HOW LIBRARIANS SAVED CIVILIZATION

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HOW THE IRISH SAVED CIVILIZATION

The Untold Story of Ireland's Heroic Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe



SIMILARITIES

- Librarians are modern (secular) clerics
- Faithful archivists
- Preserving knowledge in a hostile world
- In a word
- Saints

- More users and could be lots more
- Budget problems
- Content management moving to analysis and synthesis of information
- Shift to self-service
- Measurement?
- Depository materials still most important
- Still lack digital historic collections

BIENNIAL SURVEY 2015

- Topics of interest
 - Politics and law
 - Business and Economy
 - Health and safety
 - Education
 - Environment and international
 - Computers and internet



USE VERSUS VALUE

HTTP://WWW.OCLC.ORG/EN/REPORTS/FUNDING.HTML

Recommendations

3. Set dates for future DLC meetings

2. Increase communication about the test phase and implementation of the Regional Discard Policy

1. Incorporate more social media

DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS TO GPO 2016

- AltStateDpt
- @ALT-usic (Immigration)
- ► @ALT_DOJ
- @altUSEPA
- > @AltUSNatParkService -
- ► @alt_FDA
- ► @Alt_NASA
- Rogue accounts

WELL DONE!

"...there is nothing to separate
 @AltNatParkSer from
 @NatlParkService except its much higher follower count." - Forbes

I don't know what they have to say It makes no difference anyway Whatever it is, I'm against it! No matter what it is Or who commenced it I'm against it!

Your proposition may be good But let's have one thing understood Whatever it is, I'm against it! And even when you've changed it Or condensed it I'm against it!

HARRY RUBY/BERT KALMAR "HORSEFEATHERS" 1932

ON TYRANNY

TWENTY LESSONS

FROM THE

TWENTIETH CENTURY

TIMOTHY SNYDER

- May NOT be satire?
- Copyright violations (logos)
- Hatch Act
- Personal exposure
- Courage can have a cost

SOME PROBLEMS WITH RESISTANCE...

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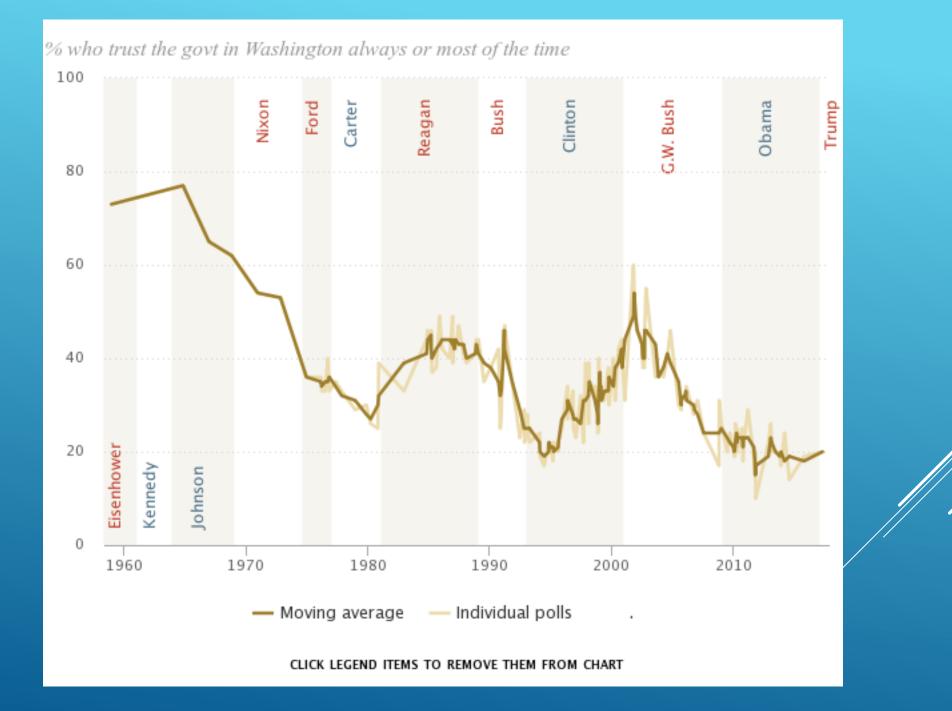
- National Library Week April 9-15, 2017
- Choose Privacy Week May 1-7, 2017
- Banned Books Week Sept. 24-30, 2017

