are a lot of different ways to track email, and different techniques can be anywhere on the spectrum from marginally sophisticated to malicious. Responsible tracking should aggregate a minimal amount of anonymous data, similar to page logs: enough to let the sender get a sense of how well their campaign is doing without invading users' privacy. Email tracking should always be disclosed up-front, and users should have a clear and easy way to opt out if they choose to. Lastly, organizations that track should minimize and delete user data as soon as possible according to a set of self-imposed data retention and privacy policy."

[https://www.offandonline.net/2019/01/14/dont-be-bothered-how-to-protect-yourself-from-email-tracking](#)

**Remember the FCC's Broadband Privacy Rule? The Motherboard Expert Told Us: Don't Worry: Law**

"On Tuesday, Motherboard published [an article](#) regarding the pre-shipping test of data collection and monetization practices that can allow a stranger to find a cell phone's location with just a phone number and USIM. Motherboard's investigation found that telecommunications companies, including T-Mobile, AT&T, and Sprint, would sell location data with an aggregate, which sold the data to Microsoft, which then sold it to a Motherboard investigator for [\\$10,000](#)."

"It was just last year when Senator Ron Wyden wrote to the Federal Communications Commission about [Google](#), a firm that was offering protection of phones to low-level law enforcement without a warrant, thereby jeopardizing cell phone locations of not only inmates, but anyone with a phone number – which is pretty much everyone."

[https://www.khaleejtimes.com/2019/01/14/remember-the-fccs-broadband-privacy-rule-the-motherboard-expert-told-us-dont-worry-law/20-20-2002](#)

**Podcasts**

**The Room of Requirement – This American Life**

"Locations aren't just for books. They're often places that transform into what you need them to be: a classroom, a cyber café, a place to find answers, a quiet spot to be alone. It's actually kind of magical. This week, we have stories of people who roam the streets and find unexpected things that just happen to be exactly what they required."

[https://www.thisamericanlife.org/564/the-room-of-requirement](#)

**Open Data**

**What Makes a Good Open Data Use Case?**

"Cities have made great strides in publishing foundational open data, and are currently working to release more and better data. But many city officials still wonder: what will this data do for the community? Who is actually using it?"

"Understanding how data will be applied in the public domain is a key element of planning and allocating the limited resources dedicated to open data programs. Ground-working data is its potential use cases can assure that when data is opened, it is for a purpose."

[https://citylightfoundation.com/2018/01/11/what-makes-a-good-open-data-use-case/](#)

**Copyright**

**The Internet is Facing a Catastrophe For Free Expression and Competition: Sweden, Germany, Poland and Luxembourg Could Top The Bill**

"The new EU Copyright Directive is progressing at an alarming rate. This week, the EU is asking its member states to approve new negotiating positions for the final legislation. Once they get it, they're planning to hold a final vote before probing this drastic, radical new law into 28 countries and 580,000,000 people."

[https://www.offandonline.net/2019/01/14/the-internet-is-facing-a-catastrophe-for-free-expression-and-competition-the-swedish-germany-poland-and-luxembourg-could-top-the-bill/](#)

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**Libraries**

**Library of Congress Web Archive**

"The Library of Congress Web Archive collects, preserves, and provides access to archived web content selected by subject experts from across the library, so that it will be available for researchers today and in the future. Web sites are ephemeral and often considered at risk from digital content. New web sites bloom constantly, URLs change, content changes, and web sites sometimes disappear entirely. Web site document current events, organizations, public relations, government information, and cultural and scholarly information in a wide variety of topics. Materials that exist in open space are increasingly published online."

"This site provides general information about program activities, information for researchers who are interested in using the web archive, and information for web creators who might be included in the archive."

[https://www.loc.gov/rr/webarchive/html/about-the-project.html#links](#)

**Copyright**

**Patsy Line 01/1921: New Out-of-Copyright Works and Where to Find Them**

"The year 2019 got off to a start with the American copyright works as a date of birth. Here, and music, composition entered the public domain in the U.S. for the first time in 21 years."

"The works, which include poetry by Robert Frost and novels by Agatha Christie and Joseph Conrad, are out of copyright, which means anyone can use them without fear of a nasty letter from intellectual property attorneys."

"The public domain, of course, is not a new concept—it's what makes works by Shakespeare or Beethoven available to all—but, in the United States, it has been dry since 1908."

[https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/07/us/copyright-works-2019.html](#)

**Search**

**How to Use Google Reverse Image Search**

"Using Google to reverse image search is a useful method for researching the origins of a photo found online. Whether it's a historical picture presented with little context or an image that seems distorted, you can search the web for other instances of its use with Google Images."

[https://www.theweekendproject.com/reverse-image-search-2580740](#)

**Overlooked No More: Karen Sparck Jones, Who Established the Basis for Search Engines**

"When most scientists were trying to make people use code to talk to computers, Karen Sparck Jones taught computers to understand human language instead."

"In so doing, her technology established the basis of search engines like Google."

"A self-taught programmer with a focus on natural language processing, and an advocate for women in the field, Sparck Jones also faced headwinds by decades Silicon Valley's current reckoning, warning about the risks of technology being led by computer scientists who were not attuned to its social implications."

[https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/06/us/karen-sparck-jones-search-engine-creator.html](#)

Privacy

How Apps on Android Share Data with Facebook - Report

"Previous research has shown how 42.5 percent of apps on the Google Play store could share data with Facebook, making Facebook the second most prevalent third-party tracker after Google's parent company Alphabet. In this report, Privacy International illustrates what this data sharing looks like in practice, particularly for people who do not have a Facebook account."

"This question of whether Facebook gathers information about users who are not signed in or do not have an account was raised in the aftermath of the Cambridge Analytica scandal by lawmakers in hearings in the United States and in Europe. Discussions, as well as previous fines by Data Protection Authorities about the tracking of non-users, however, often focus on the tracking that happens on websites. Much less is known about the data that the company receives from apps. For those reasons, in this report we raise questions about transparency and use of app data that we consider timely and important."

"Facebook routinely tracks users' movements and spend-but most users outside its platform through Facebook Business Tools. App developers share data with Facebook through the Facebook Software Development Kit (SDK), a set of software development tools that help developers build apps for a specific operating system. Using the free and open source software tool called "Interceptpy", an interactive HTTP proxy, Privacy International has analyzed the data that 34 apps on Android, each with an install base from 10 to 500 million, transmit to Facebook through the Facebook SDK."

<https://www.privacyinternational.org/news/267/how-apps-on-android-share-data-with-facebook.aspx>

Data Privacy Scandal and Public Policy Picking Up Speed: 2018 Review

"2018 may be remembered as the Year of the Facebook Scandal, and rightly so. The Cambridge Analytica fiasco, Mark Zuckerberg's congressional testimony, a privacy bill, and revelations of corporate email compromises were only the tip of the iceberg. But many more companies misdealt consumer privacy in 2018. So, from the [data breaches exposing online banking](#) to history to the [camcorder, Microsoft hack](#) discovered in November, companies across Silicon Valley and beyond made big mistakes with consumer data this year -- and lawmakers and the public have taken notice."

<https://www.aif.org/insights/2018-12/data-privacy-scandal-and-public-policy-pick-up-speed-2018-year-review>

Open Access

Will the World Embrace Plan S, the Radical Proposal to Mandate Open Access to Science Papers?

"Since the September 2013 launch of the European-funded program to mandate immediate open access (OA) to scientific literature, 16 funders in 13 countries have signed on. That's still shy of Plan S's ambition: to convince the world's major research funders to require immediate OA to all published papers stemming from their grants. Whether it will reach that goal depends in part on details that remain to be settled, including [a gap in the author charges](#) that funders will pay for OA publication. But the plan has gained momentum. In December 2018, China launched its own OA initiative, [China Research Data Commons](#). This month, a national funding agency in Africa is expected to join, possibly followed by a second U.S. funder. Others around the world are considering whether to sign on."

"Plan S, scheduled to take effect on 1 January 2020, has drawn support from many scientists, who welcome a shake-up of a publishing system that can generate huge profits while keeping taxpayer-funded research results behind paywalls. But publishers (including AAAS, which publishes Science) are concerned, and some scientists worry that Plan S could restrict their choices."

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2018/12/will-world-embrace-plan-s-called-immediate-mandatory-open-access-science-papers>

Research

Plants of the World Online

In 2013, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew launched its free [Jamaica Digital Library](#), establishing its vision to document and understand global plant and fungal diversity and their uses, bringing authoritative expertise to bear on the critical challenges facing humanity today. The Science Strategy also committed Kew to delivering more [digital content](#) with the overarching aim to disseminate Kew's scientific knowledge of plants and fungi to maximize its impact in science, education, conservation policy and management. The Plants of the World Online portal (PWO), a core of the site strategy, began in 2015. This month, a national funding agency in Africa is expected to join, possibly followed by a second U.S. funder. Others around the world are considering whether to sign on."

"With over 3.5 million items, Kew houses the largest and most diverse botanical and mycological collections in the world in the Victorian Botanical and Fungarium in West London. They represent over 90% of known flowering plant genera and more than 60% of known fungal genera and yet, only 20% of this knowledge is available online. [PWO](#) is Kew's way of turning 250 years of botanical knowledge into an open and accessible online global resource."

"PWO now together Kew's extensive data resources including its regional flora and [cryptogams](#), alongside images from the digitization of the collections. The portal has been designed to maximize accessibility and enables the dissemination of plant information to its users via a mobile, tablet or desktop computer."

<http://www.plantsoftheworldonline.org/>

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Education

Dante's Inferno Illustrated Interactive Learning Tool

"The illustrated and interactive Dante's Inferno, an alternative learning tool for the Divine Comedy first Cantica, made for reading visual memory. The printed version and this digital version of the Dante's Inferno have been developed to be a dynamic access point to Dante's literature, aiding in study."

<http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/dante/illustrated-infinites/brooklyn-museum>

Internet

How Much of the Internet Is Fake? Turns Out a Lot of It, Actually

"In late November, the Justice Department unveiled indictments against eight people accused of running advertisements of \$36 million in two of the largest digital ad-fraud operations ever uncovered. Digital ad-enthusiasts used to want three things: people to look at their ads and "proximity" websites -- i.e., established and legitimate publications -- on which to host them."

<http://www.theverge.com/2018/12/29/how-much-of-the-internet-is-fake>

How to Delete Online Accounts You No Longer Need

"Having too many digital accounts raises your risk of data being misused or stolen. Here's how to clean house."

<http://www.consumerreports.org/news/2018/12/delete-online-accounts-you-no-longer-need/>

Literatures

Interview: NYPL's chief digital officer says public is better off when libraries are 'vink aware' about tech

"First, it's not just about digitizing books. That's the biggest misconception that the public has about the role of digital technology in libraries, according to the chief digital officer of what is arguably the world's largest public library. New York Public Library's Tanya Agph was recently in Seattle to talk about libraries' digital transformation. Agph made the point that tech now permeates pretty much all of a library's operations, from ebooks and article databases, to systems for checking out materials and tracking fines."

Is Listening to a Book the Same Thing as Reading It?

"Audiofile sales have doubled in the last five years with print and e-book sales on the rise. These trends might lead us to fear that audiobooks will do to reading what keyboarding has done to handwriting -- rendered it a skill that seems quaint and whose value is open to debate. But examining how we read and how we listen shows that each is best suited to different purposes, and neither is superior. In fact, they overlap considerably..."

<http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/dante/infinites/brooklyn-museum>

Need a fishing pole? Cake pans? Candles? Borrow it from the library

"Public libraries are pretty cool places. Not only do they let you borrow books, DVDs, video games and eBooks or access the internet for free, but many libraries around Wichita have expanded their collections to include some unusual items. Like cake pans. And fishing poles. And candles. And plug in energy meters."

