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Pause & Ponder

“Don’t be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart.”

– Roy T. Bennett

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New legislation aims to strengthen protections for school and public libraries



With book-banning attempts on the rise nationwide, Massachusetts legislators are working to strengthen protections for school and public libraries with “An Act Regarding Free Expression.”

Earlier this month, the state Senate voted 35-3 to advance the bill (S.2726), which will now be discussed by the House Committee on Ways and Means. State Sen. Jo Comerford, D-Northampton, vice chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, which brought the legislation forward, said the bill would provide clear guidelines on how, when and why materials can be removed from libraries.

“This has been an issue I have heard about from constituents since President Trump took office,” Comerford said. “I heard from librarians, I heard from educators and I heard from authors that

they wanted protection for freedom of expression. ... ‘An Act Regarding Free Expression’ is that protection.”...

Source: [Greenfield Recorder, 26 Nov 2025](#)

AI literacy in academic libraries: Emerging perspectives from the community



As AI adoption in academia continues to shape how knowledge is accessed and evaluated, libraries are emerging as pivotal partners in navigating this change responsibly. Building AI literacy by understanding how AI-powered research tools work, including their limitations and their ethical implications, has become an essential component of information literacy. To help address this need, Clarivate has partnered with Choice and ACRL to launch the free AI Literacy Microcourse, developed by librarians for librarians.

The course comprises eight weeks of concise, self-paced modules aligned with the ACRL AI Literacy Framework. Core AI literacy concepts are explored through readings, multimedia content, case studies, and interviews with thought leaders from across the academic field. More than 8,000 participants have registered since it launched this summer. The course remains freely available to the library community over the next few months...

Source: [Clarivate, 25 Nov 2025](#)

Nagaland Digital library-cum-restaurant inaugurated in Kohima



A new Digital Library-cum-Restaurant, developed under the Smart City Mission (SCM) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, was inaugurated on Monday at the World War II Battle Tank area in Phegei, Kohima.

Speaking as the special guest, advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Zhaleo Rio, (Retd.), praised the project's "exceptional workmanship" and said the facility had successfully transformed the area into a vibrant hub for work, exercise, dining, and cultural engagement. He expressed confidence that the space would greatly benefit both residents and tourists.

Reflecting on the site's history, Rio recalled visiting the park during his school days and imagining its potential. "To see that vision realized is a dream come true," he said, adding that the transformation brought him "profound personal happiness."...

Source: [Nagaland Post, 25 Nov 2025](#)

National Library of India, Dravidian University forge new academic partnership

September 2025 marked the grand The National Library of India and Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, formalised a new cooperation

framework today to expand academic collaboration in the field of Library and Information Science (LIS). The agreement aims to strengthen internship opportunities, research exchange, and capacity-building initiatives between the two institutions.



Under the partnership, students and scholars of Dravidian University will gain access to the National Library's vast repository of books, manuscripts, rare documents, and digital collections. The collaboration also opens avenues for joint research projects, professional training modules, and skill-enhancement programmes tailored for university staff...

Source: [The Times of India, 25 Nov 2025](#)

Libraries are Guardians of Green Knowledge



Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and

contribute to improving our quality of life.

**Sidney Sheldon, (1917-2007.
American writer and producer)**

Environmental activism is often associated with protests, grassroots efforts, or policy advocacy. Yet some of the most effective environmental work can happen in spaces we might overlook — such as public libraries.

These community institutions, dedicated to education and public service, are emerging as important allies to the environmental movement. By disseminating knowledge, creating spaces for community engagement, and sharing resources, libraries are helping to build the informed and connected communities that environmental progress requires. As environmental problems intensify, it's worth examining how libraries contribute to environmental activism and why their role in this movement matters more than ever...

Source: [Earthday.org, 24 Nov 2025](https://www.earthday.org/2025/11/24/libraries-environmental-activism/)

MSU librarian honoured for innovations in LIS



Vadodara: Mayank Trivedi, chief librarian of the Hansa Mehta Library at M S University, has been conferred with the LIS Excellence Award for University Librarian for his "outstanding achievement and invaluable contribution

to empowering the Library and Information Science (LIS) profession."

The award was presented at the SVSU-ICTL 2025 International Conference on the theme "Transforming Libraries for Viksit Bharat 2047: Advancing Digital Innovation Services in Higher Education, Public and Community Libraries."

The conference was hosted at Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Meerut, and organised in collaboration with the Society for Information Research & Studies, New Delhi.

