Scientific discoveries made using machine learning techniques cannot be automatically trusted, a statistician from Rice University has warned.

"Machine learning is contributing to a "reproducibility crisis" within science," he said. "We should gene-sequence cave paintings to find out more about who made them."

"It's a bit of a joke, but it's also a serious concern," added the statistician. "We need to be more cautious about the results of machine learning studies."
Libraries

https://www.npr.org/2019/01/21/685585591/once-centers-of-soviet-propaganda-moscows-libraries-are-having-a-loud-revival

"Before the bars fill up in the evenings, the neighborhood's most popular hangout is the Fyodor Dostoevsky Library, named ... play in another room. A constant stream of visitors comes through the entrance, with the front door banging behind them."

"The Chistye Prudy neighborhood is one of Moscow's liveliest, with restaurants and cafes clustered along a boulevard with a tram line and grand old apartment buildings."

International Outlook

"These Ivy League schools are also highly selective and extremely hard to get into. But the good news is that all these universities now offer free online courses across multiple online course platforms."

"All eight schools place in the top fifteen of the US News and World Report 2017 national university rankings."

"The eight Ivy League schools are among the most prestigious colleges in the world. They include Brown, Harvard, Cornell, Princeton, Dartmouth, Yale, and Columbia universities, and the University of Pennsylvania."

400 Free Ivy League University Courses You Can Take Online in 2019

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"The Washington Post's lawyers...

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https://www.copyright.gov/policy/visualworks/

Copyright and Visual Works: The Legal Landscape of Opportunities and Challenges

Survey: Few Americans Willing to Pay for Privacy

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Knowledge Management

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New Library Bill of Rights Provision Recognizes and Defends Library Users' Privacy

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

Using the Google reverse image search is a useful method for researching the origins of a photo found online. Whether you want to establish context or an image that seems doctored, you can search the web for other instances of its use with Google Images. 

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 1998. 

In the EU's proposed Copyright law, the scope of the public domain is much narrower. 

"The new EU Copyright Directive is progressing at an alarming rate. This week, the EU is asking its member-states to ... planning to hold a final vote before pushing this drastic, radical new law into 28 countries and 500,000,000 people."

"The Internet is Facing a Catastrophe For Free Expression and Competition: Sweden, Germany, Poland and Luxembourg Could Tip The Balance"

Copyrights Safe Harbors Preserve What We Love About the Internet

"Our phones' GPS and location capabilities are a key part of what make them magical — enabling them to speed our ... zero for the looming fight over defining the boundaries of privacy and acceptable uses of our personal information."

"Users may see 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."

"The entire editorial board of the Journal of Informetrics will be for and by the academic community and will be owned by the MIT Press."

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

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

"The Library of Congress — which dates to Thomas Jefferson — is marching resolutely into the digital age. Recently it ... Kate Zwaard, the library's director of digital strategy joined Federal Drive with Tom Temin to provide more information."

"Reasonable. You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means."

"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 starts with the highest one in the country, president Donald Trump, and goes ... New Republic in 1923, but hundreds of thousands of books, musical compositions, paintings, poems, photographs and films."

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

"Freedom of Information"

"The illustrated and interactive Dante's Inferno, an alternative learning tool for the Divine Comedy first Cantica, made ... of the Dante's Inferno have been developed to be a synsemic access point to Dante's literature, aiding its study."

"POWO draws together Kew's extensive data resources including its regional Floras and monographs, alongside images from ... accessibility and enables the dissemination of plant information to its users via a mobile, tablet or desktop computer."

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

"The World of Plants is the Product of a Million-Year Process of Natural Selection"
Instead, the Defense Department under this administration has been doing the exact opposite. Its current leaders declared ... they have made conspicuous decisions to roll back transparency and public accountability precisely when we need it most.”

“At a time of rampant executive branch corruption and large increases in defense spending, Americans are rightly ... the country’s business, his administration should be taking commensurate steps to increase openness and strengthen

Technology


Oxford University Press: Twelve philosophy books everyone should read: from Plato to Foucault

“The End of Trust is on sale online and in bookstores now, but it’s also free to download under a Creative Commons ... blockchain, and EFF Pioneer Award winner Malkia Cyril zeroing in on the historical surveillance of black bodies.”

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Archives


California: State of Change


Archives

stood out among the traditional numbers and letters used in the classification system: a lone Greek symbol chosen, most likely, as a pun on “Fie!” (As in, “Fie on you for such prurient proclivities!”).

Oxford’s Library Once Branded Its Sauciest Books With a Greek Letter

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Most AI advances and applications are based on a type of algorithm known as machine learning that finds and reapplies patterns in data.

Inside the world of AI that forges beautiful art and terrifying deepfakes

Technology

https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/remembering-howard-university-librarian-who-decolonized-way-books-were-catalogued-180970890/

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https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-sh/the_godfather_of_fake_news

Internet Users

Brookings study – Signs of digital distress

On the internet, we can find almost everything we need: facts, figures, and even political parties. But the internet also has its ... of our youth. But some experts argue that the internet is a significant problem for our kids, especially our young adults, and that we need to rethink how we use the internet to keep our kids safe and engaged.

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A study by ProPublica found that computer servers in two states, Kentucky and Wisconsin, were running software that could be vulnerable to hacking. The servers were discovered to have robust cyberdefenses to prevent intrusions. Still, Wisconsin took its server offline after ProPublica contacted it.

Our just-published Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report includes a snapshot of that progress, with an update from EFF Executive Director Jamesigne M.  EFF's Newest Annual Report

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The information age has delivered innumerable wonders to us and continues to churn out astonishing innovations on a regular basis. People are using more connected devices than ever before, sending information across the world. We should all worry about corporate control of data.

This AI? We drew you a flowchart to work it out.

The Privacy Battle to Save Google From Itself

The Department of Commerce is requesting Phase 2 comments on the Federal Data Strategy. The request for comments, which is due by Nov 16, is based on the June request for comments. The Federal Data Strategy is based on comments to the June request for comments.

APDU President Calls for Members to Comment on Federal Data Policy (comment period ends November 16, 2018)

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"Nothing on this page is real": How lies become truth in online America

Putin's greatest triumph, Americans are using Russia's playbook against one another without the faintest clue.

Russia's meddling in the United States' elections is not a hoax. It's the culmination of Moscow's decades-long campaign to sow discord and chaos. Whether information operations, hacking attempts, or propaganda campaigns, Russia has tried — and are still trying — to fight it. Countries from Pakistan to Brazil are now debating reality, and in Vladimir Putin's Russia, the lies continue to flourish.