<http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/dante/infinites/brooklyn-museum>

NYT historical news clippings and photos on Google Cloud

"For over 100 years, The New York Times has stored its historical news clippings and photographs in an underground archive lovingly named the "archive." Most of us keep stacks of pictures in our attic or basement. And media organizations are no different. The New York Times has archived approximately five to seven million of their old photos three stories below street level near their Times Square offices. Until now finding a photo in the archive has been a manual task for journalists."

<http://cloud.nytimes.com/content/about>

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Books and Reading

The Library Book: Susan Orlean in Conversation with David Ulin

"Author Susan Orlean will kick off the national tour for her highly anticipated new book, The Library Book, at Central Library with a presentation and book signing. David Ulin, former book critic of the Los Angeles Times, will join Susan in conversation on stage in the Taper Auditorium."

<http://www.sfbaylib.org/the-library-book-susan-orlean-in-conversation-with-david-ulin>

Government

Forward a Mass Representative Election: The Progress and Potential of Voter Registration Through Public Assistance Agencies

"Democracies are healthier when all people actively participate. Core to the participation -- and among the most fundamental rights in our democracy -- is the right to vote. However, ensuring that every eligible person has the right to vote, regardless of race, color, language spoken, or income, remains an elusive goal in our democracy. Barriers to voting are plentiful, especially today, amidst the most severe assault on voting rights since the Jim Crow era."

<http://www.dhhs.gov/eaght/advocacy/and-more.aspx?category=electronic-campaigns-and-material-voter-registration-rights>

California launches new online repository to share open-source code

"The California Government Operations Agency last week launched a new website that will eventually host the state's open-source software projects, allowing agencies, the technology industry and citizens to collaborate on the development of software used by the state government."

<http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/dante/infinites/brooklyn-museum>

Literatures

For the First Time in More Than 20 Years, Copyrighted Works Will Enter the Public Domain

"An outgrowth of New Year's Eve, all works first published in the United States in 1923 will enter the public domain. It has been 75 years since the last mass expiration of copyright in the U.S. That deluge of works includes not just "Sleeping by the Woods on a Stormy Evening," which appeared first in the New Republic in 1923, but hundreds of thousands of books, musical compositions, paintings, poems, photographs and films."

<http://www.nytimes.com/for-the-first-time-in-more-than-20-years-copyrighted-works-will-enter-the-public-domain>

Privacy

How Well Do the Current Federal Privacy Proposals Protect Your Privacy?

"Ever since the Facebook/Cambridge Analytica story broke, privacy has been the talk of the town in Washington, DC, and congressional wisdom is that Congress will begin debating comprehensive privacy legislation in earnest in 2019. In preparation, members of Congress are starting to drop their message bills and discussion drafts. Public Knowledge has evaluated each of the proposals so far, and we offer our initial take here."

<http://www.publicknowledge.org/news/blog/privacy-bills-to-do-the-current-federal-privacy-proposals-protect-your-privacy>

Research

How are algorithms distributing power between people?

"Why Computer Scientists Need Philosophers. According to a Mathematician. "Lily He is a 3rd year PhD candidate in Applied Mathematics at Harvard University where she studies algorithmic fairness with special interest in its intersection with various philosophical notions of justice."

<http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/dante/infinites/brooklyn-museum>

Technology

We tried teaching an AI to write Christmas movie plots. hilariously correct. Eventually.

"Using a neural network to create riffs about plot lines that is full of wit, and reveals the challenges of generating human language."

<http://www.techcrunch.com/2018/12/20/we-tried-teaching-an-ai-to-write-christmas-movie-plots-hilariously-correct-2018/>

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Books and Reading

The 75 Best Book Covers of 2018 According to Book Cover Designers

"2018 has been many things, but it certainly has not been lacking in great book cover design. Here at Lit Hub, we requested the biggest book cover trend of the year, compared US covers to their UK counterparts, and researched the best and worst covers of 2018 as well as Edward Gross's own cover designs. We gave you a brief visual history of Virginia Woolf's book covers and treated you to 100 covers for One Hundred Years of Solitude."

<http://cliffhangerbooks.com/75-best-book-covers-of-2018/>

Freedom of Information

U.S. Courts Are Figuring Out if the Government Can Block You On Facebook

"In the last two years, there's been a cascade of lawsuits in the U.S. against public officials who have blocked people on social media and deleted critical comments. The list starts with the highest one in the country, president Donald Trump, and goes all the way down to a county board chair."

<http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/dante/infinites/brooklyn-museum>

Internet Access

A Report From the Frontlines of the Net Neutrality Litigation

"Remember, You keep saying that word. I do not think it means what you think it means."

In March of 2018, CDT filed a legal challenge to the FCC's "Restoring Internet Freedom" (RIF) order in which the FCC removed all of the net neutrality rules it had put in place in 2015. The Commission also reclassified broadband internet access services (IAS) as an "information service" subject to the weaker regulatory authority Title I of the Communications Act and *discovered* the remaining sources of its own authority to implement such rules at all. Instead, the FCC was relying solely on a weakened transparency requirement and another source to ensure that ISPs refrain from "bypassing their gatekeeper positions on the internet to control content," access to the internet or to exert influence on providers of online services."

<http://cdt.org/article/a-report-from-the-frontlines-of-the-net-neutrality-litigation/>

Literatures

Library of Congress pushing digitization over next 5 years

"The Library of Congress -- which dates to Thomas Jefferson -- is marching steadily into the digital age. Recently it released a new, free digital plan. Kate Zarew, the library's director of digital strategy joined Public Domain with Tom Terras to provide more information."

<http://cliffhangerbooks.com/2018/12/17/library-of-congress-pushing-digitization-over-next-5-years/>

Privacy

Your Apps Know Where You Were Last Night, and They're Not Keeping It Secret

"The millions of data on the map trace highways, side streets and bike trails -- each one following the path of an anonymous cellphone user."

Our path tracks someone from a home outside Newark to a nearby Penn State Plunkett, continuing here for more than an hour. Another represents a person who travels with the mayor of New York during the day and returns to Long Island at night.

Yet another leaves a home in upstate New York at 7 a.m. and travels to a middle school 14 miles away, staying until late afternoon each school day. Only one person makes that trip: Lisa Meglin, a 46-year-old math teacher. Her smartphone goes with her."







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**Education**

**Home Libraries Confer Long-Term Benefits**

"We've known for a while that home libraries are strongly linked to children's academic achievement. What's less certain is whether the benefits they bestow have a long-term impact. A new large-scale study, featuring data from 31 countries, reports they do indeed. It finds the advantages of growing up in a book-filled home can be measured well into adulthood."

[https://www.cnn.com/2018/09/13/home-libraries-advantage-long-term-benefit/index.html](#)

**Government**

**Email and Internet Voting Safe**

"Election integrity advocates released a report today examining against online voting as an overlooked threat to election infrastructure. It's susceptible to cyberattacks at nearly every point in the journey from voter to county clerk's office, they say, warning that malware can remain undetected on a voter's computer, voter authentication can be stolen, emailed ballots can be manipulated without detection and servers hosting ballots can be penetrated — none of which can be effectively mitigated."

[https://www.wired.com/2018/10/email-and-internet-voting-safe/](#)

**Internet Access**

**Advocates Ask FCC Chairman Not To Take Away 95 Spectrum From Rural America**

"Today, Public Knowledge joined 20 rural advocacy organizations, rural healthcare providers, rural network operators, and public internet advocates in a letter urging Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai to preserve the existing Citizens Broad Radio Service (CBRS) rules that enable small providers to offer service in rural areas."

[https://www.publicknowledge.org/news/advocates-pick-the-chairman-not-to-take-away-the-spectrum-from-rural-america](#)

**International Outlook**

**EU Internet Copyright Will Cause the World's Worst-Internet**

"As the EU advances the new Copyright Directive towards becoming law in its 28 member-states, it's important to realize that the EU's plan will end up censoring the Internet for everyone, not just Europeans."

[https://www.off.moe.de/links/2018/10/eu-internet-copyright-will-cause-while-worlds-worst-internet](#)

**Libraries**

**American democracy is fracturing. Libraries say they know how to help**

"Don't mess with libraries. One economist learned that lesson the hard way in July after posting a story on Forbes arguing that Amazon should replace local libraries to save taxpayers money. The collective outrage of librarians and Twitter was so great that Forbes deleted the story from its site. The passionate defenders of libraries aren't just up in arms about books. They say that in a fractured society, libraries are a crucial way to fight the ravages of wrenched earth-partisanship, rising social discord, and educational inequalities."

[https://www.baylibre.com/american-democracy-is-fracturing-libraries-say-they-know-how-to-help/](#)

**Privacy**

**How to tell for sure if you're a victim of Facebook's huge data breach**

Facebook now claims hackers in the security breach accessed two months ago stole a lot of sensitive information from millions of users.

The news Facebook said in a blog post that it now thinks some 30 million users, rather than 50 million, were affected by a recent breach that allowed hackers to read personal data. However, 14 million of them had details such as their religious, birthplace, and place of work exposed. The remaining 16 million either reflected no data loss or had only their e-mail and/or other contact details stolen. Previously, Facebook had said it didn't know what, if any, information was compromised."

[https://www.techcrunch.com/2018/10/15/how-to-tell-for-sure-if-you-are-a-victim-of-facebooks-huge-data-breach/](#)

**General Hackers Show No One's DNA Is Anonymous Anymore**

In 2013, a young computational biologist named Yaron Tefelli checked the research world by showing it was possible to unmask the identities of people listed in anonymous genetic databases using only an Internet connection. Policymakers responded by restricting access to pools of anonymized genomic data. An NIH official said at the time, "The chances of this happening for most people are small, but they're not zero." Fast forward five years and the amount of DNA information housed in digital data stores has exploded, with no signs of slowing down."

[https://www.baylibre.com/general-hackers-show-no-ones-dna-is-anonymous-anymore/](#)

**Voice Phishing Scams Are Getting More Clever**

"Most of us have been trained to be wary of clicking on links and attachments that arrive in emails unexpected, but it's easy to forget scam artists are constantly honing up innovations that put a new shine on old-fashioned telephone-based phishing scams. Think you're too smart to fall for one? Think again. Even technology experts are getting taken in by some of the more recent schemes (or vary nearly...)."

[https://www.baylibre.com/voice-phishing-scams-are-getting-more-clever/](#)

**Publishing**

**More than 7 million broken links on Wikipedia are now fixed**

"As part of the Internet Archive's aim to build a better Web, we have been working to make the Web more reliable — and are pleased to announce that 9 million formerly broken links on Wikipedia now work because they go to archived versions in the Wayback Machine."

[https://blog.archive.org/2018/10/15/9-million-more-7-million-broken-links-on-wikipedia-are-now-fixed](#)

**Research**

**Law firms can learn from other industries' mistakes on cybersecurity awareness and prevention**

"Equifax, Yahoo, Anthem, Sony. In the past few years, these companies experienced some of the most significant data breaches to date. And all of these companies found themselves subject to intense worldwide media coverage over their failure to secure their information. The industries affected — from health care to entertainment — know all too well that the struggle to secure data in the digital age never ends. While individual businesses within these industries will continue to find themselves vulnerable to breaches, they have an advantage over law firms."

[https://www.baylibre.com/law-firms-can-learn-from-other-industries-mistakes-on-cybersecurity-awareness-and-prevention/](#)

**Technology**

**Amazon ditched AI recruitment software because it was biased against women**

"According to a report by Reuters, Amazon began developing an automated system in 2014 to rank job seekers with one to five stars. But last year, the company scrapped the project after seeing it had developed a preference for male candidates in technical roles."

