

Ferguson Library: Refuge for a Torn Community

On November 24 a grand jury in Ferguson, MO, delivered its verdict on the August 9 shooting death of Michael Brown, an unarmed black teenager, by a Ferguson police officer. The St. Louis County grand jury chose not to bring criminal charges against the officer, Darren Wilson. The decision, which was announced just after 8 p.m. CST, set off protests and civil unrest.

During the nearly four months since Brown was killed, the Ferguson Municipal Public Library (FMPL) has consistently stepped up to help the town's citizens, especially its youngest members. Last summer the Ferguson-Florissant School District postponed opening day, originally scheduled for August 14, out of fear of violence. Until schools opened on August 25, FMPL opened its branches to the district's teachers, allowing them to set up activities and instruction for students in the library.

It was announced the Monday night of the verdict that schools would be closed the following day, and on November 25 once again FMPL opened its doors to the district's children and their teachers. Scott Bon-

ner, library director of the Ferguson Municipal Public Library District, said that while numbers weren't as high as in August, the library hosted "scores" of children, as well as serving as a safe place for the neighborhood's adults.

Bonner is FMPL's lone full-time librarian, working with another 10–11 part-time staff members. When the school closings were announced FMPL put out a call on social media for help, and on Tuesday Teach for America and other organizations responded with more than 50 volunteers. Operation Food Search, a local food bank, served lunch for children who would ordinarily eat at school.

While library staff and volunteers did their best to make children feel at home, FMPL's Twitter feed (@fergusonlibrary) Tuesday showed an outpouring of love and support from all over. In addition, calls for action on Twitter, some utilizing the hashtag #whatlibrariesdo, resulted in a huge spike in PayPal donations to the library: some \$300,000 at press time.

Book donations remained steady as well: when FMPL first opened its doors to students in August Angie Manfredi, head of youth services for Los Alamos County Library System, NM, started a Twitter campaign soliciting books for the library. She creat-

Interview

Paul Gazzolo

Paul Gazzolo recently joined library resource vendor Gale as senior VP and general manager. He will lead strategy, product development, sales, and marketing teams, and work with Gale's partner libraries.



You have experience in diverse fields. How have they informed your role at Gale?

I have a nontraditional background for the publishing world.... I'd say

the golden thread through my whole career is helping professionals be better at their jobs, whether it's building information products or health care products.

Do you have anything exciting in the works?

There are two things I think *Hotline* readers would be interested in. The first is the capability of correlating all Gale content with courses in higher education institutions. It allows librarians to work with faculty...to support the objectives of the curriculum. The other is text-mining capability. Seeing the interest and excitement on the part of the deans and directors...is really exciting. It develops all sorts of potential for academic research.

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ed a wishlist on Powell's, which has since been filled and added to.

In addition, librarians across the country are working to help support students and educators. A St. Louis school librarian has created a Lib-Guide for resources about the Brown shooting, and the Twitter hashtag #FergusonSyllabus provides a wide range of links.

Judge Dismisses Lawsuit by Removed QL Trustees

Bringing apparent closure to a months-long fight for control of the Queens Library (QL) Board of Trustees, Judge Frederic Block of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York on Wednesday, November 26 dismissed *Arrington et al. v. Katz*, a lawsuit filed in August by six former QL trustees against Queens Borough President (QBP) Melinda Katz and New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. With the suit, former trustees Jacqueline E. Arrington, Joseph R. Ficalora, William Jefferson, Grace Lawrence, Terri C. Mangino, and George L. Stamatiades had sought to have their positions on the board reinstated, and to overturn a new state law that enables the QBP and the New York City mayor to dismiss QL board members at will. The suit had also sought unspecified monetary damages from Katz. According to the *Queens Times Ledger*, the suit was dismissed by Block because

“the plaintiffs and defendants stopped submitting documents and neither sought a summary judgment.”

The new law, the dismissals, and the resulting suit are all closely tied to ongoing controversy regarding embattled QL president and CEO Thomas W. Galante, who in September was placed on indefinite, paid administrative leave by the library's reorganized board after facing months of scrutiny regarding his salary, his consulting work, and matters related to QL renovation projects. On January 27, the *New York Daily News* published an article that highlighted Galante's \$392,000 salary and insinuated that renovations to executive conference rooms at the QL central library were being done for Galante's benefit. The following day, NYC comptroller Scott Stringer announced plans to audit all three of the city's library systems: QL, the New York Public Library, and the Brooklyn Public Library.

