From the Director

Just in case you are wondering where we in the US are in our march to technological utopia, here are some of the facts from Pew Research:*

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<th>% of US adults who:</th>
<th>In (year)</th>
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<td>Use the Internet</td>
<td>52% (2000)</td>
<td>88%</td>
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<td>Have broadband access at home</td>
<td>1% (2000)</td>
<td>73%</td>
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<td>Use social media</td>
<td>5% (2005)</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<td>Own a tablet</td>
<td>3% (2010)</td>
<td>51%</td>
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<td>Own a smartphone</td>
<td>35% (2011)</td>
<td>77%</td>
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As for the so-called “digital divide” (the digital haves and have-nots) 64% of Americans in low income households (less than $30,000/year) now have a smartphone, compared with 95% of all Americans that now own a cellphone of any kind. There still is the fact that those who have not graduated from high school are almost 3 times less likely than college graduates to have broadband access at home. In short, we live in a connected world where smartphones are now seen as a necessity. Indeed, 12% of Americans are totally smartphone-dependent for broadband access.


Database of the Month

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Groundhog Day 2017

The first Groundhog Day with Punxsutawney Phil was celebrated on this day 130 years ago in 1887. On this year’s Groundhog Day, Phil once again saw his shadow—making this year the 103rd time he’s predicted a longer winter. Thank you to everyone who participated in the library’s Groundhog Day prediction contest, and congratulations to Aaron Pendergrass on winning the $5 coffee gift card! Visit this link to see a video of this year’s Groundhog Day celebration in Punxsutawney, PA: [https://youtu.be/dS-tzJIXl9O](https://youtu.be/dS-tzJIXl9O).

See this article from History.com for more history on Groundhog Day: [http://www.history.com/today-in-history/first-groundhog-day](http://www.history.com/today-in-history/first-groundhog-day)

Happening in the Library this Month

Black History Month, February is Black History Month. Come by the library to see a collection of books highlighting the lives of African Americans who have impacted history in great ways. Valentine Wall. Stop by the library during the days leading up to Valentine’s Day to leave a note for someone special on our Valentine Wall!

President’s Day, Feb. 20th -- The library will have a special display set up with books honoring the American presidents both past and present!

Spring 2017 Survey

Look for the library's spring survey in your email February 13th-27th.

Three participants will win a $25 gift card!

We value your opinion and want to know how we can better serve you.

NEW in the library

The large study room on the 2nd floor (Rm. 208) has been temporarily assigned as the new testing center. This room cannot be reserved or used until further notice.