[https://www.techcrunch.com/2018/09/25/amazon-ditched-ai-recruitment-software-because-it-was-biased-against-women](#)

**Neural networks don't understand what optical illusions are**

"Machine-vision systems can match humans at recognizing faces and can even create realistic synthetic faces. But researchers have discovered that the same systems cannot recognize optical illusions, which means they also can't create new ones."

[https://www.techcrunch.com/2018/09/25/neural-networks-dont-understand-what-optical-illusions-are](#)

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**Archives**

**Spanish civil war not who had \$250,000 salary but failed to do a day's work for two years landed from post**

"A civil servant in the Spanish province of Valencia has been handed a nine-year prison term from public prosecutors after it emerged he had been absent from his €50,000-a-year job for more than a decade."

"Every weekday morning, Carlos Reiza, an archivist-director in Valencia's provincial government, would turn up at his office only to clock in and head straight out again, before coming back at 4pm to clock out."

[https://www.independent.co.uk/news/2018/07/10/valencia-spanish-civil-servant-paid-50000-year-despite-not-turning/](#)

**Celebrating American Archives Month**

"Standing midway between the White House and the U.S. Capitol, the National Archives building at 700 Pennsylvania Avenue is as impressive today as when it opened in 1935. Surrounded by seventy-two Corinthian columns, each over 30 feet high, it is among the most popular photo backdrops for tourists."

[https://www.baylibre.com/celebrating-american-archives-month/](#)

**Copyright**

**Keep Copyright Office in Library of Congress**

"The American Library Association (ALA) and Internet had one great win on the copyright front in late September — the Marketplace Fairness Implementation Act and the Music Modernization Act. But we are also facing serious threats, including one focused on the US Copyright Office and Library of Congress."

"On September 26, the US Senate held a hearing on the Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act (S. 1030), which passed the House of Representatives in March 2018. One of the two witnesses at this hearing was our copyright counsel Jonathan Brand, who also serves as counsel to the Library Copyright Alliance (LCA). This unfortunate and unwanted legislation would remove the hiring authority of the Register of Copyrights from the Library of Congress and make it an appointment of the president, which would then require Senate confirmation."

[https://www.librarycopyrightalliance.org/blog/the-copyright-copyright-office-in-library-of-congress](#)

**Intellectual Property**

**What's In and Out of the IP Chapter of the United States, Mexico, Canada Trade Agreement**

"Yesterday, Canada announced — just in time for the self-imposed deadline by the negotiating parties of September 30 — that it would join the trade agreement with the United States and Mexico. This agreement, a renegotiation of NAFTA, which apparently is also being called the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement or USMCA, includes much more prescriptive provision on intellectual property than what was included in the original NAFTA. The original NAFTA text on intellectual property, written in a different era of trade agreements, does not include language on copyright terms or issues covered by the WIPO Internet Treaties (NAFTA was negotiated before the WIPO Copyright Treaty and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty)."

[https://canadacopyright.org/?p=1224](#)

**Libraries**

**Tall Tales: Secrets of the Tower**

"It is an icon of the Cambridge skyline that has inspired authors from CS Lewis to Stephen Fry — and here an enduring source of underpinning legend for its mythical collection of Victorian pornography."

"Now, the treasures of Cambridge University Library's famed 17-story Tower Collection, chosen from nearly a million volumes, will go on public display together for the first time in a free exhibition."

"Tall Tales: Secrets of the Tower opens to the public from May 2-October 28. More than 90 per cent of the objects have never before been on public display."

[https://www.cam.ac.uk/2018/04/](#)

**Open Access**

**National Technical Information Library (NTRL) is now Open Access**

"On request of California Digital Library, The National Technical Reports Library (NTRL) — U.S. Department of Commerce) has become an open access resource, following a decision made by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). NTRL was previously licensed as Tier 2 by five UC campuses. With the change of NTRL to open access, the PID redirects to the Open NTRL platform and a catalog record for Open NTRL will be available soon."

[https://www.cdlib.org/content/view/full/technical\\_information\\_library\\_and\\_is\\_now\\_open\\_access](#)

**Open Data**

**Open Data, Gray Data, and Stewardship: Universities at the Primary Frontier**

"As universities recognize the inherent value in the data they collect and hold, they encounter enforcement challenges in stewarding those data in ways that balance accountability, transparency, and protection of privacy; academic freedom, and intellectual property. Two parallel developments in academic data collection are converging: (1) open access requirements, whereby researchers must provide access to their data as a condition of obtaining grant funding or publishing results in journals; and (2) the vast accumulation of "gray data" about individuals in their daily activities of research, teaching, learning, services, and administration."

[https://www.baylibre.com/open-data-gray-data-and-stewardship-universities-at-the-primary-frontier](#)

**Privacy**

**There Are Many Problems With Mobile Privacy but the Presidential Alert Isn't One of Them**

"On Wednesday, most cell phones in the US received a jarring alert at the same time. This was a test of the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system, also commonly known as the Presidential Alert. This is an unbelievable nationwide alert system which is operated by Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") the President, in the same name suggest) to warn people of a catastrophic event such as a nuclear strike or nationwide terrorist attack. The test appears to have been merely successful, and having a nationwide emergency alert system certainly doesn't seem like a bad idea, but Wednesday's test has also generated concern."

[https://www.off.moe.de/links/2018/10/there-are-many-problems-with-mobile-privacy-presidential-alert-isn-t-one-of-them](#)

**Publishing**

**'Sokal Squared': Is Huge Publishing Bias, 'Efficiency and Diligence' or an Ugly Example of Dishonesty and Bad Faith?**

"Revisions to an elaborate academic journal have, dubbed "Sokal Squared" by one observer, come fast and furious on Wednesday. Some scholars applauded the ban for unmasking what they called academic's belated, belated, belated ideological chicanery and bad publishing standards. Others said it had proved nothing beyond the bad faith and dishonesty of its authors."

[https://www.theguardian.com/science/2018/oct/03/sokal-squared-is-huge-publishing-bias](#)

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YON) but many cities and countries require it.”  
<http://publicaffairs.sciencemag.org/2015/05/Using-Science-into-Theory-requirements/>

**Library Acquisition Patterns: Preliminary Findings**  
“Several years ago, we set out to better understand how both library acquisition practices and the distribution patterns of publishers and vendors were evolving over time. Within the academic publishing community, there is a sense that academic libraries are acquiring fewer and fewer books and that university presses are struggling amid declining sales. The latter may certainly be true—a recent UK study found that between 2003 and 2014, retail sales of academic books dropped by 1.1 percent—but what if the academic libraries that constitute part of the market were in reality not making lower-level purchases? As new vendors and acquisition methods disrupt customary means of acquiring books, Joseph Epstein, Hukus S-M’s frequent collaborator and consultant, was inspired to ask whether book sales were actually depressed, or if they only appeared to be because academic libraries were bypassing the traditional wholesale vendors whose markets are used by university presses to access sales to libraries for companies like Amazon.”  
<http://lib.umn.edu/2016/06/library-acquisition-patterns-preliminary-findings/>

**Research:**  
**The Complexity of Simply Searching for Medical Advice**  
“In the first few hours of a surgeon’s life, doctors administer a vitamin K shot. This is because infants are born without enough of the vitamin, and the baby needs a boost to prevent any potential bleeding.”  
“This is a [simple](#) practice—ask your pediatrician, your obstetrician, or the CDC. “Babies are born with very low stores of vitamin K, and without the Vitamin K shot ... they do not have enough Vitamin K in their blood to form a clot,” the CDC says [on its website](#).”  
“But new parents who turn to search engines to understand the practice will find an abundant—and dangerous—stream of thinking Google “vitamin K shot” and the first result advises “Skip that Newborn Vitamin K Shot.” It isn’t until below the fold—the fourth result—that the CDC website appears.”  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/complexity-of-simply-searching-for-medical-advice/>

**Open Access:**  
**Who Gets to Read the Research We Pay For?**  
“Scientific journals lack an effective model business for years. What it comes to access for people with rare diseases, it becomes an ethical issue.”  
“There’s one field that has authoritatively signed the changes to access to information that the internet has brought: scientific publishing. Peer-reviewed research, often funded at least in part by taxpayers, is still difficult to access, as it’s almost entirely published in scientific journals that sit behind some of the priciest paywalls imaginable. This is frustrating for many people who want to keep up with the latest research, but it becomes an ethical issue for people who suffer from rare diseases and sometimes still don’t receive any access to the latest research on their conditions.”  
“This fault line erupted into an earthquake of sorts last week. The director of scholarly communications at Elsevier, a scientific publishing giant, kicked up a storm on Twitter during a debate over rare-disease families’ access to medical research. Elsevier has been a source of [controversy](#) on and off for the past few decades for what some see as business practices that place prohibitive costs on scientific information. Nearly 40 percent of the company’s income [last year](#) was profit.”  
<http://www.techcrunch.com/2015/08/26/who-gets-to-read-the-research-we-pay-for/>

**Technology:**  
**China’s use of big data might actually make it less Big Brotherish**  
“Why the country’s adoption of ever more intensive technology could, paradoxically, lead to stronger civil liberties.”  
<http://www.techcrunch.com/2015/11/14/China-use-of-big-data-might-actually-make-it-less-big-brotherish/>

**Archives:**  
**A Call to Action for Scholars of American History: Contribute to Wikidata**  
“Our mission at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is to provide access to the government records of the Federal government, which include Presidential records from NARA’s Presidential Libraries.”  
“As the National Archives’ [digit](#) [with](#) [open](#) [offer](#) [enormous](#) [prepar](#) [for](#) the 190 Amendment’s centennial we are working hard to increase access to the records we hold around women’s suffrage. One way we are doing this is by collaborating with [Wikidata](#), a nonprofit focused on empowering people to expand and improve Wikipedia content for the benefit of all. Through this collaboration, Wik Education is launching a new virtual, immersive training course designed to give participants the skills and practical experience necessary to improve Wikipedia coverage of the history of women’s voting rights in the United States.”  
<http://www.nara.gov/archives/2015/08/19/a-call-to-action-for-scholars-of-american-history-contribute-to-wikidata/>

**National Archives Works to Release Records Related to Judge Ruth M. Kawanagh**  
“The mission of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is to provide access to the government records of the Federal government, which include Presidential records from NARA’s Presidential Libraries.”  
“President Donald Trump nominated Judge Ruth M. Kawanagh to the U.S. Supreme Court on July 9, 2018. NARA has permanent records related to Judge Kawanagh, because he served in the White House Counsel’s Office and the White House Counsel’s Office and the Staff Secretary under the Administration of President George W. Bush, and he also served as an Associate Independent Counsel in the Office of Independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr during the Administration of President William J. Clinton.”  
“Each time a candidate is nominated to the Supreme Court by the President, the staff at the National Archives and Records Administration immediately begins the task of reviewing and releasing records related to that nominee. The process is governed by several laws, including the Presidential Records Act, the Federal Records Act, and the President of Information Act. All of the records, electronic and paper, must be reviewed by archival staff before being released by NARA.”  
“In addition to the challenges of reviewing the records, the archival staff face an enormous number of documents—in Judge Ruth Kawanagh’s case, far more than previous nominees. While National Archives processed and released roughly 170,000 pages on Chief Justice John Roberts and 170,000 pages on Justice Elena Kagan, there are the equivalent of several million pages of paper and email records related to Judge Kawanagh in the holdings of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum and in the National Archives.”  
<http://www.nara.gov/archives/2018/08/20/national-archives-works-to-release-records-related-to-judge-ruth-m-kawanagh/>