QL provided Stringer's office with all financial documents related to the library's state, city, and federal funding, but as the audit progressed, the board of trustees refused to turn over documents related to private donations, which account for about 15 percent of the library's budget. Agreements reached with prior NYC comptrollers had allowed the library to keep this information private during audits, and a slim majority of the board's 18 members viewed the requests as a case of overreach by the

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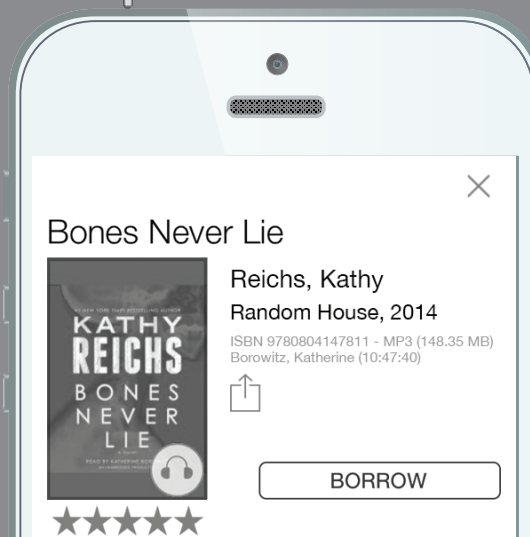
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Feeding Minds and Bodies: Food Education at the Library

These days, many believe that being information literate in the 21st century doesn't just involve research and vetting sources—it also means being food literate. Many organizations are stepping in to develop this much-needed skill, doing everything from providing food itself to incorporating lessons on nutrition into the curriculum.

In California, several public libraries have addressed the problem of child hunger in the last few years through the Lunch at the Library program, which works with the California



A young girl eats lunch at the Hyde Park branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.

Summer Meal Coalition (CSMC) to provide free lunches to children. Though the state of California provides free lunch to low-income students, 85 percent of those children don't receive lunch when school is out during the summer. In 2011, the Alameda Food Bank sought venues for summer meals—including libraries like the Oakland Public Library (OPL).

Though the food bank runs the actual event at OPL, providing the volunteers, the library has pitched in, with 11 branches now involved. Staff members help to order food and run special programming right before or after lunches are served, such as storytime and crafts.

Nina Lindsay, supervising librarian of children's services at OPL, said that the library has been inspired to create several food and gardening-related

programs. Three of its branches now have gardens, and many others are aiming to as well. According to Lindsay, programs have included presentations from local beekeepers, talks by representatives from a local farmers' market association, and workshops on simple, nutritious food preparation.

The Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) has also become part of Lunches at the Library program, having kicked off its first summer in 2013. Coordinator of children's services at LAPL, Eva Mitnick, told *Hotline* that she worked with CSMC and the L.A. Regional Food Bank to organize the program.

Kids received much more than a hot meal, however. All children were signed up for the library's summer reading program, and several branches offered additional activities, such as helping with a mural or participating in science experiments.

For many, awareness about food and nutrition isn't optional—it is a vital but often overlooked part of children's education. For two decades, Edible Schoolyard (ESY), a one-acre garden located at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School in Berkeley, established by activist and restaurateur Alice Waters, has followed its mission to "build and share a national edible education curriculum for pre-K through high school." Many sister programs all over the country have sprung up, in New York, New Orleans, and San Francisco, among others, and through an online community 4,000 other programs all over the world are joining in.

Similarly, Slow Food International, a global, grassroots organization founded on the belief that "everyone should have access to good, clean, and fair food," is empowering children and teens to become more food literate. Among the organization's many projects is its National School Garden Program, which promotes the use of gardens in schools across the country through more than 150 local chapters.

newly-elected Stringer. And as local officials pressured Galante to resign, half of the board argued that Galante hadn't been charged with any wrongdoing and that there was insufficient cause for dismissal or suspension without pay. In April, the board voted nine in favor and nine opposed to forcing Galante to take a leave of absence during Stringer's investigation.

Ultimately, those votes led to Galante's supporters being dismissed from their volunteer positions. In response to their reluctance to suspend Galante or open the books on private donations for Stringer, Katz began working with Queens State Senator Michael Gianaris and Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry on S-6893, a bill that would cut the appointment terms for QL board members from five years to two, and would enable city officials to dismiss board members at will.

On June 19, the NY state senate passed the bill in a 59-1 landslide, and on July 23, Katz sent letters to Arrington, Ficalora, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mangino, and Stamatiades, specifically citing their support of Galante as the reason for their dismissal. Separately, de Blasio removed Patricia Flynn and Stephen Van Anden, both appointees of previous mayors. Mary Ann Mattone, who had also voted against suspending Galante, resigned.

Describing the new law as a violation of the Contract Clause of the U.S. Constitution, the six trustees dismissed by Katz fought back, filing their suit in Brooklyn federal court on August 1.

The case was dealt a setback on August 12, when District Court Judge James Orenstein recommended against granting a preliminary injunction that would have reinstated the former trustees to their positions while the case was heard.