The grand term 'intellectual property' covers a lot of ground: the software that runs our lives, the movies we watch, the books we read, the music we listen to, the inventions we use to make our lives easier, and more. We are urged, whether by stern warnings on the packaging of our Blu-ray discs or by sonorous pronouncements from the halls of government, to "respect" or "protect" the "intellectual property". We are urged to buy patents, to "innovate" in order to "compete", to "invest" in order to "grow", and so on.

Protective Bootstrapping

"My mom always told me, if I don't study well, I'll end up as a scavenger. All they do is pick up garbage. They rely on garbage. It's the only livelihood they know."

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"The publishers previously did not have a mechanism for selling to institutions directly. Instead, access to ebooks was largely brokered through third-party acquisition services such as EBSCO, ProQuest, OverDrive, Project Muse and JSTOR."

"Starting on Wednesday [October 17, 2018], Apple will allow US users to download all of their data from the company, ... like your Apple Care support history. Users will have to authenticate with their Apple ID before receiving the data."

Privacy

https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2018/10/open-access-law-california

"The Library of Congress just cut the ribbon on the National Screening Room, an online trove of cinematic goodies, free ... identifies the project's goal as providing the public with a "broad range of historical and cultural audio-visual"

"For most readers and writers — and book lovers in general — the library holds a special place of honor and respect. We asked several authors to tell us about their local public library or to share a memory of a library from their past."

Libraries

"Women receive Nobel Prizes in science significantly less often than might be predicted from their representation in those fields. But why?"

"New study suggests that the practice — dominant in some fields — unfairly penalizes those whose last names are at the end."
"Reactions to an elaborate academic-journal hoax, dubbed "Sokal Squared" by one observer, came fast and furious on ... and low publishing standards. Others said it had proved nothing beyond the bad faith and dishonesty of its authors."

'Sokal Squared': Is Huge Publishing Hoax 'Hilarious and Delightful' or an Ugly Example of Dishonesty and Bad Faith?

emergency alert system certainly doesn't seem like a bad idea; but Wednesday's test has also generated concern.”

"On Wednesday, most cell phones in the US received a jarring alert at the same time. This was a test of the Wireless ... a nuclear strike or nationwide terrorist attack. The test appears to have been mostly successful, and having a nationwide

Privacy

data' about individuals in their daily activities of research, teaching, learning, services, and administration."

"As universities recognize the inherent value in the data they collect and hold, they encounter unforeseen challenges in ... data as a condition of obtaining grant funding or publishing results in journals; and (2) the vast accumulation of 'grey

Open Data

‘University of California Digital Library: “The National Technical Reports Library (NTRL – U.S. Department of Commerce) ... to open access, the PID redirects to the Open NTRL platform and a catalog record for Open NTRL will be available soon.”

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

"agreements, does not include language on copyright term or issues covered by the WIPO Internet Treaties (NAFTA was negotiated before the WIPO Copyright Treaty and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty)."

"The American Library Association (ALA) and libraries had two great wins on the copyright front in late September—the ... Act. But we are also facing serious threats, including one focused on the US Copyright Office and Library of Congress.

Celebrating American Archives Month


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"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.

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

"Equifax. Yahoo. Anthem. Sony. In the past few years, these companies experienced some of the most significant data ... While individual businesses within these industries will continue to find themselves vulnerable to breaches, they have an

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

Research

Superheroes and Supervillains: A New Perspective on Copyright Law

Villains aside, comic books are as old as popular entertainment, and it's easy to forget that the characters we today take for granted—from Superman to the Fantastic Four—were first created for the pages of comic books in the 20th century. The House of Mystery, the House of Secrets, the Haunt of Horror, and the Secret Six are just four titles of the many imprints where Superman, the Flash, and Wonder Woman made their first appearances.

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

"Genome Hackers Show No One’s DNA Is Anonymous Anymore

The news: Facebook said in a blog post that it now thinks some 30 million users, rather than 50 million, were affected by the data breach that exposed names, phone numbers, email addresses and other contact details stolen. Previously, Facebook had said it didn’t know what, if any, information was compromised.

"Facebook now admits hackers in the security breach revealed two weeks ago stole a lot of sensitive information from millions of users.

"Don’t mess with libraries. One economist learned that lesson the hard way in July after posting a story on Forbes ... a crucial way to fight the ravages of scorched earth partisanship, rising social discord, and educational inequalities.”

Libraries

EU Internet Censorship Will Censor the Whole World’s Internet

Advocates Ask FCC Chairman Not To Take Away 5G Spectrum From Rural America

Government

"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.

Home Libraries Confer Long-Term Benefits

Education

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education, international outlook, intellectual property, internet access, open data, privacy, publishing, research, technology
“MARY RUTH DIETER: My name is Mary Ruth Shuler Dieter. I’m 97 years old. We traveled on horses, riding down in the... country. I was delivering books to the children. Pack horse librarian. It was one of the works of President Roosevelt.”

“In 1930s Kentucky, in coal country, books made their way to remote and isolated regions of the state through The Pack Horse Library Project.”

“We documented exercises that have followed a systematic conservation planning approach (Pressey and Bottrill 2009) to... of limited resources to achieve explicit conservation objectives, and more recently, social and economic objectives.”

“With the growth of ‘surveillance cities’ is no longer futuristic concepts. Since the rise of the... risks they present, and the real impact of their use. Whereas these surveillance technologies are..."
"However, it’s not always easy to get a fitness program off the ground.”

"Libraries around the country have incorporated fitness into their collections and programming offerings, and these programs are often met with enthusiasm from patrons."

Fitting Fitness into Library Programming

Technology hasn’t killed public libraries – it’s inspired them to transform and stay relevant

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"Tune in on Thursday, September 6, 2019 at 2pm Eastern/11am Pacific for our hour-long free webinar. This program is brought to you by ALA’s Copyright, Legislation, Education and Advocacy Network (CLEAN)."

Professional Development

Now You Can Read Entire Books on Instagram Thanks to the New York Public Library’s ‘InstaNovels’

Libraries

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"The story begins with Chris Sumner, a co-founder of the nonprofit Online Privacy Foundation, who unwittingly attended a ... with dates scheduled all the way out to 2031. It has also published over ten thousand papers in an "open science, peer

Publishing

"EFF, in partnership with ACLU chapters in Massachusetts and Maine, is asking the state courts to recognize, as the ... location information produced by the phone can reveal our every move—where we live, socialize, visit, vacation, worship,

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"One of the pillars of libraries is facilitating access to the large corpus of existing knowledge. Typically this ... as there are often additional barriers to subscription access. Often this can require using Remote Desktop or a VPN to

Open Access

"Under A.B. 2192—which passed both houses unanimously—all peer-reviewed, scientific research funded by the state of ... and expand it to cover research funded by any state agency. EFF applauds the legislature for passing the bill, and

Open Access

"The study, The Real Impact of Using Artificial Intelligence in Legal Research, was commissioned by Casetext, which ... Casetext designed the methodology for the study in consultation with NLRG and it wrote the report of the survey results."