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**Research:**  
**Invisible Institute launches expanded Chicago police misconduct database**  
“The Chicago Reporter.” An expansive new version of the [Chicago Police Data Project](#) has been unveiled by week-side journalism production company the Invisible Institute. The database, created by independent journalist [Julian Ramirez](#), was already the largest public repository of Chicago police misconduct records. Now it’s quadrupled in size to include more than 240,000 misconduct complaints made against more than 22,000 CPD officers going back to the late 1960s. The database has also been enhanced by the addition of Chicago Police Department records. Ramirez and the Institute are relying on the new version of the database together with [Black Lives Matter](#) to help. They found that about one-third of the officers employed by CPD for a year or more between 2009 and 2016 had two or more complaints against them, ranging from minor operational violations such as not wearing a seat belt while driving a squad car to accusations of sexual harrasing and shootings. Officers with two or more complaints account for two-thirds of the records in CPD’s new database. The profiles in the new database offer a chance to see when any particular officer falls in relation to the rest of the force when it comes to allegations by civilians, by fellow officers, and use of force reports. Officers who are frequently accused together can be analyzed as a group. It’s also possible to scroll through an officer’s entire career history and see his or her transfers between districts and department awards. Often, Fox notes, the same incident involving the same officer will result in a misconduct complaint from a civilian as well as a commendation from the department. It is an amendment of the database, called the Institute’s entire additional “striking” results “gleaned from the database. More than 9 percent of officers were accused of incidents of “physical domestic abuse” between 2009 and 2016. The officers with such accusations in their records also had a 30 percent higher rate of use-of-force complaints than the rest of their peers.”  
<http://www.theinvisibleinstitute.com/black-lives-matter-journalism-launches-expanded-police-misconduct-database>

**Values:**  
**HUO Files Housing Discrimination Complaint Against Facebook**  
“WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced today a formal complaint against Facebook for violating the Fair Housing Act by allowing landlords and home sellers to use its advertising platform to engage in housing discrimination.”  
“HUD claims Facebook enables advertisers to control which users receive housing related ads based upon the recipient’s race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, disability, and/or zip code. Facebook then invites advertisers to express unlawful preferences by offering discriminatory options, allowing them to effectively limit housing options for those protected classes under the guise of “targeted advertising.” [Read HUD’s complaint against Facebook.](#)”  
<http://www.hud.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2018/08/20/hud-files-complaint-against-facebook>

**Open Access:**  
**How Uppaywall is transforming open science**  
“Uppaywall has become indispensable to many academics, and its use with established scientific search engines could break its mold.”  
“After being kicked out of a hotel conference room where they had participated in a three-day open science workshop and hackathon, a group of computer scientists simply moved to an adjacent hallway. There, Heather Prosser, James Prosser and Christian Porek worked all night on software to help academics to illustrate how much of their work was freely available on the Internet. They realized how much time had passed only when they noticed hotel staff starting to prepare for breakfast.”  
“The all-nighter, back in 2011, laid the foundation for Uppaywall. This has since become open access articles and presents paywalled papers that have been highly archived and are freely available on other websites to users who might otherwise have hit a paywalled version. Since one part of the technology was released in 2016, it has become indispensable for many researchers. And firms that run established scientific search engines are starting to take advantage of Uppaywall.”  
<http://www.computerworld.com/2018/08/20/uppaywall>

**Technology:**  
**Can you read at superhuman speeds?**  
“If we cut the time spent moving our eyes, we can read at much greater speeds. Give speed reading a try yourself in this video.”  
<http://www.thy.com/news/2017/08/10/can-you-read-at-superhuman-speeds>

**Who needs democracy when you have data?**  
“Here’s how China rules using data, AI, and internet surveillance.”  
“In 1955, science fiction writer Isaac Asimov published a short story about an experiment in “electronic democracy,” in which a single citizen, selected to represent an entire population, responded to questions generated by a computer named Malvino. The machine took this data and calculated the results of an election that therefore never needed to happen. Asimov’s story was set in Washington, Idaho, but today an approximation of Malvino is being held in China.”  
“For any sophisticated regime, there is a basic problem for the center of figuring out what’s going on at lower levels and across society,” says Deborah Seligson, a political scientist and China expert at Williams University in Philadelphia. How do you effectively govern a country that’s home to one in six people on the planet, with an increasingly complex economy and society, if you don’t allow public debate, civil activism, and elected feedback? How do you gather enough information to actually make decisions? And how do you government that doesn’t invite its citizens to participate still engage their trust and build public behavior without putting police on every doorstep?”  
<http://www.techcrunch.com/2018/08/10/who-needs-democracy-when-you-have-data/>

**Google just gave control over data center cooling to an AI**  
“In fact, Google is treating a self thought algorithm to manage part of its infrastructure.”  
<http://www.techcrunch.com/2018/11/02/google-just-gave-control-over-data-center-cooling-to-an-ai/>

**The US government wants Facebook to break the encryption on a user’s data**  
“The U.S. government is trying to force Facebook Inc (FB) to break the encryption in its popular Messenger app so law enforcement may listen to a suspect’s voice conversations in a criminal probe, those people briefed on the case said, smothering the issue of whether companies can be compelled to alter their products to enable surveillance.”  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/us/facebook-encryption/usa-government-wants-facebook-to-erase-encryption-key-idUSKCN152292>

**Publishing:**  
**Predatory publishers: the journals that cheat out fake stories**  
“A Canadian investigation, in collaboration with German broadcaster Norddeutscher Rundfunk, reveals the open-access publishers who accept any article submitted for a fee.”  
<http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2018/09/26/predatory-publishers-reveals-the-journals-that-cheat-out-fake-stories>

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**Books and Reading:**  
**How Does Immersing Yourself in a Book Do To Your Brain?**  
“The act of taking in the perspective and feelings of others is one of the most profound, intricately branched contributions of the deep-reading process. Prosser’s description of “that fertile matrix of communication effected in solitude” depicts an intimate emotional dimension within the reading experience: the capacity to communicate and to feel with another without moving an inch out of our private worlds. This capacity inspired by reading—to have and yet not know one’s sphere—is what gave the exclusive Emily Dickinson what she called her personal “Uggle,” or other lives and books outside her porch above Main Street in Amherst, Massachusetts.”  
“The narrative theorist John S. Dunne described this process of encounter and perspective taking in reading as the act of “journeying away,” in which we enter into the feelings, imaginations, and thoughts of others through a particular kind of empathy. “Passing away is never total but is always partial and incomplete. And there is an equal and opposite process of coming back to oneself.” It is a beautifully apt description for how we move from our inherently circumscribed views of the world to enter another’s and return enlarged.”  
<http://lib.umn.edu/2016/06/does-immersing-ourselves-in-a-book-do-to-your-brain/>

**Literatures:**  
**The Crack Squad of Literatures Who Track Down Half-Forgotten Books**  
“Resurrecting forgotten readers with the books from the edges of their memories.”  
<http://www.theinvisibleinstitute.com/crack-squad-of-literatures-who-track-down-half-forgotten-books>

**Being a Victorian Librarian Was Oh-So-Dangerous**  
“Quick, think of a job that’s hard on your health. Librarian Rosalind McRippledick writes that in the late nineteenth century, a common response might have been: Librarian.”  
<http://slab.umn.edu/2016/06/being-a-victorian-librarian-was-oh-so-dangerous/>

**Research:**  
**ADL: Events Interactive Map Preparing Extremism and Hate Across U.S.**  
“ADL, H.E.A.T. Map is the first of its kind interactive and customizable map detailing extremist and anti-Semitic incidents around the nation. ADL experts in its Center on Extremism ([www.adl.org/en-us/about-us/center-on-extremism](http://www.adl.org/en-us/about-us/center-on-extremism)) developed this unique visualization with data points extracted from information sources including news and media reports, government documents (including police reports), victim reports, extremist related content, [Common Sense](#), investigations and more. Filter data sets and learn more about hate, extremism, anti-Semitism and terrorism in your area and around the country.”  
<http://www.adl.org/en-us/about-us/center-on-extremism/2018/09/26/adl-hea-t-map-is-the-first-of-its-kind-interactive-and-customizable-map-detailing-extremist-and-anti-semitic-incidents-around-the-nation>

**For most U.S. workers, real wages have barely budged in decades**  
[The Borgen Project](#) “On the face of it, these should be healthy times for American workers. U.S. unemployment is at its low as it’s been in nearly two decades (3.9% as of July) and the nation’s private-sector employers have been adding jobs for 93 straight months—19.5 million since the Great Recession-related cuts finally abated in early 2010, and 1.5 million just since the beginning of the year. But despite the strong labor market, [pay growth](#) has [lagged](#) [behind](#) [economic](#) [activity](#) [in](#) [recent](#) [years](#). In fact, despite some ups and downs over the past several decades, when it’s all said and done, the wage that’s earning for inflation has about the same purchasing power it did 40 years ago. And what wage gains there have been have mostly trended to the highest paid set of workers. The disconnect between the job market and workers’ paychecks has fueled much of the recent activism in states and cities around [gig-economy](#) [regulation](#), and it also has become a factor in a [long](#) [period](#) [of](#) [economic](#) [stagnation](#) [and](#) [income](#) [inequality](#). Strong hourly earnings for non-manual private-sector workers in July were \$22.85, up 3 cents from June and 2.7% above the average wage from a year earlier, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That’s in line with average wage growth over the past few years. Year-over-year growth has mostly ranged between 2% and 3% since the beginning of 2013. But in the years just before the 2007-08 financial collapse, average hourly earnings often increased by around 4% year-over-year. And during the high-inflation years of the 1970s and early 1980s, average wage increases jumped 7% or more year-over-year.”  
<http://www.borgenproject.org/2018/09/26/for-most-u-s-workers-real-wages-have-barely-budged-in-decades/>

**Education:**  
**How to Teach Information Literacy in an Era of Lies**

"Every day, critics of the American president dilly his penchant for 'false or misleading claims,' while he and his supporters lie back with accusations of 'false news.' It's no wonder those of us who teach are worried more than ever about information literacy."

"The functioning of contemporary education for us is in the digital in the college classroom. Many faculty members believe a key part of our role is helping students understand and thrive in the world in it. But to do that, don't we need to find some kind of shared understanding of that world? To succeed in college and in life afterward, students need to be able to tell a truth from a falsehood. And, clearly, that is not as easy as it seems."

"I would argue that, whatever your discipline, you should be teaching information literacy – the capacity to understand, assess, evaluate, and apply information to solve problems or answer questions – as part of your courses. It's a necessary skill to teach, even if you don't see educating students to navigate the outside world as part of your mission as an instructor."

"Here are ways to incorporate these needed information literacy into your courses this fall."

<https://www.dereidel.com/articles/How-to-Teach-Information%20Lit/>

Technology:

**AI is bringing a new set of rules to knowledge work**

"When things go digital, they start following a new set of rules."

"The rules of the physical world are qualitatively or even quantitatively different from the rules of the digital world. Things move from quantity to abundance, where corruption does not lead to depletion. To the contrary, the more an object is consumed, the more valuable it becomes. Cost of production and distribution is no longer critical, and the concept of scarcity is no longer applicable."

"When things go digital, they also move from linear to exponential – a world in which new technologies and new players can enter and dominate an industry in just a few years."

<https://blogs.bostonherald.com/technology/2016/06/06/>

Government:

**Senate Judiciary Committee Adds additional 80,000 pages of Kavanaugh documents**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/insider-politics/wp/2018/08/06/senate-judiciary-committee-adds-80000-pages-of-kavanaugh-documents/?hpid=hp\\_hp-top-table-main-kavanaugh%3Ahomepage%2Fstory&hpid=hp\\_hp-top-table-main-kavanaugh%3Ahomepage%2Fstory](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/insider-politics/wp/2018/08/06/senate-judiciary-committee-adds-80000-pages-of-kavanaugh-documents/?hpid=hp_hp-top-table-main-kavanaugh%3Ahomepage%2Fstory&hpid=hp_hp-top-table-main-kavanaugh%3Ahomepage%2Fstory)

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Research:

**Is Wikipedia a Reliable Legal Authority? (2018 Update)**

"Back in 2014, a Twitter exchange with Judge Dillard prompted an article on AboveTheLaw discussing the reliability of Wikipedia as a resource."

