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!

The path of resistance

A library in Temple, TX was challenged for their LGBT book display; amid the backlash, the National Coalition Against Censorship has written them a letter of support.

NJ teens plan to protest gun control laws in a statewide walkout. (Got activist teens? Pass these books along to them, or take this Library Journal course to better support their goals.)
Fine by us!

In February, two libraries in Washington State -- Portage Public Library and Jefferson County Public Library -- decided to get rid of late fees. Millbury Public Library in Massachusetts did the same.

At ALA Midwinter, librarians Gretchen Caserotti, Sarah Houghton, and Peter Bromberg held a panel on library fines and how to eschew them. It's a national movement!

Want to know more? Read our new flyer on the logistics of library fine freedom.
#Spotted: notables in the library

Marc Brown, of the “Arthur” series fame, visited the East Brunswick Public Library on March 1st for a very special Read Across America Day.

Bruce Springsteen's archives -- all 35,000 items of them -- are now held at Monmouth University's Center for American Music.

Over at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, a new exhibition of former senator Frank Lautenberg's papers is on view.


More than books: libraries doing it all

NJ Makers Day is almost here! Enjoy a full weekend of invention and amazement on 3/9 and 3/10 at a library near you.

Slides and a recording of our recent webinar, "Addressing Microaggressions Personally and Institutionally," presented by Cynthia Orozco and Anna Coats, are now online. Please share widely!

Public Libraries Association shares a toolkit that can help library staff support homeless patrons.
Rebecca Stavick discusses the inaccessibility of librarianship for would-be librarians, and the hindrances presented by graduate school.

When the local newspaper in Weare, N.H. was shuttered, the town’s library director took on a journalistic role.

Fobazi Ettarh warns us against the dangers of vocational awe in libraries: the “beliefs that libraries as institutions are inherently good and sacred, and therefore beyond critique.” (Read her original piece on the subject here.)