Open Access

"Under the initiative, funding agencies including UK Research and Innovation, Science Foundation Ireland and the Research ... that offer immediate open access, and under a licence that enables anyone to freely reuse and distribute the material."
For most U.S. workers, real wages have barely budged in decades. 

"Several years ago, we set out to better understand how both library acquisition practices and the distribution patterns of books have evolved. ... 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 "

"We're not in the business of leaking secrets. We're in the business of providing information to the public. ... a chance to the rest of the force when it comes to allegations by civilians, by fellow officers, and use-of-force reports."

"Several decades, today's real average wage (that is, the wage after accounting for inflation) has about the same ... between the job market and workers' paychecks has fueled much of the recent activism in states and cities around"

"For any authoritarian regime, "there is a basic problem for the center of figuring out what's going on at lower levels"...

"How Unpaywall is transforming open science."

"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 sources,"

"President Donald Trump nominated Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court on July 9, 2018. NARA has permanent...

"The mission of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is to provide access to the permanent records of the Federal government, which include Presidential records from NARA's Presidential Libraries."

"Each time a candidate is nominated to the Supreme Court by the President, the staff at the National Archives and Records Administration must review the records and turn over to the Senate any relevant records..."
Home to one of the most prominent North Korean collections in the Western Hemisphere, the Asian Division at the Library of Congress is now offering public access to a new North Korean serials database. The repository contains data and metadata on disability from official statistics compiled from national population and labor force surveys for analyses of equalization of opportunities and inclusive development.

Libraries:

Making Access Happen through the Digital Public Library of America

Libraries serve refugees is a project sponsored by urban libraries unite to gather crowd sourced information support for libraries providing services to refugees. They are also seeking to build a body of experts and connect them to libraries. The new wording on a Library Bill of Rights interpretation of the purpose of meeting rooms set off a controversy that had to do with what constitutes harassment or threats in the context of meeting rooms. Where does protected speech cross the line into harassment or threat? Can a library protect its patrons and keep a commitment to being open to all members of a community?

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The UK Scholarly Communication Licence: Attempting to Cut Through the Gordian Knot of the Complexities of Funder Mandates, Publisher Embargoes and Researcher Caution in Achieving Open Access

For the past several months, Google has been releasing updates for its Chrome browser in preparation for a massive redesign. Google is reportedly shopping its Duplex AI system around as a tool for call centers, according to The Information, including a large insurance company.

Google’s Duplex AI could kill the call center

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If you watch television on an internet-connected TV, it may be watching you back. Millions of smart TVs in the US are collecting data about you.
The Case of the Torn Presidential Record and the Future of Its Library

http://www.lawtechnologytoday.org/2017/06/legal-analytics-vs-legal-research/

"While every litigator learns how to conduct legal research in law school, performs legal research on the job (or reviews ... and applies the fruits of legal research to the facts of their cases, many may not yet have encountered legal analytics."

"Legal analytics involves mining data contained in case documents and docket entries, and then aggregating that data to ... to reveal trends and patterns in past litigation that inform legal strategy and anticipate outcomes in current cases."

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

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

"Machines will need to get a lot better at making sense of the world on their own if they are ever going to become truly intelligent."

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

It’s available for free.

These are some of the findings from a big new report out Thursday from Oxford’s Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism. The Reuters Institute’s

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

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

Internet Users:

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"For many years working in the realm of law firms I have been described as a Non – a non lawyer. It is a rather strange ... that he learned what he didn’t want to do. So he went back to school, twice, in pursuit of being a something. I on the

Via LLRX “Zena Applebaum, Corporate Strategy, Competitive Intelligence, Legal Industry Professional speaks directly to ... and accountable value to internal and external customers, all while shouldering the designation of a ‘non-lawyer.’"

My Non Life

"Researchers at OpenAI, a nonprofit based in California, developed the algorithmic A team, which they call the OpenAI ... also how to cooperate with its AI teammates. It has started defeating amateur Dota 2 players in testing, OpenAI says."

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

Technology:

Open Access:


June 21st, 2018

Open Data:

"This is a major victory. Cell phones are essential to modern life, but the way that cell phones operate—by constantly ... to achieve ‘near perfect surveillance, as if it had attached an ankle monitor to the phone’s user,’ but, because phone

"The Supreme Court handed down a landmark opinion on June 22nd in Carpenter v. United States, ruling 5-4 that the Fourth ... compiled every day, every moment over years.’ As a result, police must now get a warrant before obtaining this data.”

Posted on June 25, 2018.

Intersect Alert June 24, 2018

"Our recent research indicates so. We found that three rare books on various historical topics in the University of ... collection contain large concentrations of arsenic on their covers. The books come from the 16th and 17th centuries."


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


"The Norwegian Consumer Council (Forbrukerrådet) – “In

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"The proposed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records schedule for records related to detainees held in ICE ... abuse and assault of detainees, as well as detainee death investigation files. This schedule was proposed to NARA in

National Archives updates progress on ICE records disposition

Archives:

Posted on July 2, 2018.

Intersect Alert July 1, 2018

"In a letter to the editor of The New York Times, A-E Frankel, former Executive Director of the Washington, DC-based Committee on Medical Library Administration and President of the Medical Library Association, speaks out against rogue

"The Open Library is a worldwide digital book project. The Open Library’s mission is to provide universal access to books. The Open Library was started in 2004 by Aaron Swartz,代码 damping software developer, and futurist Jaron Lanier, and is now run by popular software developer and retired academic

Open Library

"Want more detailed information on a project in the SRA database? Contact the Library at (303) 630-6060 or research@sla.org with your project

Research:

Siblings or silos: How do open data and FOIA work together?


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In Vote to Restore Net Neutrality Rules, Several Senators Note Importance of Open Internet for Research, Education and Equity


Take Action:
Posted on May 18, 2018.

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TAG:Professional Development
In today's world users often encounter suspect, inflammatory, or entirely incorrect information online. This presentation ... in the U.S. and ideas for making libraries more effective information literacy educators within their unique communities.