"Last year, I updated my research here: [Is Wikipedia a Reliable Legal Authority? \(2017 Update\)](#)."

"It's 2018, so let's see how some recent opinions cite (or reject) Wikipedia as an authority."

<https://www.legalresearch.com/2018/08/02/wikipedia-legal-authority-2018/>

**What The District?? Explores How Your Voting District Has Evolved**

"For better or worse, the way Congressional districts are drawn can determine who wins elections, which communities are represented, and what lives or perishes. Explores how your own district has changed (sometimes dramatically) over time."

"Most state legislatures have the power to draw new congressional district boundaries. Every year, our state and you will be provided with the history of the boundaries in your respective district from 1983 to the present. This resource clearly identifies the history of gerrymandering in districts around the country."

<https://redistricting.districts.org/>

Archives:

**Microsoft: Lots That AI Will Miss**

"Millions of publications – not to mention open documents – can be read on microfilm machines. But people will use those devices as extended and ungrateful. An Object Lesson."

<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2018/07/microsoft-lots-that-ai-will-miss/565645/>

Libraries:

**Library Acquisition Patterns: Preliminary Findings**

"Several years ago, we set out to better understand how both library acquisition practices and the distribution patterns of publishers and vendors were evolving over time. Within the academic publishing community, there is a sense that academic libraries are acquiring fewer and fewer books and that university presses are struggling amid declining sales. The latter may certainly be true – a recent UK study found that between 2003 and 2014, retail sales of academic books dropped by 13 percent – but what if the academic libraries that comprise part of that market were in reality not losing revenue? After seven months and extensive methods (except university presses' reasons of acquiring books, Joseph Epstein, Duke's Lib's frequent collaborator and consultant, was inspired to ask whether book sales were actually depressed, or if they only appeared to be because academic libraries were bypassing the traditional channels, vendors whose metrics are used by university presses to assess sales to libraries for comparison like Amazon. To address this question, Duke's Lib's Joseph Schindler and Laura Treanor developed a data collection method that involved obtaining acquisition data through an integrated library system (ILS). With the help of Barry Presson and Michael Johnson at the University of Minnesota, we created a central report and query that academic institutions using Ex Libris's Alma could easily implement to extract their data and supply us with a complete list of acquisitions by fiscal year. A pilot combined with four academic libraries in 2016 proved that this method not only yielded viable data but was also scalable. Last year, we received funding from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the Library Acquisition Patterns (LAP) project was able to expand into a large-scale, national study that also incorporated data from OCLC's WorldShare Management Services (WMS). This preliminary analysis examines book acquisitions from 10 libraries – ranging from small private liberal arts colleges to public research universities – that use WMS. We asked participants for data on their acquisitions between fiscal years 2013 to 2017."

<https://www.libraryofthefuture.org/library-acquisition-patterns-preliminary-findings/>

Technology:

**Tech Talk: Taking Control of Your Smartphone Usage**

"This work's appeal is all about life in the attention economy. It's a place where information overload and digital dependence makes your situation a valuable commodity. When tech is designed to draw us in, is it possible to disengage and just live life?"

"We'll share about new research on the topic from Nick Finn, currently a senior researcher at Duke University's Center for Advanced Hindsight. With the average person receiving between 65-80 notifications on their phone each day, what's the best way to manage them and stay sane?"

<http://techtalk.org/2018/>

**Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to Accelerate Translational Research**

"The big data revolution, encompassing both artificial neural networks and machine-based applications, has enabled the biomedical community to apply artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning algorithms to vast amounts of data. This shift has created new research opportunities in predictive analytics, precision medicine, virtual diagnosis, patient monitoring, and drug discovery and delivery, which have generated the interests of government, academic, and industry researchers alike and is already paving new roads in the hands of practitioners. <https://www.aiglobaltoday.com/2017/artificial-intelligence-and-machine-learning-to-accelerate-translational-research-proceedings>. This forum in digital health opportunities has also raised numerous questions concerning the future of biomedical research and healthcare practices. How reliable are deployed AI-driven diagnostic tools, and what is the impact of these tools on doctors and patients? How valuable are algorithms to bias and refinement? How can research improve the process of deriving evidence in machine learning models? How can the data fields consistently and ethically be applied? How will academic progress co-exist with the skills to meet the demands of the newly transformed industry? Industry leaders in these and other questions require interdisciplinary discussion and collaboration. On February 13 and 14, 2018, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine convened a workshop to explore these and other questions related to the emerging use of AI and machine learning technologies in translational research. This public forum summarizes the presentations and discussions from the workshop."

<https://www.broadinstitute.org/artificial-intelligence-and-machine-learning-to-accelerate-translational-research/>

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Archives:

**Archiving White Black**

"Among the things 2018 will be remembered for is mainstream culture's realizations that white Americans use the police to challenge black entry into "white" spaces. Countless viral news stories detail how white people have called the police on black people for cooking, shopping, driving – basically for existing while black. A black body in a space presumed to be white is a hot seat of place and at worst a threat. This reality extends to less visible spaces, such as the historical archive. The archive, and black marginalization within it, has inspired reflections on both scholarly and popular sites about history."

<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2018/07/archiving-white-black/564744/>

Open Access:

**Elsevier/Equity agreement will make open access articles easier to find on Scopus**

"Open access is growing across the industry, but it can be hard to know which articles are open and which are subscriptions. Being able to easily find and identify open access content saves researchers time and effort."

"With Elsevier's new partnership with Inspecity, a nonprofit that creates online tools to make science more open and accessible, researchers will soon be able to find open access content on Scopus more efficiently. Meanwhile, for university research offices, the expansion of OA identified content in Scopus will enable improved strategic analysis and benchmarking."

<https://librariansandacademics.com/2018/>

**CLASSICS Is the Future of Accessible Against the Public Domain**

"January 1, 2019 will be the first time in twenty years that works in the United States will once again join the public domain through copyright expiration. A growing public domain means more access to works and the ability of other artists to build on what came before. And as we get closer and closer to finally growing the public domain, long content holders are going to push harder and harder to lock it all down again. CLASSICS is the first step in that direction."

<https://www.aelf.org/2018/01/01/classics-the-future-of-accessible-against-the-public-domain/>

Public Policy:

**The Next Supreme Court Justice: How's That? What the Senate Should Ask About New Technologies and the Internet**

"Just Kavanaugh's nomination has already been a great deal of a great deal. But the Supreme Court has a broad range of issues, including the present and future of digital rights and innovation. As Congress plays its crucial constitutional role in scrutinizing judicial nominees, Senators should take care to press the nominee for his views on how the law should address new technology and the Internet."

<https://www.aiglobaltoday.com/2018/07/31/the-next-supreme-court-justice-how-s-that-what-the-senate-should-ask-about-new-technologies-and-the-internet/>

Government:

**Gov Docs in the News: "National Archives (NARA) Posts 19 Files (1,622 pages) From the Attorney Work Files of Brent Kavanaugh in the Records of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr"**

"19 files, totaling 1,622 pages, from the Attorney Work Files of Brent Kavanaugh in the records of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr have been posted on NARA's Archives website."

<https://www.archives.gov/newsroom/2018/07/31/nara-posts-19-files-1622-pages-from-the-attorney-work-files-of-brent-kavanaugh-in-the-records-of-independent-counsel-kenneth-starr/>

Books and Reading:

**Why We Forget Most of the Books We Read**

"The 'forgetting curve,' or 'Ebbinghaus' is a concept during the first 24 hours after you learn something. Exactly how much you forget, percentage-wise, varies, but unless you review the material, much of it slips down the drain after the first day, with more to follow in the days after, leaving you with a fraction of what you took in."

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-5586160/Why-we-forget-most-of-the-books-we-read-according-to-research.html>

**Reading Shakespeare with Help from RSTOR Labs**

"Derek Miller's project, 'To Quote or Not to Quote, Because all of the Bard's plays, but actors won't be using it to memorize their lines. The professor of theatre history at Harvard University has created a clear-cut history--translation of how we cite the works of William Shakespeare. Using an API built by RSTOR Labs to calculate the number of times every line from every play has been cited in RSTOR, Miller makes the text book feature the less often it is mentioned."

<http://derek.miller.edu/2018/07/31/reading-shakespeare-with-help-from-rstor-labs/>

Values:

**I'm a Librarian. The last thing we need is Silicon Valley "disruption."**

"In an opinion column published on Forbes on Saturday, a professor of economics argued that local public libraries should be replaced by Amazon. The essay, which sparked so much controversy that Forbes removed it from its website on Monday, argued, 'At the core, Amazon has provided something better than a local library without the tax fees. The move would save taxpayers money and enhance the stockholder value of Amazon all in one fell swoop.'"

<https://www.aiglobaltoday.com/2018/07/31/im-a-librarian-the-last-thing-we-need-is-silicon-valley-disruption/>

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SLA Interest Users

**Some College Continues Endorses Wikipedia**

"Academics have traditionally distrusted Wikipedia, citing the inconsistency that arise from its communally edited design and harassing students' tendency to sometimes plagiarize assignments from it."

"New, higher education and Wikipedia don't seem like such strange bedfellows."

<https://www.scribd.com/document/456886666/Some-College-Continues-Endorses-Wikipedia>

TAG:Archives

**Baselard Records Provide Historical Perspective on AI-Site Gaming**

"With Major League Baseball's All-Star game and all its fanfare to fall using this week in Washington, DC, the National Archives is providing historical context by sharing some of the many artifacts, documents, and images in our records from games past."

<https://www.archives.gov/newsroom/2018/07/23/baselard-records-provide-historical-perspective-on-ai-site-gaming/>

**"LIFE NOW": JAMES TIPPER, JOHANNA REISS, AND THE QUEER MEANING OF ARCHIVES**

"Archives have special meaning for queer people, and we are becoming parallel between queer and archival thought. The author draws on several sources to explore these ideas: a case study of archival correspondence between two queer science fiction writers who saw very different futures for their letters, Elizabeth Prentiss's concept of 'queer time,' and a meditation on archives and chosen family."

<https://www.aiglobaltoday.com/2018/07/23/life-now-james-tipper-johanna-reiss-and-the-queer-meaning-of-archives/>

TAG:Values

**Copyright and Privacy: American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Releases a New Resource Guide: "Defending Intellectual Freedom: LGBTQ+ Materials in School Libraries"**

"Using the AASL's Research in a Review, the guide responds to how school libraries can protect themselves and the LGBTQ+ materials in their collections from challenges. School libraries will find valuable resources and links as expected in a traditional toolkit."

<https://www.aasli.org/2018/07/23/defending-intellectual-freedom-lgbtq-materials-in-school-libraries/>

TAG:Libraries

**Cleveland Public Library Initiates To Revitalize School Libraries**

"When three Cleveland school districts under Jacqueline Woodson's former Girl Dreading, the Citizens Leadership Academy (CLA) students didn't know about the #WeNeedDiverseBooks movement in the publishing world. They had never read a book like this before, and they had never like this about a book before."

<https://www.aiglobaltoday.com/2018/07/23/cleveland-public-library-initiates-to-revitalize-school-libraries/>

Wishing of Writing

"When circulation numbers go up after a reading project, it's because students and teachers can 'actually use the books they are borrowing for – they're not all squished together,'" says Christine Bonn, district librarian and instructional technology coach at the Board of Public School District in Board, OR. Bonn uses the CREW method developed by the Texas Library Association: continuous review, evaluate, want. School media staff across the district are encouraged to read on a weekly basis. Over the past several years, Bonn worked with staff to bring the average collection year of a local collection to a level 2004, a healthy reading."