The two-day event, held on November 21–22, brought together library leaders, technologists, policy experts, and scholars to explore strategies for enhancing digital innovation across higher education, public, and community libraries...

Source: [The Times of India, 24 Nov 2025](https://www.thetimesofindia.com/2025/11/24/libraries-environmental-activism/)

Australia's public libraries are thriving as the cost of living rises. We can't afford to lose them



Library visits in the United States have almost halved over the past decade. But in Australia, they're up 10% compared to a year ago, according to a new report. In fact, our public libraries are thriving – and cost of living pressures seem to be playing a role.

Public engagement with library programs and events has increased by one million. Loans of books, DVDs and other items are at their highest rate in five years, and overall loans are up 23%. On average, every person in Australia borrowed 6.5 library items in the year 2023-2024. While libraries increasingly provide online access and borrowing (32% of all loans are now digital), physical borrowing is still important.

But there's bad news, too: adjusted for inflation, Australian library funding has decreased 12% in the past five years. And spending on library collections is similarly down, by 14%. Libraries are also hiring less trained librarians, and relying more on volunteer staffers...

Source: [The Conversation, 16 Nov 2025](#)

Books play catalytic role in an intellectual state like Gujarat, says Dharmendra Pradhan in Ahmedabad



Gandhinagar: Stating that books play a catalytic role in life, Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan urged the young generation to develop an interest in reading. Pradhan, along with chief minister Bhupendra Patel, inaugurated the Ahmedabad International Book Festival and the Food For Thought Fest at the event centre of the Sabarmati riverfront on Thursday.

The book festival will run till Nov 23 and the adjoining food festival, organised by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) and the South Asian Association for Gastronomy (SAAG), will continue till Nov 16.

Speaking to reporters, Pradhan said, "I would like to congratulate the National Book Trust (NBT). For many years, they have consistently organised excellent book fairs in Ahmedabad. This time, they raised it to global standards. Over 300 publishers from across the country are part of this fair. Gujarat has always led in reading and teaching. It is an intellectual state and a thinking state. In such a state, books play a catalytic role."...

Source: [The Times of India, 14 Nov 2025](#)

How libraries and publishers are shaping the future of AI in research

Artificial intelligence (AI) is already transforming the way research is conducted, published, and discovered. Once seen as futuristic, it is now a driving force in scholarly communication. In a new report from Springer Nature, *Perspectives on AI in scholarly communications: A discussion with libraries and publishing professionals*, library leaders and publishing professionals share how AI is being used across the research ecosystem, what ethical considerations are emerging, and how collaboration can help ensure responsible implementation.

This blog summarises key insights from the report, offering reflections and examples from those working at the intersection of research, publishing and library services.

What can library perspectives tell us about AI?

Library professionals are uniquely positioned to reflect on the impact of AI within an academic setting, as they are not only experts in information discovery, but also increasingly guiding researchers in effective and ethical use of AI tools...

Source: [Springer Nature, 13 Nov 2025](#)

In Praise of Librarians in Dangerous Times



Librarians are on the front lines of history and current events, when news and change arrive at a furious clip that only quickens every day.

And without libraries, my work would simply not exist.

I was a child who read books. There's a picture of me, not quite a year old, in a blue sailor suit and a red ribbon tied around my neck, staring avidly at a picture book. I couldn't have been reading yet—that wouldn't happen until I was close to three, still plenty precocious—but the devotion was already there, the calling always present. I would always prefer reading to pretty much anything, whether it was practicing piano, doing homework, playing sports, and chores....

Source: [Literary Hub, 03 Nov 2025](#)

Gujarat: Modern Library at Hapa Primary School becomes model of rural education innovation



New Delhi, Oct 25 (IANS) The Hapa Primary School in Himmatnagar Taluka of Sabarkantha district has earned wide appreciation for its state-of-the-art library equipped with reading tables, Wi-Fi, computers, and a wide range of books to support learning and exam preparation.

The library, established under the Gujarat government's School of Excellence initiative, is part of the state's efforts to modernise education infrastructure in government schools. The project has not only benefited students but has also become a source of pride for the local community. Teachers from nearby villages often visit the school to observe its modern educational setup and teaching innovations.

Speaking about the library, Rajendra Singh Parmar, Principal of Shri Hapa Primary School, said, "Our school has a modern library with 50 reading tables, free Wi-Fi, a personal table lamp on each table, and books on multiple subjects. The library was made possible through the contributions of villagers, who donated amounts ranging from Rs 50 to Rs 50,000."...

Source: [India Tribune, 25 Oct 2025](#)

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