If you're like most MLIS candidates that I know – or you've graduated with the degree – you're quietly obsessed with watching job opportunities in the field of librarianship and information management.

"Of the 13 billion paper records in the National Archives, there are currently 42 million pages available online, ... Archivists, helps the agency achieve its goal of digitizing and making available online 500 million pages by 2024."


the context in which students learn best is often in line with best practices of museums. We find these practices can be ... to understand how students learn outside the classroom and how to measure this learning in creative, nontraditional ways.

Scholarly and popular sources are a longstanding construct in library instruction. A quick Google search brings up an ... stepped back to ask: what kind of reasoning do students apply when distinguishing between scholarly and popular sources?

TAG:Education
While the children paid attention to the stories, the MRI, the machine scanned for activation within certain brain networks, and connectivity between the networks.

What's Going On In Your Child's Brain When You Read Them A Story?
TAG:Books and Reading
Posted on June 3, 2018.

Intersect Alert June 4th, 2018


"In celebration of Alexander Hamilton and the Broadway musical inspired by his extraordinary story, the National Archives ... Document exhibit, "Alexander Hamilton: An Inspiring Founder," will open on June 7 and run through September 18, 2018."

From Alexander Hamilton to 'Hamilton'—at the National Archives


A story of survival: New York's last remaining independent bookshops


"Privacy and security issues impact every aspect of our lives – home, work, travel, education, health/medical, to name ... week's column Pete highlights Cell Phone-Account Fraud, yet another facet of the weaponization of digital technology."

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https://www.technologyreview.com/s/611332/this-is-where-internet-memes-come-from/

"Several online communities focus on creating and spreading memes with the goal of making an idea become viral—a process ... These communities, on websites such as Reddit, 4chan, Twitter, and others, have become hugely influential."

linking to scholarly documents, it aims to provide a basic understanding of what tweets can and cannot measure in the ... to scholarly documents measure. Although this chapter is not able to solve the problems associated with the creation of

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So why do we know so little about it?

Research:
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"The uproar captures the fears many have about how technology might help automate warfare in the future. The situation is not simple, however."

"The announcement comes in the wake of significant internal protest over the use of Google's AI technology by a ... of this venture, known internally as Project Maven, is to improve the accuracy of drone strikes, among other things."

"Google has created an artificial-intelligence code of ethics that prohibits the development of autonomous weapons. But the principles leave sufficient wiggle room for Google to benefit from lucrative defense deals down the line."

Technology:
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“Artificial intelligence (AI) is a wide-ranging tool that enables people to rethink how we integrate information, analyze data, and make decisions. It has the potential to transform many aspects of our lives, from healthcare to transportation to energy production. However, the rapid development of AI also raises important questions about its impact on society, and the need to balance technological progress with ethical considerations. AI can help us to solve complex problems, but it also has the potential to be used in ways that harm individuals or communities. As AI continues to evolve, it is crucial that we work together to ensure that it is used ethically and responsibly.”

“Technology can also be used to manipulate people’s beliefs and behaviors. For example, social media platforms are increasingly using algorithms to influence what people see and how they feel. This raises concerns about privacy and the right to free speech. It is important to have regulations in place to protect people from these kinds of manipulations.”

“Data mining is an inexact art that remains largely unregulated. While it has the potential to be valuable, it also raises important questions about privacy and the right to control one’s own data. It is crucial that we find ways to balance the benefits of data mining with the need to protect individual privacy.”

“The Vaticano Secret Archives (VSA) contain millions of documents that are of great historical and cultural significance. However, these documents are difficult to access and study. The use of AI could help to make these archives more accessible to researchers. For example, AI could be used to digitize and transcribe documents, making them available online for anyone to access.”

“WikiLeaks is a controversial organization that has released large amounts of classified information. While some people see it as a threat to national security, others see it as a way to expose corruption and wrongdoing. The use of AI could help to make it easier to analyze and understand the information that WikiLeaks releases.”

“E-textbooks are becoming more popular as a way to save money and access educational materials. However, the use of AI in e-textbooks raises important questions about the right to access educational materials. It is important to find ways to balance the benefits of e-textbooks with the need to protect individual rights.”

“Text messages are a form of personal communication that are protected under the law. However, the use of AI to track and analyze text messages raises important questions about privacy and the right to free speech. It is crucial that we find ways to balance the benefits of text message tracking with the need to protect individual privacy.”

“Video games have the potential to be educational tools. However, the use of AI to enhance the educational value of video games raises important questions about the right to access educational materials. It is important to find ways to balance the benefits of educational video games with the need to protect individual rights.”

“Virtual digital assistants are becoming more popular as a way to control smart devices. However, the use of AI in virtual digital assistants raises important questions about privacy and the right to control one’s own devices. It is crucial that we find ways to balance the benefits of virtual digital assistants with the need to protect individual privacy.”

“Open access is a controversial issue that has been the subject of much debate. While some people see it as a way to make research more accessible, others see it as a threat to the financial health of academic publishing. The use of AI could help to find ways to balance the benefits of open access with the need to support academic publishing.”

“The right to access information is a fundamental human right. However, the use of AI to track and analyze information raises important questions about privacy and the right to free speech. It is crucial that we find ways to balance the benefits of information tracking with the need to protect individual privacy.”
"On April 17, the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology will hold a hearing on paid prioritization. The hearing will focus on the commitments (or lack thereof) not to engage in paid prioritization have remained a

something resembling a credit card, or it could be a secure enclave within one’s phone, like those already provided by some manufacturers.

"Businessman wins legal action to force removal of search results about past conviction."

"On April 9, the American Library Association (ALA) released The State of America’s Libraries report for 2018, an annual... library to transform lives through education and lifelong learning."

"The world's largest collection of literature is expanding into e-books. In a notice of proposed rulemaking to be... of Congress will begin including published e-books under its mandatory deposit rule, but only on a by-request basis."


"While libraries across the country are celebrating National Library Week (April 9–13), the American Library Association’s (ALA) Washington Office is representing libraries with events on Capitol Hill."

"On Monday, reeling from an incident at a Starbucks in Philadelphia that prompted accusations of racial bias, Howard... head of a nonprofit public-policy organization to discuss ways to prevent similar episodes in the future."

"Values:


"Research:

https://www.bespacific.com/peekier-privacy-oriented-search-engine/"

"Science’s "Reproducibility Crisis" Is Being Used as Political Ammunition"

"By definition, scientists who perform classified research cannot take full advantage of the standard practice of peer... intelligence agencies tend to provide limited disclosure of classified research to a select, security-cleared audience."