In a press announcement issued on December 1, Katz credited the reconfigured QL board with bringing a new level of transparency to the institution.

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Librarian Helps Snag \$7M STEM Grant for HS

At Pike High School in Indianapolis, school librarian Chad Heck played a significant role in a \$7 million grant which is set to transform the grade 9–12 campus—and the way the school library is perceived by the district.

“The library program has gotten a lot more respect from the administration,” said Heck. “They didn’t understand our role as curriculum and tech leaders.”

But after Heck helped cowrite the U.S. Department of Labor Youth CareerConnect (YCC) Grant, his role, and that of ninth-grade librarian Lena Darnay, changed dramatically. For starters, the school learned it had won the grant in March 2014 and was expected to have many pieces in play by last summer. Those elements included professional development classes for staff as they adopted a new digital curriculum.

Twelve teachers began working with Heck for two weeks this summer toward developing inquiry proj-

ects for students, many of whom were being taught research skills this year, from how to phrase a search query to how to access information in databases. Teachers have also been learning how to integrate more tech tools into classroom lessons—for example, outfitting students’ cell phones with polling software.

“We’re infusing information literacy throughout,” said Heck, a former classroom teacher who taught STEM-based classes himself, though not in the Metropolitan School District (MSD) of Pike Township, where Pike High is located. “There are inquiry projects, as well as face-to-face classes. I’m helping the teachers design those lessons and also co-teaching research skills.”

The YCC Grant, launched in 2013 and funded by the Department of Labor, will focus the school’s move toward becoming a STEM-focused campus. Students now have four STEM paths they can follow. Similar to a major, the paths include engineering, biomedical/health science, information technology, and advanced



School librarian Chad Heck (at the head of the table wearing glasses) in a training session with teachers at Pike High School in the library.

manufacturing and logistics. There are also internships available with regional companies, including Eli Lilly and Rolls Royce.

Students are expected to commit to two years of the program, and 500 enrolled this fall. The school anticipates enrolling another 250 for the 2015–16 school year, and interest has already exceeded availability.

“It’s going to have to be much more competitive to sign up,” says Kathy Sharpe, program manager for Pike High’s YCC program. “We may have to allow first-come, first-serve or have an application process.”

Laptops are on order, part of Pike’s plan to become a 1:1 campus. That equipment was funded by the grant, which also enabled the school to hire a technology integrator.

In his eighth year in the district, including four years as Pike High School’s librarian, Heck is also completing his last year of law school, attending classes at night. But the grant and the related new opportunities have renewed his passion for school libraries, information literacy, and his school.

“I don’t think I want to practice law,” said Heck. “I think I want to stick with the library thing.”

People

Andy Barnett was promoted to Director of McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, following the retirement of **Ron McCabe**. He was previously its Assistant Director.

Jen Alvino, Director of Windham Public Library, ME, was presented with the 2014 Outstanding Librarian Award at the Maine Library Association and the Maine Association of School Libraries joint conference.

Jean Edwards retired as Director of Cumberland County Library, NJ. She has been in the position for the last five years of her 41-year career.

Nicole Henline was named Director of Monroeville Public Library, PA. She previously

held the same title at Community Library of the Shenango Valley, Sharon, PA.

Brenda Johnson was promoted to Director of Indiana University Libraries, Bloomington, following **Judith Nadler**’s retirement. She was previously Dean of University Libraries.

Portia Kapraun, Adult Services Librarian at Monticello Union Township Public Library, IN, received the Outstanding New Librarian of the Year Award by the Indiana Librarian Federation.

Jenny Thurman was appointed Manager of Youth Services at the Octavia Fellin Public Library, Gallup, NM. She was previously with the San Bernardino County Library System, CA.

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FSU Shooting Highlights Need for Library Security

Early on November 20 a lone gunman opened fire in Florida State University's (FSU) Strozier Library, wounding three people. Around 12:30 a.m. staff and students inside Strozier called campus police to report that an armed subject, later identified as Myron May, had fired four shots outside the library and in its first floor lobby. Campus law enforcement arrived in a matter of minutes to find May outside the library. When he ignored requests to drop his gun, then fired on the officers, he was shot and killed. Two of May's victims were transported to local hospitals; a third was treated and released at the scene.

While the incident was tragic for all involved, and for the FSU community as a whole, it was also notable for the many ways in which it averted a

worse outcome. At the time of the shooting several hundred students were in Strozier, the main library at FSU's Tallahassee campus. May was carrying a .38-caliber handgun and additional ammunition.

