

Welcome to LibraryThing

www.librarything.com

Enter what you're reading or your whole library—it's an easy, library-quality catalog. LibraryThing also connects you with people who read the same things.

World's largest bookclub. Contains 26M books+

You can:

- Catalog your books
- Find people with similar reading tastes
- Check out other people's libraries
- Get reading recommendations
- Get cataloging information
- Discuss books
- Display your library in customizable sort views
- Become an early reviewer
- See how other libraries use LibraryThing
- See "I See Dead People's Books" to find out what books John Adams owned that Thomas Jefferson also owned

The screenshot shows the LibraryThing website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Your library", "Add books", "Your profile", "Search", and "Tools". On the right, there is a "What's on your bookshelf?" section with links for "Talk", "Groups", "Local", "Zeitgeist", "About", and "Blog". Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar and a "Search" button. The main content area displays a list of books with the following columns: Title, Author, Date, Tags, Rating, Comments, and Shared. The books listed are:

Title	Author	Date	Tags	Rating	Comments	Shared
The Abstinence Teacher	Tom Perrotta	2007	sex educators, evangelists, relationships	★★★★☆	436 / 29	
Away: A Novel	Amy Bloom	2007	immigrants, New York -- fiction; adventure	★★★★★	481 / 35	
Becoming Finola : a novel	Suzanne Strempek Shea	2004	relationships, Ireland	★★★★☆	24 / 1	
The browsable classroom : an introduction to e-learning for librarians	Carolyn B. Noah	2002	distance learning	☆☆☆☆☆		
The Camel Bookmobile	Masha Hamilton	2007	Africa- fiction, bookmobiles, camels	★★★★☆	220 / 16	
Creating public value	Mark Harrison Moore	1997	public administration; politics, public value	★★★★½	20	
The emperor's children	Claire Messud	2006	academia, adult children	★★★★☆		

Extras:

- Zeitgeist
- Groups
- RSS feeds for books added by your friends or groups
- Get widgets for your blog
- See tag or author clouds

The screenshot shows the LibraryThing website interface. At the top, the logo "LibraryThing" is displayed with "BETA" in smaller text. To the right, the user "cnoah" is logged in, with a "sign out" link. Below the logo, there are navigation links: "Your library", "Add books", "Your profile", "Search", and "Tools". On the right side of the top navigation bar, there are links for "Talk", "Groups", "Local", "Zeitgeist", "About", and "Blog". Below this, a secondary navigation bar includes "Profile: cnoah", "Connection news", "Recommendations", "Reviews", "Statistics", "Tag cloud", "Author cloud", "Tag mirror", and "Gallery".

The main content area is titled "Tag cloud: cnoah" and includes the instruction "See the LibraryThing tag cloud." The tag cloud itself features several prominent tags in blue text, with smaller, lighter blue tags around them. The largest tag is "academia", followed by "camels", "evangelists", "historical fiction", and "Ireland". Other visible tags include "academia", "adult children", "Africa- fiction", "African-American culture", "American", "education art", "bears", "bookmobiles", "brothers", "Caravaggio cats", "celiac disease", "change", "children", "cook", "books", "counting", "Danish folklore", "discovery", "distance", "learning", "folktales", "friends", "gaming", "gluten free", "cooking", "immigrants", "interpersonal relationships", "Italy", "London", "magic", "mobile libraries", "Moby Dick", "Nantucket", "New England", "New York -- fiction", "adventure", "Nikola Tesla", "picture books", "popular culture", "poverty", "prejudice", "public administration", "politics", "public value", "Puritans", and "racial identity".

At the bottom of the screenshot, a browser window is visible, showing the "Internet" icon and a zoom level of "100%".