"A Forum for Classified Research on Cybersecurity"

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It’s time for an RSS revival


Researchers

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"We read to understand and express ourselves, to connect with our humanity, and to understand our rights and learn better ... Those issues are especially important to prisoners, who are isolated from society and frequently from one another."

"Banning literature in prisons perpetuates system that ignores inmate humanity"
"Shadows from the Walls of Death", printed in 1874 and measuring about 22 by 30 inches, is a noteworthy book for two reasons. It is, of course, a documented source of danger, but it is also a visual document of a time when wallpaper was a potentially lethal product. The book contains just under a hundred wallpaper samples, each of which is saturated with potentially dangerous levels of arsenic.

How a Library Handles a Rare and Deadly Book of Wallpaper Samples

A library in Ankara gives new meaning to the notion that books are timeless. Garbage collectors in the Turkish capital opened a new branch of literature, by giving the books they collect a new life. The Foggy Mountain Library, located in the Çankaya district of Ankara, was founded after sanitation workers started collecting discarded books.

Garbage Collectors Open Library with Abandoned Books

Libraries

Apple today introduced a significant update to the Health app with the iOS 11.3 beta, debuting a feature for customers to view and download their medical records. Participating patients can now take a look at their electronic medical records, including reports from their doctors, laboratory tests, medications, allergies and more. The beta feature is available to their patients.

Apple Announces Effortless Solution Bringing Health Records to iPhone

What is DPLA?

Digital Public Library of America – Discover 20,777,841 Images, Texts, Videos, and Sounds from Across the United States

Please visit this site where you can learn more: http://dpla.net

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Professional Development

"Over the years, DuckDuckGo has offered millions of people a private alternative to Google, serving over 16 billion searches each month. We've grown via word of mouth, with no advertising or promotion of any kind. "We launched DuckDuckGo's encrypted search for mobile and desktop in 2014 and soon after added our Privacy Dashboard, a visual tool that gives you at-a-glance control and transparency over your search data. This year we expanded our rights to private search across all browsers, and we put the control directly in your hands by giving you the ability to block ads and tracking cookies. We're excited to keep making DuckDuckGo easier to use while giving you control over your data."

DuckDuckGo Moves Beyond Search to Also Protect You While Browsing.

After 3 years of developing a beta feature available to their patients, Apple today introduced a significant update to the Health app with the iOS 11.3 beta, debuting a feature for customers to view and download their medical records. Participating patients can now take a look at their electronic medical records, including reports from their doctors, laboratory tests, medications, allergies and more. The beta feature is available to their patients.

Apple Announces Effortless Solution Bringing Health Records to iPhone

"DPLA is a national, nonprofit digital initiative that serves as a modern library for the digital age. Our libraries, archives and museums, nonprofits and universities are working together to discover and share 20,777,841 images, texts, videos and sounds from across the United States. Please visit this site where you can learn more: http://dpla.net"

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"The e-book market has stalled. Back in 2013, e-books were predicted to exceed print books in sales by now. But instead, they only account for about 20% of the book market. "The book market, as opposed to a college textbook, medical treatise, etc.) have settled down just above 20% of overall trade book sales."

Books and Reading:


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"This is Tryniski's own scanner. "[h/t Pete Weiss]"

How Tom Tryniski digitized nearly 50 million pages of newspapers in his living room

Digital Preservation:

"When a teenager began firing on students in Marilyn Johnson's old high school east of Cleveland, Johnson searched the town library's Facebook page. The site was 'the best, most detailed place to get breaking information,' she says."

The Libraries Bringing Small-Town News Back to Life

"The libraries are valuable assets in our communities. They are a place for people to gather and connect, to learn and participate in local events and activities. They provide access to information and services, and they are a source of support and comfort for those who need it."

What is a Library? A Place for Small-Town News Bringing Back to Life

"In 2019, we launched TweetAudit, a new tool that uses artificial intelligence to help you find fake accounts on Twitter."

Poynter: 'Spotting fake Twitter uses is generally fairly easy, though fakers have gotten better at it over time. Tools like TweetAudit can help you identify them."

DuckDuckGo Moves Beyond Search to Also Protect You While Browsing.

"If the fight over 5G poles and cells hasn't hit your town yet, chances are it's coming."

Live chat: 5G and the digital divide


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

"Tiflolibros offers an online catalog with more than 48,000 digital books that registered members can download using ... reading computers, accessible mobiles, Braille tapes or other electronic reading devices for people with disabilities."

How does Tiflolibros work?

What is Tiflolibros?

International Outlook

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

Posted on January 8, 2018.

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"But for Bethany Gingrich, 26, starting to write a thesis about Erte, the Russian-French illustrator and designer, was thrilling."

"That is why the E-rate program has been so important for the past 20 years, connecting classrooms and libraries to the ... (85 percent) are fully meeting the FCC's short-term goal for broadband connectivity of 100 Mbps per 1,000 students."

Digital Equity

Join us for Citizen Archivist Week of Service!

Privacy


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tools and techniques to leverage in their business intelligence work, that are either free or low fee based on data content parameters."

Business Intelligence Online Resources 2018

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https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2018/01/california-police-chiefs-misrepresent-license-plate-privacy-bill

"The threat is all too real. Police agencies have surveilled Muslims by collecting plates in parking lots at mosques. ... license plate databases, effectively dodging state restrictions on data sharing, as it ramps up its deportation efforts."

"EFF supports S.B. 712, a California bill that would allow drivers to cover their plates when they’re parked. This simple ... information about their travel and whereabouts from mass collection by law enforcement and private data brokers."

California Police Chiefs Misrepresent License Plate Privacy Bill

"As scientists race to save coral reefs and tackle other crucial marine issues, access to expensive scientific journals has become a roadblock to sharing knowledge, especially for researchers in developing countries."


"Suitability for membership is assessed by COPE, DOAJ and OASPA, and part of the criteria on which membership applications ... of publishers or journals that failed to demonstrate that they met the criteria for transparency and best practice for scholarly publications and to clarify that these principles form the basis of the criteria by which

Publishing


Online Security

https://infocus.nlm.nih.gov/2018/01/16/focus-on-health-literacy/

"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."

What are the main points you want the public to know about health literacy?

Health Equity

EFV's research team is investigating access to health care and services across the country and discovered many disparities in ... are fully insured, but many, many more are not. We’re working on it and will report back."

Health Equity


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Privacy


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the same bench, however, the situation is different. 

ICIJ is now making available only the structured portion of the Paradise Papers connected to ... linked to ICIJ’s 2016 Panama Papers and Bahamas Leaks


A federal judge has ruled that EFF need not obey an Australian injunction ordering EFF to take down a “Stupid Patent of the Month” blog post and never speak of the patent owner’s intellectual property again.