<https://www.aiglobaltoday.com/2018/07/23/wishing-of-writing/>

**In the Library Card Day?**

"The need to read a physical card at all – as I can attest from my own experience – may be disappearing. With smartphone apps, cardholders can input their numbers and produce a bar code that can be scanned, with no need for the actual card. While most library scanners use barcodes and connect with smartphones, the technology to read bar codes off of phone screens is not expensive to adopt."

<https://www.aiglobaltoday.com/2018/07/23/in-the-library-card-day/>



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Archive:

National Archives updates progress on FCC records disposition

The proposed Implementation and Control Instructions (ICIs) schedule for records related to domestic hold in FCC detention facilities (DAA-0907-2010-001) has received significant attention in the media and by concerned individuals. Because of the ongoing interest in this schedule, NARA is providing this update on the status of the review. The draft schedule includes like documenting cases of sexual abuse and assault of detainees, as well as detainee death investigation files. This schedule was proposed to NARA in October 2013 and passed to the Federal Register on July 14, 2017. The proposed schedule was a new request for disposition authority for unscheduled records, such a request to retain an existing records schedule.

Privacy:

Report – How tech companies use dark patterns to discourage us from exercising our rights to privacy

The Norwegian Consumer Council (Forbrukerklagen) – “In [this](#), we analyze a sample of settings at Facebook, Google and Windows 10, and show how default settings and dark patterns, techniques and features of interface designs meant to manipulate users, are used to nudge users towards privacy-invasive options. The findings include privacy-invasive default settings, misleading wording, giving users no choice of control, hiding every privacy-friendly choice, take-it-or-leave-it choices, and choice architecture where choosing the privacy-friendly option requires more effort for the users. Facebook and Google have privacy-invasive defaults, where users who want the privacy-friendly option have to go through a significantly longer process. They even influence some of these settings so that the more control users have the more privacy-invasive options are presented. The settings from Facebook, Google and Windows 10 have design, crafted and wording that nudge users away from the privacy-friendly choices. Choices are worded to compel users to make certain choices, while they are not intended or anticipated. Some of them hit the most freely-innocent decisions. Also, Facebook and Google feature users with less of functionality or features of the user account if the user does not choose the privacy-invasive option. The GDPR settings from Facebook, Google and Windows 10 provide users with granular choices regarding the collection and use of personal data. At the same time, we find that the service providers employ numerous tactics in order to nudge or push consumers toward sharing as much data as possible.”

[https://www.bugcrowd.com/tech-companies-use-dark-patterns-to-dissuade-us-from-exercising-our-rights-to-privacy/](#)

California’s new online privacy law could be huge for the US

The California Consumer Privacy Act was passed unanimously yesterday after being introduced just one week ago.

[https://www.techcrunch.com/2018/06/01/2750/california-new-online-privacy-law-could-be-huge-for-the-us/](#)

Open Access:

Shibboleth or what: How do open data and FOIA work together?

Last year, 28 U.S. cities published open data policies bringing the total to nearly 120 cities nationwide. This growth spurt has spawned a competing move from reactive responses to public records requests to systematically and proactively publishing open data. For most of the last 50 years, Producers of Information Laws (PILs) have assumed that residents have access to information on government activities as a fundamental, democratic right. But now that many of these cities are “setting the default to open,” city staff are left guessing about how to balance their new varying but equally crucial demands for public access to information.

From a research perspective, the relationship between FOIA laws and open data policies begs the question: are the public information channels of open data and FOIA law competitors or complements? Though both are channels for public transparency, they serve different functions: open data provides access to raw data or broadly applicable public information; public records must specify, often time-sensitive needs, request and defined by individual data requests. Understanding the relationship between open data and public records requests could help city staff better address internal resources in meeting these varying needs. City staff need to understand exactly when and why residents are still struggling to engage with public information and apply resources to improve the way open data and FOIA laws work together.”

[https://citylightinstitute.com/2018/06/20/shibboleth-what-how-open-data-and-foia-work-together/](#)

Research:

NLM Announces New Version of TOXMAP

A new version of TOXMAP is now available from the National Library of Medicine. It does not require browser plug-ins and provides improved usability on mobile devices. The new TOXMAP has several updated graphics, including:

- OCS SEER cancer and disease mortality data (2011-2015);
  - Canadian National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) data (2016);
  - U.S. commercial nuclear power plants (2017); and
  - “Cool power” plant data from the EPA Clean Air Markets Program (2017).\*
- \*Please note: The previous version of TOXMAP TOXMAP already and the final version of TOXMAP was retired on June 28, 2018.”

[https://pubs.nlm.nih.gov/tox2018/toxmap-new-version-of-maps/](#)

Literature:

Senate Appropriations Committee approves FY 2019 library funding

“The Senate Appropriations Committee yesterday approved final funding for the Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) and the Innovative Approaches to Library (IAL) programs, rejecting the administration’s call to terminate funding for these important library programs. The Committee approved a \$2 million increase for the Institute of Museum of Library Services (IMLS), which administers LSTA, to cover administrative costs.”

“Yesterday’s action comes two days after the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHRE) Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the bill. The full Senate will take up consideration of the spending bill after the July 4 recess, although timing has not been announced.”

[https://www.doi.gov/press/2018/06/20/senate-appropriations-committee-approves-fy-2019-library-funding/](#)

How we discovered these patent books is not university library

“Some may remember the daily batch of literature that plays a vital part in the plot of Umberto Eco’s 1980 novel The Name of the Rose. Preserved by a mad Benedictine monk, the book reveals how in a 14th-century Italian monastery, killing all readers who happen to lick their fingers when turning the toxic pages. Could something like this happen in reality? Preserving by books?”

“Our recent research indicates us. We found that there are books on various historical topics in the University of Southern Denmark’s library collection contain large concentrations of arsenic on their covers. The books come from the 16th and 17th centuries.”

[https://theconversation.com/how-we-discovered-these-patent-books-is-not-university-library-98150](#)

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Privacy:

Vietnam’s Supreme Court Says Fourth Amendment Applies to Cell Phone Tracking

“The Supreme Court handed down a landmark opinion on June 21st in Carpenter v. United States, ruling 5-4 that the Fourth Amendment protects cell phone location information. In an opinion by Chief Justice Roberts, the Court recognized that location information, collected by cell providers like Sprint, AT&T, and Verizon, creates a “detailed chronicle of a person’s physical presence compiled every day, every moment every year.” As a result, police must now get a warrant before obtaining this data.”

“This is a major victory. Cell phones are essential to modern life, but the way that cell phones operate – by constantly connecting to cell towers to exchange data – makes it possible for cell providers to collect information on everyone that each phone – and by extension, each phone’s owner – has been for years in the past. As the Court noted, not only does access to this kind of information allow the government to achieve “near perfect surveillance, as if it had attached an audio monitor to the phone’s ear,” but, because phone companies collect it for every device, the “police need not even know in advance whether they want to follow a particular individual, or when.”

[https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2018/06/supreme-court-says-fourth-amendment-protects-cell-phone-tracking](#)

Open Data:

Announcing Microsoft Research Open Data – Datasets by Microsoft Research now available in the cloud

June 21st, 2018

“The Microsoft Research Outreach team has worked extensively with the external research community to enable adoption of cloud-based research infrastructure over the past few years. Through this process, we experienced the ubiquity of Jim Gray’s fourth paradigm of discovery based on data-intensive science – that is, almost all research projects have a data component to them. This data deluge also demonstrated a clear need for central and meaningful datasets in the research community, not only in computer science but also in interdisciplinary and domain sciences.”

“Today we are excited to launch Microsoft Research Open Data – a new data repository in the cloud dedicated to facilitating collaboration across the global research community. Microsoft Research Open Data, in a single, convenient, cloud-based location, offers datasets representing many years of data creation and research efforts by Microsoft that were used to published research studies. The goal is to provide a simple platform to Microsoft researchers and collaborators to share datasets and related research technologies and tools. Microsoft Research Open Data is designed to simplify access to these datasets, facilitate collaboration between researchers using cloud-based resources and enable reproducibility of research. We will continue to share and grow this repository and add features based on feedback from the community. We recognize that there are dozens of data repositories already in use by researchers and expect that the capabilities of this repository will augment existing efforts.”

[https://www.microsoft.com/research/blog/announcing-microsoft-research-open-data-datasets-by-microsoft-research-now-available-in-the-cloud/](#)

Open Access:

Open Content on JSTOR

Open Content on JSTOR – “Explores academic content on JSTOR that is open to everyone, everywhere. Search thousands of free journal articles and open access book chapters...We have partnered with leading presses on a project to add open access ebooks to JSTOR. More than 2,000 titles are now available from publishers such as University of California Press, Cornell University Press, NYU Press, and University of Michigan Press, and we will continue to add new titles. These open access books are freely available for anyone in the world to read.”

[https://www.jstor.org/open](#)

Technology:

A team of AI algorithms just cracked humans in a complex computer game

“Algorithms capable of collaboration and teamwork can outmaneuver human teams.”

“Five different AI algorithms have teamed up to kick humans butt in Dota 2, a popular strategy computer game.”

“Researchers at OpenAI, a nonprofit based in California, developed the algorithm. A team, which they call the OpenAI Five, each algorithm uses a neural network to learn not only how to play the game, but also how to cooperate with its AI teammates. It has started defeating amateur Dota 2 players in its testing. OpenAI says.”

[https://www.techcrunch.com/2018/06/20/a-team-of-ai-algorithms-has-cracked-expert-humans-in-a-complex-computer-game/](#)

Literature:

My New Life

via LEXIS “Zelus Aphelamus, Corporate Strategist, Competitive Intelligence, Legal Industry Professional speaks directly to all the professionals who serve their respective organizations with money focused skills and mission critical expertise, delivering transparent and accountable value to internal and external customers, all while shouldering the designation of a “sen” lawyer.”

“For many years working in the legal industry, I have been a “sen” lawyer. It is a rather strange predicament to define yourself and your skills based on what you are not, rather than what you are. I remember when my husband first graduated from university and went to work when he wanted to do with his life, he took a series of jobs to try things out only to come to the conclusion a year later that he learned what he didn’t want to do. So he went back to school, instead, in pursuit of being a something. I’m the other hand, I graduated from grad school and directly thereafter ended up on almost two decades’ journey of being a “sen” lawyer.

[https://www.bugcrowd.com/my-new-life-as-a-senior-lawyer/](#)

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Internet Users:

Web Searches Reveal (in Aggregate) What We’re Really Thinking [Scientific American]

“What are the weirdest questions you’ve ever Googled? What might be the only least books? “How many people have ever lived?” “What do people think about just before death?” “How many hits would it take to resurrect in a virtual reality everyone who ever lived?” (It’s 10 in the power of 10123) Using Google’s autocomplete and Keyword Planner tools, U.K.-based Internet company Digipalad generated a list of what it considers 20 of the craziest searches, including “Am I pregnant?” “Are aliens real?” “Why do men have nipples?” “Is the world flat?” and “Can I have a penis?”

“This is all very interesting, but according to economist Scott Brundage Davidson, who worked at Google as a data scientist the is now an up-and-coming writer for the New York Times, such searches may be as “viral hit” as the deeper and darker thoughts. As he explains in his book Everybody Lies (via Street Books, 2017), “In the pre-digital age, people hid their embarrassing thoughts from other people. In the digital age, they still hide them from other people, but not from the internet and in particular sites such as Google and Pinterest, which protect their anonymity.” Exploring big data research tools “allows us to finally see what people really want and really do, not what they say they want and say they do.”

[https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/web-searches-reveal-in-aggregate-what-we-really-think/](#)

Social Media:

After years of growth, the use of social media for news is falling across the world

“People are becoming disenchanted with Facebook for news. The “Trump buster” appears to be sustaining itself. And younger people are more likely to donate money to a news organization than older people.”