However, Strozier Library's security system and staff, recent emergency drills, a responsive police force, and a quick-thinking front desk employee all worked together to keep the students inside safe from harm. "We were thankfully well-prepared for this," FSU dean of libraries Julia Zimmerman told *Hotline*.

Until 2008 the library was freely open to the public, with no safeguards or constraints. But on Halloween of that year a student was raped in the stacks in the middle of the day, prompting Zimmerman to institute substantial security measures. Within 24 hours library administration had installed a front desk ID check,

and when the building was renovated in 2010 a turnstile entry system activated by FSU ID cards was put in. In front of this system, in the lobby, is a security desk where visitors are required to sign in and register for a guest card. Strozier employs a full-time security staff, as well as student workers manning the front desk.

Nathan Scott, a 2010 FSU graduate, was working the front desk when May shot him in the leg. Scott ran into the library to warn the students inside, many of whom eventually ran to upper floors. The Tallahassee police department broadcast an announcement of the shooting throughout the library, with instructions for students to stay where they were and call 911 only in the event that they saw someone wounded or armed. Several staffers later expressed appreciation for the active shooter training sessions that the library had held in the past year, Zimmerman told *Hotline*.

Scott was released from the hospital the following weekend. Student Elijah Valdez, 18, was grazed by a bullet and released after being treated by first responders outside the library. Farhan "Ronny" Ahmed, 21, was shot three times, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down; as of this writing he has been transferred to a facility in Atlanta for further treatment.

MOVING FORWARD

In the week following the shooting, the FSU community took a number of steps to move beyond the incident.

Staff posted a huge piece of paper and supplied markers at the library's entrance when it reopened Friday morning so students could express their thoughts as they walked in. There have been a number of vigils, services, and town hall meetings, and campus-wide counseling facilities have been available 24 hours a day; some students were given permission to leave early for Thanksgiving

News in Brief

The **Cushing Memorial Library and Archives at Texas A&M University**, College Station, acquired the Don Kelly Research Collection of Gay Literature and Culture. The collection consists of 6,000 books, magazines, and journals on the study of LGBT communities in the United States.

The One City, One Library team at **Worcester Public Library**, MA, received the 2014 Eleanor Riik Award from the City Manager. The team was honored for its initiative that helps put public libraries in public schools across the city.

Auckland Libraries, New Zealand, switched to **Innovative's Sierra Library Services Platform**. It is the largest public library system in Australasia with 55 branches.

The **Harry Ransom Center** at the **University of Texas**, Austin, acquired the papers of

author Gabriel García Márquez (1958–2014). The collection includes personal correspondence, photo albums, typewriters, computers, and drafts of an unfinished novel.

Backstage Library Works launched a new cataloging preparation service. It allows Backstage to send its staff into libraries to make materials ready for cataloging while on-site.

EBSCO Information Services has extended its partnership with **Al Manhal** to distribute the latter's 12 ebook collections: Business & Economics; Educational Sciences; Heritage & Reference; History, Biography & Geography; Islamic Jurisprudence; Islam & Other Disciplines; Specialized Islamic Sciences; Language & Literature; Law; Political Science & International Relations; School (6-12); and Social Sciences.

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break to be with families and friends. In addition, uniformed, armed campus police will be posted in the library through the end of the semester.

“Security should be a priority in every library,” suggested Zimmerman. “But honestly—this happens in movie theaters, it happens in supermarkets, it can happen anywhere.” And as with any other safeguard, a security system requires training and drills for everyone who will use it.

In that respect, the system in place at Strozier Library—with the help of quick responses from students, staff, and law enforcement—served its purpose well. Zimmerman put it plainly: “I am so proud of my people.”

Capstone Launches PebbleGo Next

Capstone, a leading publisher of children’s books and digital products

and services, announced the launch of PebbleGo Next, its newest line of database modules featuring content connected to grades 3–6 curriculum with longer, more robust information.

PebbleGo Next debuts with a State and American Indian Studies module. Featuring articles for all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC, plus 11 American Indian culture areas with 40 distinct tribes, the module explores history, geography, government, people, and more across a variety of articles.

“Today is an exciting day for our customers who have eagerly waited for the next PebbleGo for their researchers who graduated into a higher reading level,” said David Samuelson, general manager of Capstone’s Library division. “All of the features which made the original PebbleGo so loved are still there, and now students can continue to grow in their

research skills with the highly anticipated launch of PebbleGo Next.”

Similar to the original PebbleGo, PebbleGo Next includes expertly leveled text, fully narrated by professional voice-over artists to provide essential scaffolds for struggling readers and English language learners. PebbleGo Next employs a streamlined interface, animated highlighting, educational videos and games, and encompassing activities that teach students how to cite articles, create reports, and share what they’ve learned. The database is available over the Internet 24/7 as an annual subscription for enrolled students.

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