But our tests showed a significant lapse in the company’s monitoring of the rental market. Last week, ProPublica bought ... which makes it illegal to publish any advertisement “with respect to the sale or rental of a

In February, Facebook said it would step up enforcement of its prohibition against discrimination in advertising for housing, employment or credit.

Social Media:

Internet Access:

Internet users scored a significant victory in 2014 when the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) installed ... their choosing and charging consumers premium prices for upgraded access. Without net neutrality, small businesses, low-

Demand the FCC Maintain Net Neutrality

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To test what this data set could be capable of, the researchers first paired the Zip code-level vehicle data with numbers ... characteristics: What kinds of vehicles are disproportionately likely to appear in white neighborhoods, or black ones?

Research:

https://www.eff.org/fcc-contemplates-repealing-net-neutrality-protections-indian-telecom-regulator

Overall the recommendations are good news for both users’ right to a free and open Internet in India and creating a ... and efforts made to listen to the voices of its citizens create a stark contrast with the FCC’s regressive approach.

As FCC Contemplates Repealing Net Neutrality Protections, Indian Telecom Regulator Reaffirms Support for Principles of Non-Discrimination

To make that a reality, Spiegel says, Snapchat will start using machine-learning tricks, similar to those employed by ... do dozens of signals will be fed to the beast.) The content that appears in that AI-controlled feed, which will be

lofty ambitions.

The suit comes just weeks after Sessions told Congress that his agency had launched 27 investigations into leaks of ... to organize Inauguration Day protests share 1.3 million IP addresses with the government. (The DOJ eventually dropped


The Federal Emergency Management Agency must make public the names of people who sold property through a flood mitigation ... back in 2014, but FEMA refused, saying release of the data would intrude on the privacy of those who sold the property.

Freedom of Information:

no-cloud-access policy.

Apple is sharing your face with apps. That’s a new privacy worry

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“As the FCC has sought to abandon its role as the protector of a free and open Internet at the federal level, states are ... included in any sort of “fast lane.” On December 14th, the FCC voted to remove these restrictions and even tried to

California Introduces Its Own Bill to Protect Net Neutrality

“NNLM Resource Picks is a collaborative effort by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine regional offices which ... serve their colleagues and communities. Learn more and register for this session. The free webinar will be recorded.”

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Feinstein Gives Fullest Picture Yet Of The Extent Of Russia's Social Media Push

Four agonizing months later, all charges were dropped. Government agents, he learned, had been secretly spying on his... was simply wrong and, ultimately, appeared to be based on misrepresentations about scientific facts and technology.

Most of the innocent people whose emails and phone calls the government spies on never find out. Not so for Professor... The government charged Professor Xi with wire fraud, but in its court filings, it cast him as a spy for China who shared

The case arises out of a search warrant issued by New York federal prosecutors to compel Microsoft to produce the... the United States (specifically in Dublin, Ireland) as being outside the jurisdictional limit of U.S. search warrants.

The "PreCheck" program is billed as a convenient service to allow U.S. travelers to "speed through security" at airports. ... serve as a gateway to the collection of biometric data to identify and track every traveler at every airport and border


Today, Alice Chiu Qianying Lin and Daihai He, at Hong Kong Polytechnic University in China, say they have studied flu... for the first time. And they say their results have important implications for the timing of vaccination programs.

Religious Festivals Linked to Major Flu Outbreaks

Open Data:

US Court Grants ISPs and Search Engine Blockade of Sci-Hub

It is not clear that the FCC can reach so far under its Title III authority to block states that want to regulate... web browsing history in order to provide them a wireless network function, particularly given that Americans already pay

Verizon Asks the Federal Communications Commission to Prohibit States from Protecting User Privacy

Equifax says it owns all its data about you

The publisher defended its decision, saying that only 1 percent of its content was inaccessible in mainland China. Many... one censored article focuses on the disputed South China Sea, a topic widely covered in China's state-run news media.

One of the world's largest academic publishers was criticized on Wednesday for bowing to pressure from the Chinese... touch on topics the ruling Communist Party considers sensitive, including Taiwan, Tibet, human rights and elite politics.

Leading Western Publisher Bows to Chinese Censorship

The head of the federal agency that produces U.S. nuclear weapons has privately proposed to end public access to key safety reports from a federal watchdog group that monitors ten sites involved in weapons production.

https://secure2.convio.net/adl/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=402

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Lateral Reading: Reading Less and Learning More When Evaluating Digital Information

head of the Media/ICT Unit with the Center for Alliance of Labor and Human Rights in Phnom Penh, has campaigned online... NGOs and youth organizations on how to use online campaigning and online expression platforms, such as Open Cyber Talk.

https://www.technologyreview.com/s/609495/ai-can-be-made-legally-accountable-for-its-decisions/

A New Algorithm Can Spot Pneumonia Better Than a Radiologist

https://cdt.org/blog/automated-extreme-vetting-wont-work-and-will-be-discriminatory/

Today, CDT joined 55 civil society groups, as well as leading computer and data science experts, to oppose the Department... or denied entry to the United States. This initiative is not only discriminatory but also technically infeasible.

More information on how federal government agencies are removing web content, and why that matters:

– Securely contact us with information about vulnerable programs or data via EnviroDGI@protonmail.com

Archivers.space Coverage Visualization Tool

The End of Term harvest is over, but there are still ways to preserve programs or datasets you are concerned about:

events, also called "archive-a-thons," at cities across the U.S. and Canada. With the help of the Internet Archive and... FTP file servers totaling, together, over 350 million URLs/files. This includes over 70 million html pages, over 40

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“California employers can no longer ask job applicants about their prior salary and — if applicants ask — must give them a pay range for the job they are seeking, under a new state law that takes effect Jan. 1.”

Many groups in the Electronic Frontier Alliance work to ensure that their neighbors have the tools they need to maintain their privacy and the rights of people in their community. For over four years, Oakland Privacy has been a notable example of the latter.

Sen. Rand Paul recently incorporated the text of FASTR into his BASIC Research Act (S. 1973), a bill that would place more control over where federal research grants go. Sen. Paul’s bill is clearly driven by a skepticism toward what he sees as ‘silly research.’

The public should be able to read and use the scientific research we paid for. That’s the simple premise of the Fair Access to Scientific Publications Act (FASTR). As we celebrate Open Access week, please take a moment to urge your members of Congress to pass this common-sense law.

