



## Welcome to the New Social Media Snapshots!

We've been publishing Social Media Snapshots -- a monthly round-up of all the best content from our social media channels -- for a couple of years and we've decided to move over to MailChimp. As a member of the New Jersey library community, nothing about SMS will change for you, but now friends and colleagues outside of the Garden State will be able to subscribe to this monthly newsletter, too.

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!



Left: Lieutenant Uhura answered student questions on Library Cosplay Day  
 Right: Behind the scenes for NJ Snapshot Day with Carina Gonzalez at Raritan Valley Community College

## NJ Library Excellence

New Brunswick Free Public Library's month-long [Special Olympics program](#) has been a spectacular success.

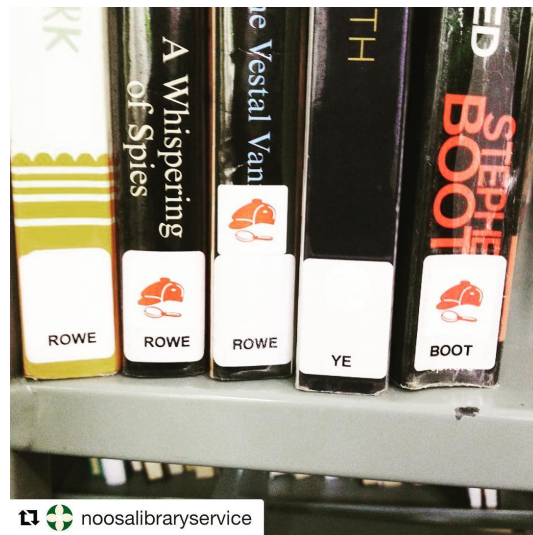
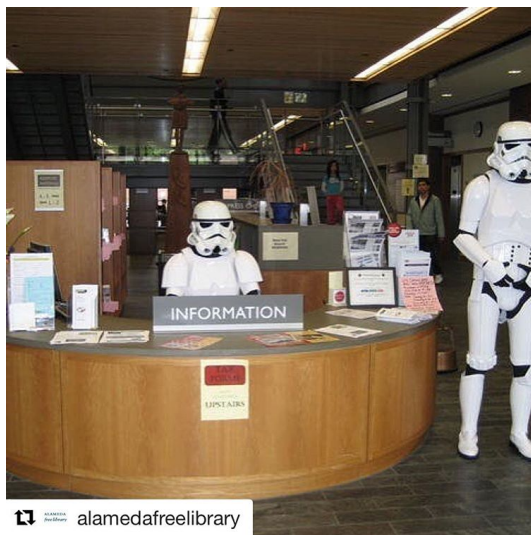
The smarties at Philadelphia's design and community engagement firm [P'unk Ave wrote about how much they love working with NJ libraries.](#)

Students are riding & learning on [crowdfunded stationary bikes](#) at Clearview Regional High School.

[Friends of the South Orange Public Library](#) are managing four Little Free Libraries around town.

The Paterson Free Public Library has opened [a virtual library for job-seekers.](#)

Did you know? There are [44 NJ towns where English is not the dominant language.](#) The Garden State is so international!



Left: Storm Troopers took over at the Alameda Public Library

Right: A little Scottish book spine humor

## Literary News

The times, they are a-changing, huh? [Bob Dylan won the Nobel Prize for Literature](#) (though he didn't go to Sweden to accept it, [his acceptance speech is available](#)).

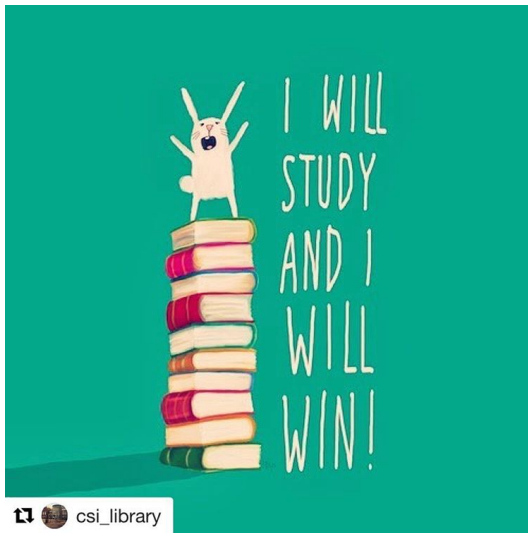
Congratulations to the five finalists for the [Andrew Carnegie Medals](#) for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction!

In less celebratory news, [the identity of the wildly popular novelist Elena Ferrante](#), who has been publishing under her pseudonym for decades, has been revealed. We are not impressed with this breach of her privacy.

How The Baby-Sitters Club [Reflected Our Dreams of Safety](#).

We just hosted [Fresh Lit 2016](#): New & Forthcoming Literary Fiction Titles For Readers & Book Groups with Roz Reisner. Check in on all the great recommendations!

It's the most wonderful time of the year: the Best of 2016 Lists are rolling out. We know you know about the major review periodicals, so here are some extras you might not have seen: [Brain Pickings' favorite children's books](#) of the year, [NPR's Book Concierge](#), [The Best Fiction Titles of 2016](#) (chosen by GoodReads members), and [A Year in Reading essays](#) by writers such as Jacqueline Woodson and Esme Weijun Wang. We'd love to know about your favorites, too!



Left: Study inspiration at the College of Staten Island Library  
 Right: Kids at Ypsilanti Library made some adorably silly beards

## Library News Grab Bag

[This graphic shows](#) the percentages by which children's literature published by people of color, indigenous & LGBTQIA-identified people would need to increase for us to reach publishing parity.

[Here's a handy Open Access Week reading list](#) and a [biweekly link round-up from Creative Commons](#).

Both staff & community members deserve to feel safe, but [hate crimes are on the rise in libraries](#). Meanwhile, [this New York Post columnist is baffled](#) by our profession's investment in free speech and privacy.

Access to information for all! The City of [Pittsburgh has launched a portal](#) for tracking building permits, code enforcement & more

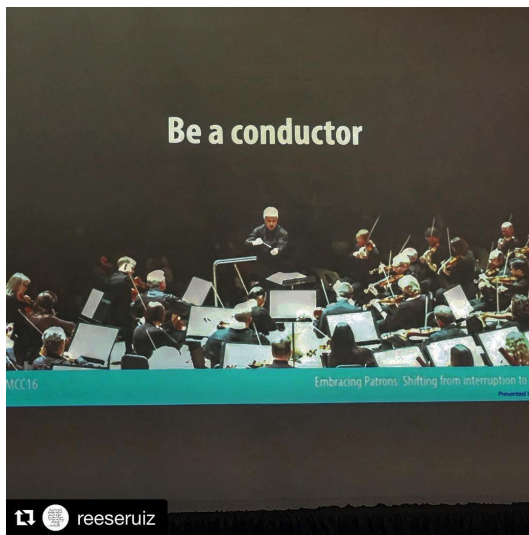
Seems terrifying, is actually sensible: [The New York Public Library](#) is now organizing books by size.

All aboard the outreach express! Librarians will soon be holding [book discussion groups on Massachusetts commuter trains](#).

A helpful compilation of [School Library Journal's response](#) to criticisms of their reviews policy.

[What can the news media learn from librarians?](#) A heckuva lot!





Left: An inspirational recommendation on community engagement  
Right: A much-needed study break for students at Caldwell University Library



Social Media Snapshots is enjoying its new digs.  
Forward it to a friend who loves information literacy.