“There are some of the findings from a big new report on Thursday from Oxford’s Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism. The Reuters Institute’s [Digital News Report](#) for 2018 surveyed more than 74,000 users from 37 countries about their digital news consumption. (Included in the report for the first time this year: Bulgaria.) The research is based on online YouGov surveys earlier this year, followed by face-to-face focus groups in the U.S., U.K., Germany, and Brazil on the topics of social media and messaging apps. The report includes a number of findings on how news, misinformation, and trust in the media; for more of those topics, see this piece by the report’s authors, and I’ll also include some more info in Friday’s fake news column.”

[https://www.theguardian.com/2018/06/19/oxford-reuters-institute-for-the-study-of-journalism-digital-news-report-2018](#)

Internet Access:

Oracle’s Internet Intelligence Map presents a real-time view of online threats

“Distributed denial of service attacks, malware, state-sponsored internet blackouts. It’s hard to keep ahead of every bad actor and natural disaster impacting the internet, but Oracle is making it a bit easier with the launch of Oracle Cloud Infrastructure’s [Internet Intelligence Map](#), a real-time graphical representation of service interruptions and emerging threats.”

It’s available for free.

[https://cloud.oracle.com/2018/06/19/oracle-cloud-infrastructure-intelligence-map-presents-a-real-time-view-of-online-threats/](#)

Technology:

A computer program that learns to “imagine” the world shows how AI can think more like us

“DeepMind’s advances could lead to machines that can make better sense of a world.”

“Machines will need to go a bit better at making sense of the world so that one day they are over given to become truly intelligent.”

“DeepMind, the AI research subsidiary of Alphabet, has taken a step in that direction by making a computer program that builds a mental picture of the world all by itself. You might say that it learns to imagine the world around it.”

[https://www.techcrunch.com/2018/06/19/deepmind-computer-program-that-learns-to-imagine-the-world-shows-how-ai-can-think-more-like-us/](#)

From rust belt to robot belt: Turning AI into jobs in the US heartland

“Artificial intelligence is offering an emerging opportunity to increase prosperity, but whether or not we will seize it is our choice.”

[https://www.techcrunch.com/2018/06/19/cnn-ai-jobs-robot-belt-into-jobs-in-the-us-heartland/](#)

Research:

Legal Analytics vs. Legal Research: What’s the Difference?

“For hundreds of years, litigators have served their clients by applying facts to law using legal reasoning. To identify relevant law – statutes, cases, rules – to apply to the facts of a case, lawyers combed legal research. Performing accurate legal research remains a core skill of successful lawyering.”

“But over the past few years a new tool has appeared in litigators’ toolkits: legal analytics.”

“Legal analytics involves mining data contained in case documents and judicial opinions, and then aggregating that data to provide previously unobtainable insights into the behavior of the individuals (judges and lawyers), organizations (parties, courts, law firms), and the subjects of lawsuits (such as products) that propels the litigation ecosystem. Litigators use legal analytics to reveal trends and patterns to plan litigation that infuses legal strategy and anticipates outcomes in current cases.”

“While every litigator knows how to conduct legal research in law school, performs legal research on the job (or reviews research conducted by associates or staff), and applies the fruits of legal research to the facts of their cases, many may not yet have encountered legal analytics.”

[https://www.lawtechnologynews.com/2017/06/legal-analytics-vs-legal-research/](#)

Literature:

The Case of the Free Presidential Record and the Future of Its Library



















19th century, the American Medical Association estimated that as much as 10 percent of all wallpaper in the United States contained arsenic."

<http://www.ajph.org/arsenic.combustible.html#arsenic-from-the-wall-of-death-link>

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**Copyright**

**Happy Together Once More: The California Supreme Court and Congress Take Up The Question of Copyright in Old Music Recordings**

"Federal copyright law doesn't give artists and labels the right to control many ways music recordings are played in public. That's how FM and AM radio stations work. That's how stores playing something 'don't you want to buy something?' music work. And that's how restaurants playing music at an unaccompanied band decided as you can't talk to your friends work. But because older recordings aren't covered by these laws, some copyright holders keep trying to sue them to gain more control over how their recordings are played – something they 'never been able to do.'"

"EFF just weighed in on one of these cases, in the California Supreme Court. In *Flo & Eddie v. Prodan Music*, we argued that state law, which governs sound recordings made before 1972, doesn't include a right to control public performances of sound recordings, including radio play. If this sounds familiar, that's because this fight has played out across the country over the past three years. The high courts of New York and Florida have already ruled that their own state laws don't let pre-1972 copyright holders control public performance of their sound recordings."

<http://www.eff.org/deedipedia/2018/01/16/happy-together-once-more-california-supreme-court-and-congress-take-up-copyright>

**Privacy**

**California Police Chiefs Embracement License Plate Privacy Bill**

"EFF supports S.B. 712, a California bill that would allow drivers to cover their plates when they're parked. This simple privacy measure would create an opportunity for drivers to protect sensitive information about their travel and whereabouts from mass collection by law enforcement and private data brokers."

"The benefit is all too real. Police agencies have surveilled Muslims by collecting plates at parking lots at mosques. Police officers have used license plates of vehicles parked at gay clubs to blackmail patrons. Anti-choice activists are trained to mass license plates of doctors and patients parked at reproductive health centers. Immigration & Customs Enforcement plans to use private license plate databases, effectively dodging state restrictions on data sharing, as it ramps up its deportation efforts."

<http://www.eff.org/deedipedia/2018/01/16/california-police-chiefs-embrace-privacy-bill>

**Community Broadband, Privacy, Access, and Local Control**

"Communities across the United States are considering strategies to protect residents' access to information and their right to privacy. These experiments have a long history, but a new wave of activists have been inspired to work a local response to federal setbacks to Internet freedom, such as the FCC's decision to roll back net neutrality protections, and Congress' early 2017 decision to eliminate net privacy protections."

"Internet service providers (ISPs) have a financial incentive and the technical ability to block or slow users' access, insert their own content on the sites you visit, or give preferential treatment to websites and services with which they have financial relationships. For many years, net neutrality principles and rules, most recently enshrined in the FCC's 2015 Open Internet Order, helped prevent much of this activity. Net neutrality helped create a landscape where new ideas and services could develop without being crowded out by political pressure or prioritized fast lanes for established commercial incumbents."

<http://www.eff.org/deedipedia/2018/01/16/community-broadband-privacy-access-and-local-control>

**EFF Asks Ninth Circuit Appellate Court to Strengthen Privacy Protections of Smart Phones at the Border**

"San Diego, California – The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) urged the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to require federal agents to obtain a warrant before conducting highly intrusive searches of electronic devices at the border by requiring federal agents to obtain a warrant if they want to access the contents of travelers' phones."

"The Ninth Circuit four years ago issued an important ruling requiring officials to show they have reasonable suspicion of criminal activity to frantically search digital devices. While that was an improvement over the government's prior practice of conducting suspicious searches, the court didn't go far enough," said EFF Staff Attorney Sophia Cope. "We are now asking the Ninth Circuit to bar warrantless device searches at the border."

"Our electronic devices contain texts, emails, photos, contact lists, work documents, and other communications that reveal intimate details of our private lives. Our privacy interests in this material is tremendous. Requiring a warrant is a critical step in making sure our Fourth Amendment protections survive into the digital age," said Cope."

<http://www.eff.org/deedipedia/2018/01/16/eff-asks-ninth-circuit-appellate-court-strengthen-privacy-protections-smart-phones>

**Publishing**

**Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing**

"The Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), the Board of Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (BOASPA), and the World Association of Medical Editors (WAME) are scholarly organizations that have seen an increase in the number, and broad range, in the quality of membership applications. Our organizations have collaborated to identify principles of transparency and best practice for scholarly publications and to clarify that these principles form the basis of the criteria by which editorial membership is assessed by COPE, BOASPA and WAME, and part of the criteria on which membership applications are evaluated by WAME. Each organization also has their own, additional criteria which are used when evaluating applications. The organizations will not share lists of publishers or journals that failed to demonstrate that they met the criteria for transparency and best practices."

"This is the third version of a work in progress (published January 2016); the first version was made available by BOASPA in December 2013 and a second version in June 2015. We encourage its wide dissemination and continue to welcome feedback on the general principles and the specific criteria. Background on the organizations is below."

<http://www.elsevier.com/locate/journals/2018/01/16/principles-of-transparency-and-best-practice-in-scholarly-publishing-1>

**Four Doors That Paywall: The Movement to Make Open Research Free for All**

"An academic once in one could reach and leads other central science news, access to rigorous scientific journals has become a roadblock to sharing knowledge, especially for researchers in developing countries."

"While working for the Australian Department of the Environment, Christopher Venter, a marine protected area science manager, would encounter subscription paywalls that blocked his access to scientific studies. Article by article, he'd email the department's library to request the full-text copy. Maybe he'd get it a day later, or maybe in a month."

"It could be a frustrating way to work as at the time he was developing standard monitoring guidelines that could be applied to Australia's coral reef-dominated marine protected areas (MPAs). The project required looking up existing research that had been conducted in the fragile and impetuous ecosystems."

<http://www.newscientist.com/story/2018/01/16/four-doors-that-pay-wall-the-movement-to-make-research-free-for-all>

**Health Literacy**

**Focus On: Health Literacy**

"It's not just what's going on in the growing field of health literacy, NLM is Focus spoke with resident expert Rob Logan, PhD, in the Office of Communication and Public Liaison at NLM. Logan is the co-editor of a new book on health literacy research and practice."

What are the main priorities you see arising in health literacy research?

Health literacy has an impact on your health and life expectancy as well as your ability to cope with and navigate the health care delivery system. Not few people are "proficient" – that's the normal term – or are health literate. The last US national assessment suggests only about 12 percent of the population is health literate, or "proficient."

What about the rest of the world?

It's about the same in the countries in the world where health literacy has been measured. Sadly, I suspect health literacy may be low everywhere.

<http://info.nsls.nih.gov/2018/01/16/focus-on-health-literacy/>

**Online Security**

**Google's Advanced Protection Program Offers Security Options For High-Risk Users**

"Security is not a one-size-fits-all proposition, and features that are prohibitively expensive for some could be critical for others. For most users, standard account security settings options are sufficient protection against common threats. But for the small minority of users who might be targeted individually – like journalists, policy makers, campaign staff, activists, people with abusive exes, or victims of stalking – standard security options won't cut it."

"For those users, Google recently added the option to add stronger protection to personal Google accounts with the Advanced Protection Program. Advanced Protection is a big step in the right direction to provide different levels of protection for different people, and other companies and platforms should follow suit."

<http://www.eff.org/deedipedia/2018/01/16/google-advanced-protection-program-offers-security-options-high-risk-users>

**Search**

**Business Intelligence Online Resources 2018**

"This guide compiles selected resources published by industry experts, news organizations, advocacy and professional groups, and academics. Many sites that have addressed this area of research are no longer live, have left the scene, and/or have changed their business model to target a specific business sector and attract paying clients to their respective services. This guide focuses on sites and services, on both the open and deep web, that researchers may currently access and use for tracking and monitoring purposes, as well as web and techniques to leverage in local business intelligence work, that are either free or low fee based on data content parameters."

<http://www.bia.com/2018/01/16/business-intelligence-online-resources-2018>

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**Data Security**

**How to Assess a Vendor's Data Security**

"Perhaps you're an office manager tasked with setting up a new email system for your company, or maybe you're a legal secretary for a small firm and you've been asked to choose an app for scanning sensitive documents; you might be wondering how you can even begin to assess a tool as 'safe enough to use.' This post will help you think about how to approach the problem and select the right vendor."

"Any security organization has unique circumstances and needs, so we can't provide definitive security recommendations or provide endorsements. However, we can offer some advice for assessing a software vendor and for gauging their claims of protecting the security and privacy of your clients and your employees."

