

## Publications and new products



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*Dear friends,*

*Why not spice up this column with a little bit of subtle irony? Well, this little tale is about badges, namely a tool we all know and daily use. Enjoy the read!*

*About badges*

*One day a garda [a guard, ndr] stopped at a farm in County Galway and went up to the old farmer who was milking his cows.*

*"I have to inspect your farm for illegally grown drugs," he asserted brusquely.*

*"That's fine," answered the old farmer with a smile, "but whatever you do, don't go into that field over there."*

*"I will go wherever I want!" exploded the garda. "I have the authority of the Garda Síochána with me!" Putting his hand into his back pocket, the hotheaded garda pulled out his badge and proudly displayed it to the farmer.*

*"See this badge? This badge means that I can go wherever I want, whenever I want! No questions asked, no answers given! Do you understand old man?"*

*The farmer nodded gently, apologized, and carried on milking his cows.*

*A few minutes later, the farmer heard a loud scream. Looking up, he saw the garda running for his life with the farmer's big bull, McCabe, hot on his heels.*

*With every step, the bull was gaining ground on the garda and it was clear that he would be gored before he managed to reach safety. The garda was clearly terrified.*

*The old farmer jumped up from his stool and ran as fast as he could towards the field, yelling at the top of his voice: "Your badge! Show him your badge!"*

### JOURNAL ISSUES

*Health Information and Libraries Journal: Contents of March, issue 2018*

#### **Editorial**

**Health Libraries Group Conference 2018**

Grant MJ

#### **Review Article**

**Hospital nurses' information retrieval behaviours in relation to evidence based nursing: a literature review**

Alving BE, Christensen JB, Thrysøe L

### Original Articles

- **Health information needs of pregnant women: information sources, motives and barriers**  
Kamali S, Ahmadian L, Khajouei R, Bahaadinbeigy K
- **Clinical information seeking in traumatic brain injury: a survey of Veterans Health Administration polytrauma care team members**  
Hogan T, Martinez R, Evans C, Saban K, Proescher E, Steiner M, Smith B
- **Peer teaching and information retrieval: the role of the NICE Evidence search student champion scheme in enhancing students' confidence**  
Sbaffi L, Hallsworth E, Weist A

### Regular features

- **Dissertations into Practice**  
**eBook management in NHS libraries in the North of England: perceptions and practice**  
Nicholas K
- **International Perspectives and Initiatives**  
**Forward view: advancing health library and knowledge services in England**  
Bryant SL, Bingham H, Carlyle R, Day A, Ferguson L, Stewart D
- **Teaching and Learning in Action**  
**Making information skills meaningful: a case study from occupational therapy**  
Spring H

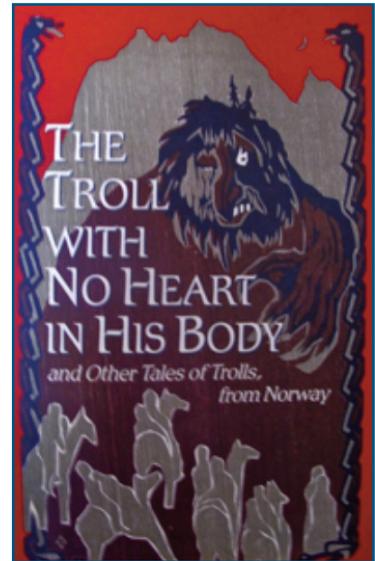
### FROM THE WEB

- **Stay on top of the latest online technology trends**  
Raise your hand if you never needed help or support with apps, extensions, tricks and Cloud access. If you can't, then check out the Teacher'sTech [website](#) or their [YouTube channel](#). You will find incredible tips and tricks you probably are not using for Google Drive, OneNote, Google Calendar, Google Docs, and many others.
- **Storytelling: why not?**  
"As a society we have come to think of folktales as amusing entertainment, quaint relics of the past. We certainly do not view them as vehicles for understanding. Yet folktales explore issues as complex as the nature of good and evil, and the triumph of kindness and patience over bullying and anger. Folktales reveal universal truths (...) because they speak to our inner circumstances; great folktales speak to everyone, regardless of age, race, gender, and outer circumstances". These lightened words come from the Introduction to Lise Lunge-Larsen, *The troll with no heart in his body and other tales of trolls from Norway* (1999). She writes about the importance of fairy tales as a useful tool for understanding, and offers what she calls the most basic lessons that she has found repeated over thirty years as a storyteller.

Here they are:

- Remember who you are.
- Be true to your own nature.
- Follow your dreams.
- Every action has consequences, so be attentive, be kind, and always do what is right.
- Life is a journey; nobody else can do that journey for you.
- Your journey will unfold according to a pattern. The pattern is a guide.

- Use your gifts.
- Help will be offered when you most need it and least expect it.
- Despite the odds, good will triumph over evil, love over hatred.
- Don't ever give up.
- Be careful in what you wish for.
- Things are not always as they appear.
- Everything you need can be found inside yourself; it is always there.
- Miracles happen.
- There is magic in the world.