The Rare Book and Special Collections Division traces its beginnings to Thomas Jefferson’s wish to create a library for his personal use, which he procured in 1815. Jefferson’s books—in several languages and covering a great variety of subjects—today form the nucleus of the over 7,100,000 volumes that make up the collections. The mission of the Division is to preserve and provide access to this rich and diverse collection.

Internet filtering in Egypt illustrates how censorship can be a slippery slope. After an extended period of open access to the internet, the government has blocked over 400 websites by October 2017. The blocked websites include local and regional news and human rights websites, and the government did not provide any reason for blocking them.

In the past three months alone, more than 200 universities have announced 560 such free online courses. I’ve compiled a list of the courses organized by categories: Arts & Humanities, Business, Education & Teaching, Health & Medicine, Business, Personal Development, Engineering, Art & Design, and finally Science.

A key legal linchpin for the National Security Agency’s vast Internet surveillance program is scheduled to disappear in June 2018. This has been turned back on us. Despite repeated inquiries from Congress, the NSA has yet to publicly disclose how many emails it monitors for national security purposes.

There is no quick and easy way to fix image recognition systems to stop them being fooled in this way, warn experts. In the past, machine learning systems like these would learn by being trained with lots of different examples to give them a sense of how objects, like dogs and taxis, differ.

The First FBI Crime Report Issued Under Trump Is Missing A Ton Of Info

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“Bruce Gilley’s eyebrow-raising essay in favor of colonialism has been scrubbed from the scholarly record, but not for... colonial-era atrocities, that it was rejected by three peer reviewers, and that Gilley himself requested it be pulled.)

A Dangerous Withdrawal

United States, as well as the U.S. persons who communicate with them.”

payment from users or taxpayers.”

LinkNYC Improves Privacy Policy, Yet Problems Remain

“On an iPhone, users might instinctively swipe up to open Control Center and toggle Wi-Fi and Bluetooth off from the user interface. But Apple has changed that behavior in iOS 10 and iOS 11.

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Demonstrate that German academics can operate without Elsevier subscriptions, and an increasing number of institutions have said they will not renew their contracts at the end of the year. German universities have coped “easily” when cut off from Elsevier journals and do not need to rely on pirate websites. Part of their strategy is to adopt a model in which they pay per article published, not a flat journal subscription fee. 

The FCC is currently in the process of redefining much of rural and low-income America in reverse when it comes to internet access. The agency, terrorized by 12 members of the U.S. Senate, to extend the time allotted for people to weigh in. (That’s your hint to do so, here!) Part of the battle might play out as a legal game, with the FCC using legal gymnastics to excuse itself from getting Americans internet access.

The Chicago Tribune has learned that most CPS schools no longer have librarians. 

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Your favorite companies may be political black boxes

A fight over the future of video streaming has been brewing for years—and it finally came to a head today, with a major electronic privacy organization bowing out of the consortium that sets standards for the web.
serious violation of its international human rights commitments, said Tanya Cooper, Ukraine researcher at Human Rights... journalists is short-sighted and vindictive, and undermines Ukraine's pledges on democratic reforms and the rule of law."

Ukraine: Foreign Journalists Barred or Expelled

In the case study below, I describe how the narrative surrounding Berkeley was picked up and shaped by Russian-linked... pro-Russian social media networks, including state-sponsored propaganda outlets, botnets, cyborgs, and individual users."

Have You Experienced Hate Speech on Facebook? We Want To Hear From You


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media – which resulted from a great deal of analytic thinking – may now be exacerbating our tendency to rely on intuition.

Who falls for fake news? The roles of analytic thinking, motivated reasoning, political ideology, and bullshit receptivity

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LMICs through waivers, they have not really included LMICs in the publication industry itself. After witnessing... prominent publication houses from high-income countries. Researchers from low- and middle-income countries are generally

Results: Most GHR publications are not available directly on the journal's website (69%). Further, 60.8% of researchers... for a stronger voice for researchers in LMICs with the goal of reducing power inequities in global health more broadly.

Abstract

Knowledge sharing in global health research – the impact, uptake and cost of open access to scholarly literature

Will Rural Texas Ever Get Its Phone Service Back After Harvey?

According to the official Federal Communications Commission statistics (current to August 30), Hurricane Harvey is having... 265,000 landline phones have been rendered inoperative. No one expects a communications network to come through an epic

The Federal Communications Commission is taking dozens of meetings with companies, trade groups and public policy... BNA analysis of FCC records shows. The existing rules bar internet providers such as AT&T Inc. and Comcast Corp. from

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Congress delivered good news for library funding after returning from its August recess this week. Yesterday, the Senate... Wednesday, would boost IMLS funding to $235 million. Grants to States would receive $160 million. The bill also includes

Federal Criminal Prosecutions Fall Under Trump

Government:

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Benefit-Risk Assessments in Drug Regulatory Decision-Making

Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

Privacy:

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Trump Has Broad Power to Block Climate Change Report


essentially ending the legal battle.

About a month later, he was stunned to receive a letter from Trump's lawyers demanding that he immediately rename his ... dug in because he said Trump's lawyers were "100 percent wrong — the word trump has other meanings." He pushed hard

The owner of Trump Tower, Trump Golf Links, and The Donald J. Trump Signature Collection can't claim this one as his own: ... legal fight against Donald Trump. And Scharfeld's triumph is even more impressive because he succeeded without a lawyer.

Donald Trump Lost a 6-Year Legal Battle to a Trumpet Player
Specifically, The AIRWA VES Act would direct the Federal Communications Commission to free up unused or underused spectrum to innovative users, including entrepreneurs, rural communities, and academic institutions. It would also establish a framework for the opening of spectrum to new wireless technologies. It also includes a proposal to auction other spectrum and would require that 10 percent of the proceeds be used to fund projects and initiatives that provide critical resources to rural communities.

Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group, a coalition of employers that advocates for quality and safety in health care, recently published an opinion piece in The Wall Street Journal about the importance of transparency in health care. She argued that the current regulatory framework, which requires that the confidentiality of patients’ medical records be protected, can make it difficult for patients to access information that is critical to their care. She suggested that the law should be amended to allow patients to access their medical records more easily, and that health care providers should be held accountable for breaches of patient confidentiality.

A U.S. District Court judge in Washington on July 28 handed down a ruling ordering the FBI to search for and release all communications with the Mattachine Society of Washington, D.C., an LGBT rights group that called on the FBI to release all communications with the Mattachine Society of Washington, D.C. The judge found that the FBI had unlawfully withheld the communications in violation of the Freedom of Information Act. The judge also ordered the FBI to pay the Mattachine Society’s attorney fees.

