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KNOT NOTES May 2017

It has been a wonderfully busy spring for Quipu Group. We attended the Innovative Users Group in early April, spoke at Computers in Library just a week or so later, and capped it all off with a visit to the Lonestar State for the Texas Library Association. We're not exactly taking the summer off though ... Quipu partners Melissa Stockton and Robert Anderson will be at ALA Annual in Chicago, and would be delighted to [set up a time](#) to meet with you to talk about the challenges you are encountering in providing the best service to your customers.

ePASS Goes Live at Washington County Cooperative Library Services

The big day was May 8 for Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) and the launch of ePASS has been a big success, leaving behind a system that required trips to the library to pick up passes. Branded as [Cultural Pass to Adventure](#), library cardholders can now browse available opportunities by date or destination and reserve admission passes to explore any of nine destinations, such as the Portland Japanese Garden or the Wings & Waves Water Park.

eCARD Catapults Brazoria County Library System

What do catapults have to do with library cards? Everything! What started out as a low key outreach event for Brazoria (TX) County Library System (BCLS) has grown into a much anticipated annual activity - the [BCLS Stem Challenge Catapult Competition!](#) And BCLS has taken advantage of the growing crowds by setting up attendees with library cards, on the fly, using iPads accessing their eCARD library registration system.

In other eCARD news - Hello Houston Public Library (HPL) and [My Link](#) library card online registration! HPL went live in April, and customers have embraced the convenience of online registration. Staff are thrilled with being able to offer this service, both outside and inside the library. And Quipu is very happy to report that HPL is the first Sirsi Dynix customer to implement eCARD, meaning that eCARD is now compatible with the leading public library integrated library systems, joining Polaris, Sierra, Millennium, and CARL·X. Teaser alert - watch for news in the August Knot Notes on several new library systems joining the eCARD family.

(Not the) PITS News

Quipu Group is delighted to welcome [Pima County \(AZ\) Public Library](#) and [Arapahoe Libraries \(CO\)](#) to the Patron Incident Tracking System customer group! Both launched in Spring 2017, and are finding the always available, continually updated, incident tracking system useful for both frontline staff as well as library security. This [New York Times article](#) from 1981 demonstrates that problems with substance abuse in and around the library are nothing new, and are not likely to go away very soon. A demo is available - contact us to schedule this at your convenience.

Customer Spotlight - Star Wars Day Kessel Run at Poudre River Public Library District

DATES TO REMEMBER

[Joint Conference on Digital Libraries](#)

Toronto, Ontario, June 12-23, 2017



[ALA Annual](#)

Chicago, June 23-27, 2017

[IFLA World Library and Information Congress](#)

Wroclaw, Poland, August 19-25



THINGS WE LIKE

[Most Beautiful Libraries in the United States](#)

We know this is subjective, but WOW! Double WOW!

[Library Stories from New York Public Library](#)

Just have some tissues handy ...

[Boston Public Library Hosts Summer Weddings](#)

Brilliant!

It wasn't quite 12 parsecs. And, you definitely didn't need the Millennium Falcon to participate! But it was excellent family-fun for more than 350 participants at the 2nd Annual [Kessel Run](#) (May the Fourth be with you).

[Poudre River Public Library District](#) in Fort Collins, Colorado joined forces with [Fort Collins Comic Con](#) to again host the fun run/walk at Old Town Library and Library Park. No actual smugglers or unscrupulous freighter captains were allowed, though there were plenty of appearances by Star Wars fan favorites like Darth Vader, Princess Leia, Jedis, Storm troopers, and Mandalorian Mercs.

In addition to the run/walk route, the Kessel Run featured interactive stations and obstacles throughout the park and along the event route. This year's set-up included a Jedi Training Ground, Lightsaber Battles, a Death Star Trench Run, Jedi Mind Tricks, and more! The event raised more than \$1,500 in donations to benefit children's literacy. A galactic after-party followed inside the library and included cosplay prizes, trivia, and Star Wars fan films. There was even a visit from Fort Collins Mayor Wade Troxell with lightsaber in hand. The Kessel Run leads up to the two-day [Fort Collins Comic Con](#) that occurs later in the summer (August 26-27 at Northside Aztlan Community Center).



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