Dept of Homeland Security

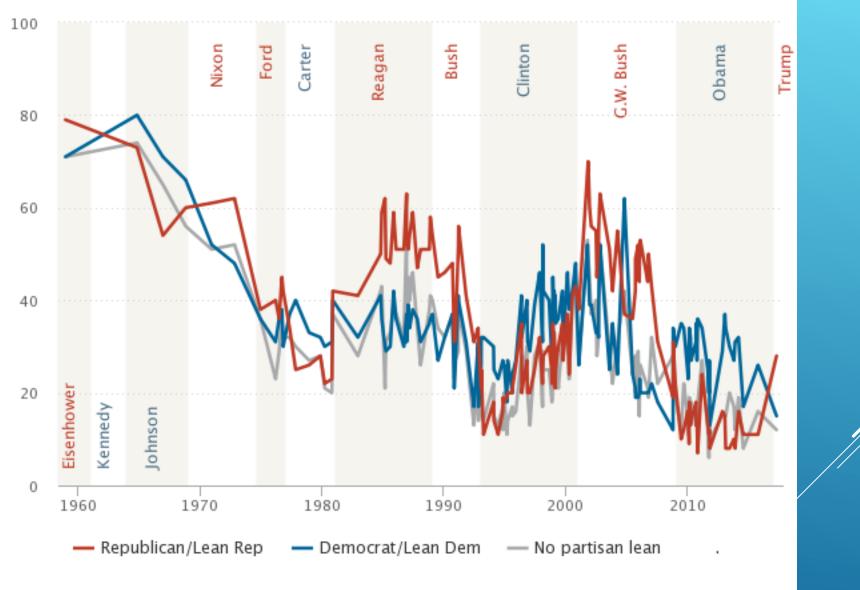
- Natl Cyber Security Awareness Month October
- Stop. Think. Connect.
 Or Think. Stop. DISconnect.
- Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections, National Intelligence Council, 2017
- Fake news is corrosive of democracy, esp. when on WH page

PUBLIC AWARENESS

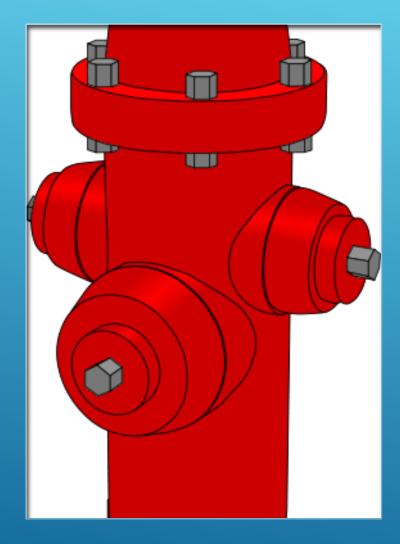
- Headline: Trump is deleting climate change, one site at a time
- The Disappearing Data Project, Joshua Eaton
 - HHS.gov and Healthcare.gov (Obamacare)
 - Department of Energy (staff phonebook)
 - General Services (data sets)
 - Bureau of Land Management (climate change)
 - Department of Agriculture (animal treatment)
 - <u>https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov</u>
- Statistics disappearing from government websites (disaster relief in Puerto Rico)



% who trust the govt in Washington always or most of the time



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MESSAGE ACROSS GENERATIONS

- Notice
- The planning and intelligence of infrastructure
- A concern for the common good
- Boy Scout manuals: from citizen to consumer

Strengthen library partnerships for public access to federal publications

- Create access libraries
- Accept gifts
- Establish new partnerships
- > Redraw regional service areas
- > Update program requirements

ALA RECOMMENDATIONS ON TITLE 44 #1

Ensure the long-term preservation of federal publications

- Establish clear authority
- Create a preservation plan
- Preserve digital publications
- > Permit digital deposit

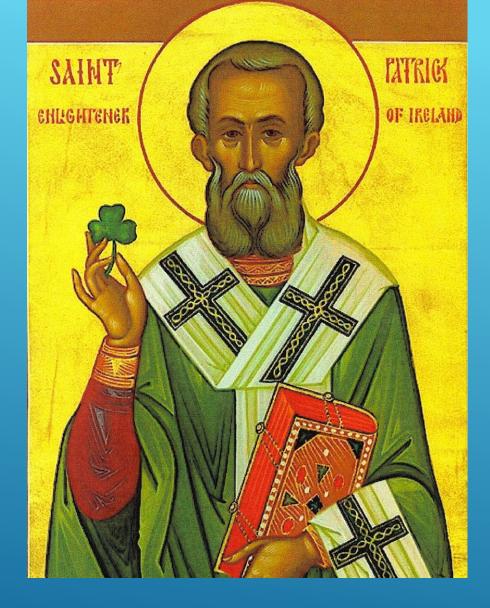
ALA RECOMMENDATIONS ON TITLE 44 #2

- Improve the collection and distribution of digital publications
 - > Update the definition of "publication"
 - Require a collection development plan
 - Encourage agency compliance
 - Digitize historical publications
 - Codify free access
 - Modernize cataloging
 - > Protect integrity
 - > Preserve reader privacy

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- Our blog: http://www.oif.ala.org/oif/
- Our newsletter: same as above
- > Our Twitter feed: @OIF
- The Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy ALA <u>https://journals.ala.org/index.php/jifp</u>

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QUESTIONS? THANK YOU

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