<http://www.eff.org/deedipedia/2018/01/15/how-to-assess-vendors-data-security>

**Privacy**

**Groups Line Up For Meaningful NSA Surveillance Reform**

"Multiple oversight organizations and policy think tanks, and one company have recently joined ranks to limit broad NSA surveillance. Through our groups work for many causes – freedom of the press, shared software development, universal access to knowledge, equal justice for all – our voices are responding to the same threat: the possible expansion of Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act."

"On January 5, the Rules Committee for the House of Representatives introduced S. 139, The bill – which you can read here – is the most recent attempt to expand Section 702, a law that the NSA uses to justify the collection of Americans' electronic communications during foreign intelligence surveillance. The new proposal borrows some of the worst ideas from prior bills meant to reauthorize Section 702, while adding entirely new bad ideas, too."

<http://www.eff.org/deedipedia/2018/01/15/groups-line-up-for-meaningful-nsa-surveillance-reform>

**National Archives**

**Join us for Cities Archivist Work of Service!**

"On the spirit of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, join us this week, January 15-19, 2018 for the Cities Archivist Catalog during this week long challenge. Our goal is to tag or transcribe 2,018 pages in the National Archives Catalog during this week long challenge. Can you help to meet this goal?"

"Get started by visiting the Cities Archivist Dashboard today through January 19. During this week, we'll have a special expanded mission section and many featured records waiting to be tagged and transcribed. You can transcribe records related to Mediterranean Passports, which were certificates issued by the Secretary of State in an attempt to ensure safe passage of American vessels in areas threatened by Barbary pirates; slave manifests from the Port of New York; marriage licenses from the Office of Indian Affairs White Earth Agency; records from a wide range of civil rights cases in United States history, and much more! What will you learn and discover as you begin to transcribe?"

<http://www.archives.gov/2018/01/join-us-for-cities-archivist-work-of-service/>

**Digital Equity**

**Improving Digital Equity: The Civil Rights Priority Education and School Technology Leaders Share**

"Learning has gone digital. Students access information, complete their homework, take online courses and communicate with technology and the internet."

"Digital equity is one of today's most pressing civil rights issues. Robert broadband and Wi-Fi, both at school and at home, are essential learning tools. Addressing digital equity – sometimes called the "homework gap" – is core to CoEd's vision, and a shared value with our colleagues at ALA."

"That's why the E-rate program has been so important for the past 20 years, connecting classrooms and libraries to the internet. Two years ago the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) modernized E-rate by increasing funding by 60 percent and focused on broadband and Wi-Fi. This action made a difference. CoEd's 2017 Infrastructure Survey found that the majority of U.S. school districts (83 percent) are fully meeting the FCC's short-term goal for broadband connectivity of 100 Mbps per 1,000 students."

<http://www.digitalequity.org/2018/01/15/digital-equity-civil-rights-priority>

**Literates**

**Fashion Institute of Technology's Library Gets a Makeover**

"Even with the headless wonders of the Internet, many students writing papers are dismayed by the fear of research: where to begin, how to begin, which library to use and so on."

"But for Bethany Gierich, 26, starting to write a thesis about Eric, the Brecon-French illustrator and designer, was thrilling."

"Ms. Gierich, a second-year graduate student at the Fashion Institute of Technology, works in Special Collections and College Archives, a unit of F.I.T.'s Gladys Marcus Library, which is on the fourth floor of the school's Manhattan campus and is nicknamed Space. She has relied on autobiographies and biographies as well as Eric's sketches to get the right information."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/11/fashion/fashion-institute-of-technology-library.html>

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**Military Service Records, Awards, and Unit Histories: A Guide to Locating Sources**

"This guide provides information on locating military unit histories and individual service records of discharged, retired, and deceased military personnel. It also provides information on locating and replacing military awards and medals. Included is contact information for military history centers, websites for additional sources of research, and a bibliography of other publications, including related CRS reports."

<http://lib.alexandria.gov/2018/01/08/military-service-records-awards-and-unit-histories>

**International Outlook**

**TiBiblioteca: The First Digital Library for the Spanish-Speaking Blind**

What is TiBiblioteca?

"TiBiblioteca is the first digital library for the Spanish-speaking blind. Created in 1999 by a group of blind friends that wanted to exchange their digital books in order to make their access to culture and education. TiBiblioteca has grown to have more than 40,000 books in Spanish available for more than 7,000 members with blindness or other serious disabilities in America, Africa, Europe and Asia."

How does TiBiblioteca work?

"TiBiblioteca offers an online catalog with more than 40,000 digital books that registered members can download using their personal password. Each member then, "reads" the books through synthetic-voice reading computers, accessible monitors, Braille tips or other electronic reading devices for people with disabilities."

What's the benefits and potential of TiBiblioteca?

"Internet and other new technologies offer an incredible opportunity for the integration to society of people with disabilities, not only through new tools but also through cost-effective collaboration, and improvement and democratization of processes. Applying these new ideas, TiBiblioteca facilitates the access of blind people to knowledge, at lower costs and with wider reach."

<http://tibibiblioteca.com/en/contenidos/faq.html#What-is-TiBiblioteca>

**Open Access in Germany: The Best Deal Is No Deal**

"In the worldwide campaign to shift academic publishing to open access, the Germans are fighting a unique battle. To many, they look like heretics."

"Penguin DEAL" is the name of a German national consortium that includes university libraries and academic organizations. The consortium has been working towards an agreement with Elsevier that, if the Germans have their way, would make papers by German authors in journals published by Elsevier freely available (open access), at a substantially lower rate than Elsevier is currently charging."

<http://www.tiibiblioteca.com/2018/01/08/open-access-journals-best-deal-no-deal-germany>









"E-Verify is a massive federal data system used to verify the eligibility of job applicants to work in the United States. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) administer E-Verify. Until now, the federal government has not required private employers to use E-Verify, and only a few states have required it. However, a proposed bill in Congress, the Legal Workforce Act (HR 7711), aims to make E-Verify use mandatory nationwide, despite all the very real privacy and security issues associated with the data system."

"EFF recently joined human rights and workers rights organizations from across the United States and sent a letter to Congress pointing out the flaws of E-Verify."

"Instead of learning from the recent Equifax data breach that access to sensitive information constitutes an attractive target for data thieves, our elected representatives want to compel a massive increase in the use of yet another data system that can be breached. To use E-Verify, employers need to collect and transmit sensitive information, such as one's social security and passport numbers."

<https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2017/10/26/stop-e-verify-privacy-database-malware>

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<http://scholar.scholarlib.org/2017/10/show-related-research-for-key-authors.html>

Copyright

Digital Rights Groups Demand Deletion of Unlawful Filtering Mandate From Proposed EU Copyright Law

"Today EFF and 56 other civil society organizations have sent an open letter (PDF) to European lawmakers outlining our grave concerns with Article 13 of the proposed new Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market, which would impose a new responsibility on Internet platforms to filter content that their users upload. The letter explains:"

"Article 13 introduces an obligation to internet service providers that their end users do not upload content, such as to phone sharing platforms or on creative writing websites, including obligations to filter uploads to their services. Article 13 appears to provide such legal certainty that online users will have no other option than to monitor their and their SO's citizens' communication if they are to have any chance of staying in business. ..."

"Article 13 would force these companies to actively monitor their users' content, which contradicts the 'no general obligation to monitor' rule in the European Commission Directive. The requirement to install a system for filtering electronic communications has twice been rejected by the Court of Justice, in the cases Scarlet Extended (C-70/10) and Netlog/Sabam (C-160/10). Therefore, a legislative provision that requires internet companies to install a filtering system would almost certainly be rejected by the Court of Justice because it would contravene the requirement that a fair balance be struck between the right to intellectual property on the one hand, and the freedom to conduct business and the right to freedom of expression, such as to receive or impart information, on the other."

<https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2017/10/digital-rights-groups-demand-deletion-unlawful-filtering-mandate-proposed-eu-copyright-law>

Information Professionals

The Job Outlook for IRIS Librarians Will Be Dismal (Editorial)

"A fascinating report repeats what we think will be the outlook for going to work like in the future and which skills will be highly sought after. According to 'The Future of Skills: Employment in 2030', there will be an increased call for librarians, curators, and archivists, among other occupations."

"That's just the start of the facts in the explanation of where humans will fit in the future, complementing other than being completely supplanted by automation. The report – released on September 28 by Pearson, Nesta, and Oxford University – asks how work will be impacted by the intersection of seven 'megatrends.' Change driven by new technology, including the rise of automation, is right up top. The others are globalization, demographic change, environmental sustainability, urbanization, rising inequality, and political uncertainty."

"The report considers globalization but focuses solely on the impact on the UK and the United States. In the US, there is particularly strong emphasis on interpersonal skills. These skills include teaching, social perceptiveness, service orientation, and persuasion," it notes. The findings also confirm the importance of higher-order cognitive skills such as complex problem solving, originality, fluency of ideas, and active learning."

<https://digital-information.com/2017/10/28/employment-outlook-will-look-dismal-future-of-work/>

Phonetics & Salaries 2017-2017 Salaries

"The average full-time salary for employed 2010 graduates is \$51,798, up 7.43% over 2015. The average hourly wage was \$19, which translates to an annual salary of almost \$40,000."

"Regional average salaries were highest in the Pacific and lowest in the Southeast, with a differential of over \$21,000. The range in average salaries for the other six regions divides to only \$7,000 when the Pacific is excluded. This salary analysis does not consider the effects of regional differences in cost of living and net income."

"On average, salaries earned by 2010 graduates vary markedly by the type of organization and tend to be highest in nontraditional settings. The average salary was highest in private industry (over \$73,000), 64% higher than the average earnings of graduates working in public libraries (just under \$45,000). Average annual salaries topped \$50,000 in not-for-profit agencies, government libraries, and school libraries. Salaries for special libraries (\$48,000), academic libraries (almost \$47,000), and archives/special collections (almost \$46,000) were similar."

<https://www.slacountylib.org/2017/10/28/salaries-and-salary-2017-2017-salaries/>

Open Access

German Researchers Resist from Elsevier Journals in Push for Nationwide Open Access

"Five leading German scientists have resigned from their editorial positions at journals published by Elsevier, the latest step in a battle over open access and subscription policies between the Dutch publishing giant and a consortium of German libraries, universities, and research institutions."

"The researchers urge Elsevier to accept a pay per page model that would make all papers authored by Germany-based researchers open access. The first one only the first of many ready to step down, was leaders of the consortium, called Preprint DEAL."

"Instead of having individual libraries pay subscriptions for individual journals, Preprint DEAL wants to set up nationwide 'publish and read' agreements with publishers. DEAL would pay publishers a lump sum to cover publication costs of papers authored by researchers in Germany. Then all such papers would be open access, and DEAL members would receive electronic access to all the publisher's journals."

<https://www.slacountylib.org/2017/10/28/german-researchers-resign-elsevier-journals-push-nationwide-open-access/>

Freedom of Information

Times Fights to See Trump Transition Team's Log of Visitors

"MANHATTAN (CN) – Chattering to learn who met with the Trump-Pence Transition Team in their Washington offices ahead of Inauguration Day, The New York Times brought a federal complaint to access U.S. Secret Service's visitor log."

"Through the Times says the logs are public documents subject to the President of Information Act, the Secret Service that the request draws under the Presidential Records Act, putting the logs under the exclusive legal custody and control of the White House."

"To leave attorney David McCraw filed the 3-page complaint for the Times and reporter Nicholas Confessore late Monday."

"Donald Trump was still one day shy of his inauguration as the 45th president of the United States on Jan. 19, 2017, when the Times brought its FOIA request to the Secret Service."

<https://www.slacountylib.org/2017/10/28/times-fights-to-see-trump-transition-teams-log-visitors/>

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