Libraries can:

- Use for collection development
 - People who own this book also own....
 - Search or browse tags
 - Find book reviews
 - Enhance their catalogs

The screenshot shows a library catalog search results page. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'What's New', 'Books & Reading', 'Movies, Music..', 'Search the Web', 'Research Your Topic', 'Events', 'Homework Help', and 'Community'. Below these is a search bar with the text 'SEARCH our Catalog & Website' and a 'GO' button. To the right of the search bar is a link for 'Advanced Search Search Tips'. Below the search bar are several utility buttons: 'Start Over', 'Request', 'Save Records', 'Limit/Sort Search', 'More Information', and 'Another Search'. The search results show a title 'New England White' with a dropdown menu for 'TITLE' and a 'Search' button. There is a checkbox for 'Limit search to available items'. Below the search bar is a 'Result page:' section with 'Previous' and 'Next' navigation buttons. To the left of the main content is a small book cover for 'New England White' by Stephen L. Carter. The main content area includes:

- Author:** Carter, Stephen L., 1954-
- Title:** New England white / by Stephen L. Carter
- Publisher:** New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 2007

 A table with three columns: 'LOCATION', 'CALL #', and 'STATUS'.

LOCATION	CALL #	STATUS
Main floor books	FIC CARTER	DUE 05-03-08
Main floor books	FIC CARTER	CHECK SHELVES

 Below the table are fields for 'Edition' (1st ed), 'Descript' (555 p. ; cm), and 'Subject' (African American college teachers -- Fiction, New England -- Fiction, Mystery fiction. qsaqd). The 'ISBN' field lists three numbers: 0375413626, 9780375413629, and 0375712917. The 'Similar Books' section lists several titles with links: 'Origin : a novel / Diana Abu-Jaber', 'Casanegra : a Tennyson Hardwick story / Blair Underwood, Tananarive Due and Steven Barnes', 'Body of lies : a novel / David Ignatius', 'Volk game : a novel / Brent Gheffi', 'The maytrees : a novel / Annie Dillard', 'Sanctuary Hill : a Bay Tanner mystery / Kathryn R. Wall', and 'American youth : a novel / Philip LaMarche'. The 'Tags' section includes: abridged, academic, mystery, African American Fiction, african-american, African-American, literature, amateur, detective, american, american fiction, college teachers, crime, Crime Thriller, fiction. At the bottom left, it says '(1 item remaining)'. The bottom right shows a taskbar with 'Internet' and '100%' zoom level.

- Display new books on their blogs.

SEARCH BLOG FLAG BLOG Next Blog» cnoah@cmrls.org | New Post | Customize | Sign Out

straight from the administrator

Jottings about new ideas, things I'm pondering, and trends in the library field.

Recent books from my library

Gluten-Free Quick & Easy: From Prep to Plate Without the Fuss - 200+ Recipes for People with Food Sensitivities

The Abstinence Teacher Away: A Novel

The Camel Bookmobile

Mayflower: a story of courage, community, and war

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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Presidential Power at MLA

The MA Library Association conference was so packed with great programs this year that it was hard to choose. On Friday I attended a talk by Charlie Savage, national reporter with the Boston Globe and author of Takeover: the Return of the Imperial Presidency.

Savage talked at length about the Bush administration's power grab, but what really impressed me was what he had to say about the Democrats: There's every reason to assume that at some point, a Democrat will seize on the Bush legacy of presidential precedent to restrict the governmental process and freedom of information with signing letters, obfuscation of evidence, and unauthorized declarations of war.

What's scary is that I know he's right.

If you missed the conference, it was well-blogged. Check it out at <http://mlamasslib.blogspot.com/>.

Posted by Carolyn Noah at 1:46 PM 0 comments Links to this post

Labels: Charlie Savage, MA Library Association, MLA, presidential power

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Status Stories

As our culture moves to value experiences rather than things, ways for consumers to show off their status stories have become important. Some retailers are helping consumers by providing them with the stories, according to Trendwatching's April update.

Some examples: Hubwear t-shirts that display the wearer's favorite airport destinations, a sure invitation to passersby to ask for the story. Grammercy Park Hotel provides guests, in a fancy presentation, a key to the only private park in New York City. That's a story that guests will carry away and tell to their friends. Both are amazing promotions.

LibraryThing for Libraries is a product that works with ILS systems. There is an annual fee for a library or network to join.

Some libraries that have adopted LibraryThing for Libraries:

Danbury Library, Danbury CT
DeSchutes Library, Oregon
GMILCS (Manchester, NH)

<http://www.danburylibrary.org/>
<http://www.dpils.lib.or.us/GMILKS>
<http://catalog.gmilcs.org/>

For a complete list:

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