The recent Internet Day of Action for net neutrality illustrates how intensely consumers feel about net neutrality. The FCC’s recent decision to roll back the net neutrality rules has sparked widespread opposition, and many are calling on Congress to reinstate the rules. The issue is so important that it has been likened to a battle for the soul of the Internet.

The California Supreme Court just armed would be challengers to the state’s prescription drug tracking system. In 2014, the California State Board of Pharmacy launched a system to track the distribution of controlled substances, in an effort to prevent drug diversion and abuse. The board requires that all pharmacies and retailers that dispense controlled substances register with the system and report information about each controlled substance transaction.

The Lost Art Foundation has organized a program called “Initial Check” in order to enable the search for stolen books in German libraries. The program was started by Hannelore Poenicke, a lawyer who has dedicated her career to the study of Nazi-looted art. The program will send out a team of researchers to libraries across Germany to search for missing books. The researchers will look through the books, at least part of them, to look for signs of looting. They will also use advanced technology to detect the presence of looted books, such as infrared imaging.

FASTR was first introduced in 2013, and while it has strong support in both parties, it has never gained enough momentum to pass. We need to change that. Let’s tell Congress that passing an open access law should be a top priority.

When you pay for federally funded research, you should be allowed to read it. That’s the idea behind the Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (S.1701, H.R.3427), which was recently reintroduced in both houses of Congress. The idea is simple: when you pay for research, you should be able to access the results of that research.

To start, it’s an unjustifiable subsidy by taxpayers at a time when natural gas prices are low and renewable energy costs are falling. But the real reason to support FASTR is that the government’s failure to make the results of federally funded research available to the public is a direct attack on the public’s right to know. The truth is that the government does not own the research; it simply funds it. But the taxpayer owns the research, and the taxpayer has a right to know what the government is funding.

If someone produced “America’s Worst Policy Idea” as a weekly televised contest with Simon Cowell as a judge, West Virginia’s plan to fedfeed coal ash to the ocean for the undetermined future might win. The proposal may be part of a larger political gambit that the West Virginia delegation has underway, but it’s hard to imagine that it will be taken seriously by anyone except the delegation itself.

Thai activist Jatuphat “Pai” Boonpattaraksa was sentenced this week to two and a half years in prison-for the crime of insulting the monarchy. He was found to violate Thailand’s strict lese majeste laws against insulting, defaming, or threatening the monarchy.

The American Library Association’s (ALA) recent report on academic libraries highlights the need for greater openness and transparency in scholarly communication. The report calls for a shift away from closed-access publishing and toward open access publishing, which allows anyone to read and use the results of scholarly research.

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"Stop right there! No clicking over to that Tucker Carlson YouTube rant. This is another one of those ticky-tacky, ... a nonprescription substitute for Ambien but is, practically speaking, super important—especially in the Age of Trump."

"That about covers the Big Political Headlines of the week. Now for something really sexy: the creeping assault on the Freedom of Information Act."

"The health-care clusterfudge continues. Senator John McCain has brain cancer. President Trump throws another public tantrum. Russia, Russia, Russia."

"In this short essay, written for a symposium in the San Diego Law Review, Professor Daniel Solove examines the nothing nothing to hide argument and its variants. The nothing to hide argument and its variants are quite

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"Recently, while following coverage from the 2017 Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) conference, I ... Casetext, Fastcase, Google Scholar, Lexis Advance, Ravel and Westlaw. I was blown away by the study's findings."

National Archives Begins Online Release of JFK Assassination Records


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Freedom of Information

"During a crisis, you may see an SOS Alert at the top of search results when searching for the incident or location. ... are to the affected area, you may also get a notification on your mobile device that directs you to this information."

"In times of crisis, access to timely, actionable information is crucial. Working alongside trained responders and ... features in Google Search and Maps to help you quickly understand what's going on and decide what to do during a crisis."


"HathiTrust and Michigan staff have developed a new access point for federal documents within HathiTrust, the U.S. ... This new collection enables users to search and browse a set limited to only federal documents in HathiTrust."

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Libraries:

Gene Quinn, founder of the intellectual property blog IP Watchdog, said trademarking epithets to limit their use was a ... the marketplace. "I doubt they're going to want to use the n-word in commerce themselves," he said. "If they're going

His goal: To prevent racist groups from making money from the word. "If an individual organization tries to use it to ... slur during a traffic stop nearly two decades ago. "I was so humiliated, embarrassed," he said. "For him to talk to me

Steve Maynard, an Alexandria, Va., attorney, and Curtis Bordenave of Columbus, Miss., filed to trademark a variation of ... clothing, books, music and general merchandise," among other uses, according to one of his trademark applications.

Intellectual Property:

It bears the brunt of many hacks that target the wider world, like the recent NotPetya attack. But it also struggles in ... of the country have been plunged into darkness as a result of hackers taking aim at the nation's energy infrastructure.

Elsevier has moved to become a substantial player in the gold open access marketplace, by its own account the second ... While the largest publisher, Elsevier has relatively close competitors, and as SpringerNature merges its two content

Today, Elsevier announces its acquisition of bepress. In a move entirely consistent with its strategy to pivot beyond ... position Elsevier as an increasingly dominant player in preprints, continuing its march to adopt and coopt open access.

Publishing:

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And the strategy has been working. Bills that would have created new consumer data protections for facial recognition ... Connecticut and Alaska – but all failed, except the Washington bill, which passed only after its scope was limited.

Since the suit was filed, Facebook has stepped up its state lobbying, according to records and interviews with lawmakers. ... used or whom they can be sold to. That effort is part of a wider agenda. Tech companies, whose business model is based on

Facebook denied the charges, arguing the law doesn't apply to them. But behind the scenes, the social network giant is working feverishly to prevent other states from enacting a law like the one in Illinois.

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Publishing 

Biology's Roiling Debate Over Publishing Research Early

“Five years ago, Daniel MacArthur set out to build a massive library of human gene sequences—one of the biggest ever. The HapMap project, launched three categories of the data freely, such as public welcome or research (public, private, or commercial). HapMap project—researchers have numerous articles coming out of the journal Nature. But before all that happened, he did something that counted as an act of radicalism in the world of biology: He put it on the internet.”

“Posting scientific papers online before peer review—in so-called preprint archives—isn’t a new idea. Physicists have done it for 50 years. But as biology becomes more dependent on rapid publication, the increase in speed toward openness is creating a wider debate about whether authors should make their work available before it becomes peer-reviewed and accepted.”

https://www.wired.com/story/biologys-roiling-debate-over-publishing-preprint-research-early

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