Welcome to Social Media Snapshots!

Social Media Snapshots is our monthly round-up of all the best content from our social media channels, delivered right to your inbox.

We encourage you to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and Instagram, but if you don’t, you can rely on Social Media Snapshots to keep you up to date on developments in technology and libraryland -- here in NJ & around the country -- as well as fun things like photos you can share with your staff and patrons.

Want to know more about how you can use social media to connect with your community? Hit reply and ask Sophie Brookover your question!

Program praise

Your calendars have never looked better! Here are some of the best programs we caught wind of recently.

☐ We found the ultimate NJ public library museum pass masterpost!

💤 The Somerville Public Library had a stuffed animal sleepover. Yes, it was as cute as it sounds.

📝 Kids are learning cursive at the LP Fisher Public Library
💡 The St. Cloud Public Library is now offering a "Library 101" program for members of the public getting reacquainted with their library's services.

🌱 The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is offering more programming outdoors.

🍎 More free lunch for youth patrons, this time at the Willingboro Public Library.

📖 Red Bank Public Library just debuted a new & improved Story Walk, which changes weekly in July & August.

Left: at the Bordentown Library, books of a feather will stick together... on the shelves... hopefully in order.

Right: put your hands in the air for Old Bridge Public Library's roller-coaster-modeling program!

Historical happenings

From ancient scrolls to chains to awesome women, we've learned a lot about the history of libraries lately.

📖 A public library from the second century CE, thought to have housed 2,000 scrolls, was found in Cologne, Germany.

♀️ The Kalamazoo Ladies Library Association, formed in 1882, petitioned the government of Michigan to allow unmarried women to own property. From this success, their lending library was born.
Ever considered chaining library books to the shelves? This was a common practice for libraries in the Middle Ages.

Right: what if book returns, but awesome? South Brunswick PL has the answer. Left: 🎤 Go Your Own Way 🎤... straight to the Vancouver Public Library!

Worth a read

Refresh & reset with this handful of thought-provoking pieces:

- Recap of an ALA Annual panel about trolling, doxxing, microaggressions, and other types of harassment in library spaces.
- 14 ways libraries can help immigrant families
- Read up on the long, impressive history of libraries resisting propaganda.
- Simmons College has an Anti-Oppression LibGuide!
- Many, many reasons why buying books on Amazon can't ever replace public libraries.
Left: a gorgeous Marbled Monday courtesy of the Internet Archive
Right: a slow summertime studying day for the Samuel C. Williams Library at Stevens Institute of Technology

Social Media Snapshots is finishing up its summer reading. Forward it to a friend who grew great tomatoes this year.