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### E-rate and Net Neutrality



The ALA E-rate taskforce will be concentrating on two avenues of communication over the next several months. Before the window closes on March 26, 2015, and due to the changes in eligible services, many libraries are not expected to apply for the new money in category two services. There is anticipation of a loss in POTS money in 20 percent increments each year that will affect libraries' perception of and participation in E-rate.

Many libraries use E-rate only for telephone services. E-rate State Coordinators and the taskforce have the job of getting libraries to

### Essay Contests for Gradeschool Children



*First Lady Karen Pence organized the Hoosier Heroine Essay Contest*

[Hoosier Heroines: Moments in History](#) essay contest registration is now open. Children in grades 5-9 are asked to write about a pivotal moment in U.S. or Indiana history and the role Hoosier women played in it. February 20, 2015 is the submission deadline. Details can be found [here](#).

Another featured contest is the annual Money Smart Week essay. Children in grades 6-8 are asked to write about the biggest obstacle to



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understand the value of applying for E-rate for Internet. PLA plans on co-hosting another webinar with the E-rate task force before the window closes. After the window closes, the taskforce will work on a clearinghouse of information to assist librarians at the local level to get the information most important to them.

Commissioner Wheeler of the Federal Communications Commission ([FCC](#)) made [announcements about Net Neutrality and Community Broadband](#). The New York Times has been following this story and has a great archived timeline of the events that have taken place on its [website](#).

### Policy Revolution!

There was discussion at the [ALA Mid-Winter Conference](#) around [Policy Revolution!](#) This new policy focused on the image of libraries today and our perceived role in issues by us and by the general public. An example of the topics discussed was the national debate on copyright and digital content. ALA is seeking feedback on the [linked document](#) by the end of February.

### Hancock Public Library, a Million Checkouts



The [Hancock County Public Library](#) hit a million checkouts this year. Hancock County local

saving money. Essays are due by February 17, 2015. For more details [click here](#).

### Abby Johnson talks about her involvement with the Newbery Award Committee



*If there is one thing that stands out from my interview with New Albany-Floyd County Librarian Abby Johnson, it is her enthusiasm for children’s literature. Abby was gracious enough to take a few moments out of her day to discuss her involvement with the Newbery Medal Award Committee as the only member from Indiana.*

#### RB: How where you selected to be on the Newbery Award Committee?

**AJ:** I was elected. Half of the committee members are elected and half are appointed. You must be a member of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) to be eligible.

#### RB: So, what is the process like of selecting a book for the award?

**AJ:** We read as many books as we can. I personally spent about 20 hours a week reading various selections.

To be eligible for the award, the books had to be released in 2014 and written by an American author. This means that they could either be living in America or an American citizen. Publishers send us books and we also

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[Every Child Ready to Read 2.0](#)

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[Intro to Audio Visual Digitization](#)

When: February 12, 2015

Where: Webinar

[Teaching Books Webinar: Literacy Connections Across the Curriculum](#)

When: February 17, 2015

Where: Webinar

[Intro to Digital Project Management Planning](#)

When: February 17, 2015

Where: Webinar

[Managing Oversized Materials](#)

When: February 17, 2015

Where: Webinar

[Teaching Books Webinar: Literacy Connections Across the Curriculum](#)

When: February 18, 2015

Where: Webinar

[Digitization for Small Institutions](#)

When: February 24 & 25, 2015

Where: Webinar

[Intro to Digital Project Management Planning](#)

When: February 26, 2015

Where: Webinar

[Evergreen Indiana Annual Conference](#)

When: April 9, 2015

Where: Indiana State Library

[Teaching Books Webinar: Summer Reading Program Supports](#)

9:00am-9:50am

When: Tuesday, April 21

Where: Webinar

[Teaching Books Webinar: Summer Reading Program Supports](#)

4:00pm-4:50pm

seek out books. The committee members make suggestions to other members about books that they like and we each make seven nominations to be considered. Once we arrived at the ALA Midwinter, we spent the entire weekend discussing the final seven nominations and eventually voted on the winner.

### **RB: What made “The Crossover” by Kwame Alexander a standout?**

**AJ:** First of all, this was a fantastic year for children’s literature. It was difficult to narrow it down to just one book. “The Crossover” stood apart because of its uniqueness. The words seemed to sizzle off of the page – really impressive. Every time I read it, I picked up something different. It was amazing how the author used such few words to capture the main character and what he is going through. This is a book that a lot of kids can identify with.

In 2014 there was a campaign to encourage publishers to print a more diverse selection of books. Diversity is important, and I think you can see that reflected in the award winners across the board at the ALA Midwinter. “The Crossover” is of course a big part of that.

### **RB: Is there anything else unique about this year’s ALA award winners?**

**AJ:** I would say that this year was groundbreaking in the youth category. For the first time ever, the Newbery Award gave an honor to a graphic novel. This has never happened before.

### **RB: It seems that graphic novels are becoming a more legitimate form of literature.**

**AJ:** The quality of graphic novels has improved and become a more accepted form of literature. I’m sure



When: Tuesday, April 21

Where: Webinar

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When: Wednesday, May 27

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we will see graphic novel ALA award winners in the future.

For more information on the Newbery Medal Award winner, please check out the [ALSC Website](#).



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