After nearly twenty years, many library and scientific learning activities still include and promote storytelling. One instance for all, *The Library Story: A Strategic Storytelling Toolkit for Public Libraries* that was created by Michael Margolis and Kristina Drury of GetStoried.com in conjunction with input from Pennsylvania public library staff. It was designed to help librarians think about how the power of storytelling can be used to communicate internally and externally more effectively. The Toolkit contains great content, exercises and examples to build storytelling skills. It is based on research, surveys and interviews with 200 Pennsylvania librarians and directors. It can be [downloaded](#) free. *The Emerging Story of California Public Libraries - Storytelling Map* - can also be [downloaded](#). This document tells the enthralling ways libraries are adjusting in the 21st century; it also offers a view on a range of revolutions that are already taking place across California Public Libraries and the opportunities they face.

- **Happy birthday, Braille!**

Louis Braille was born on January 4, 1809. Notwithstanding he was blind, he invented a tactile reading and writing system, a code made up of 64 characters, based on a matrix of six raised dots embossed on paper, which transformed the lives of blind or visually impaired people. Nowadays, technology offers new opportunities to access information, like speech functions installed on computers and mobiles, which can read aloud for blind users.

Now, some wonder whether braille is still necessary.

Read the interesting [article](#) published Jan 4th by Graeme Douglas, Mike McLinden and Rachel Hewett on the United Kingdom edition of The Conversation Blog.

- **European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018**

Cultural heritage has a universal important value to preserve and pass on to future generations, and a big role to play in building the future of Europe. That is one reason why young people should be reached out, in particular during the European Year.

Cultural heritage comes in tangible, intangible, natural, and digital shapes and forms. Only sharing diversity and discovering common resources and traditions Europe can be enriched and celebrated.

Access the dedicated website to get the news and discover what is happening in 2018 across Europe.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**March 26-30, 2018, Istanbul, Turkey**

**International Library Staff Week. Academic Libraries: Hubs without borders**

For further information: <http://libguides.ku.edu.tr/iilsw18>

**March 28, 2018, Grenoble, France**

**7th International Workshop on Bibliometric-enhanced Information Retrieval (BIR 2018)**

For further information: <http://www.eblida.org/freeze-url/bir-2018.html>

**April 3rd, 2018, Liverpool, UK**

**ICEPOPS: International Copyright-Literacy event with Playful Opportunities for Practitioners and Scholars**

For further information: <https://infolit.org.uk/icepops-international-copyright-literacy-event-with-playful-opportunities-for-practitioners-and-scholars>

**April 17-20, 2018, Anatalya, Turkey**

**ANKOSLink2018 International Conference (organized by the Anatolian University Libraries Consortium)**

For further information: <http://www.eblida.org/freeze-url/ankoslink-2018.html>

**May 2-4, 2018, Cleveland, Ohio, USA**

**Guidelines. The 8th Guideline Development Workshop using the GRADE approach**

For further information: <http://gradeconf.org/>

**May 23-24, 2018, Lisbon, Portugal**

**5th International Conference on Teaching, Education & Learning (ICTEL)**

For further information: <https://adtelweb.org/2018-5th-international-conference-on-teaching-education-and-learning-ictel-may-23-24-lisbon-about-51>

**May 30-31, 2018, Strasbourg, France**

**6th EBLIDA Annual Council Meeting & EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference “Libraries Bridging Borders”**

For further information: <https://mailchi.mp/3dec34e67ea9/eblida-newsletter-november?e=ea62e3320b#next>

**May 30-31, 2018, Galway, Ireland**

**Consortium of National and University Libraries in Ireland “Transformative Experiences: Libraries Innovating and Changing”**

For further information: <http://conference.conul.ie/>

**June 1-5, 2018, Vancouver, Canada**

**HTAi 2018. Annual Meeting. Strengthening the Evidence-to-Action Connection**

For further information: [www.htai2018.org](http://www.htai2018.org)

**June 4-7, 2018, Oslo, Norway**

**19th Nordic Workshop: How to practice evidence-based health care**

For further information: <https://www.fhi.no/en/about/about-niph/kurs-og-konferanser---oversikt/19.-nordiske-workshop-i-kunnskapsbasert-praksis/> or write to [Hilde.Stromme@fhi.no](mailto:Hilde.Stromme@fhi.no)

**June 13 - 15, 2018, Zadar, Croatia**

**Libraries in the Digital Age (LIDA) 2018**

For further information: <http://www.eblida.org/freeze-url/lida-2018.html>

**August 24-30, 2018, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

**Transform Libraries, Transform Societies. World Library and Information Congress. 84th IFLA General Conference and Assembly**

For further information: <https://2018.ifla.org/cfp-calls/health-and-biosciences-libraries-section>

**September 10 - 11, 2018, Pisa, Italy**

**FEIS - International Symposium on the Future of Education in Information Science**

For further information: <http://www.eblida.org/freeze-url/feis-2018.html>

**September 12-15, 2018, Berlin, Germany**

**NEXT LIBRARY Conference. The Future of Public Libraries**

For further information: <http://www.nextlibrary.net/berlin-satellite-2018>

**October 8-12, 2018, Monterey, California, USA**

**The 17th International Semantic Web Conference. The premier international forum for the Semantic Web and Linked Data Community**

For further information: <http://iswc2018.semanticweb.org/>

**October 9-11, 2018, Kraków, Poland**

**ISIC 2018 – The Information Conference**

For further information: <http://www.isic2018.com/>, <https://www.facebook.com/isic2018/>,  
<https://twitter.com/ISIC2018>

**October 22-26, 2018, Turin, Italy**

**CIKM 2018 International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management. From Big Data and Big Information to Big Knowledge.**

For further information: <http://www.cikm2018.units.it/>

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