

# Knot Notes...



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## KNOT NOTES November 2017

How has your Fall been? The partners of Quipu Group have been busy with customer visits, lots of demos, and attending one of our favorite meetings of the year, TLCU! It was great to see so many current customers and talk about our services with so many of their colleagues. Our colleague Carol Gyger slipped out of the country to visit New Zealand, and just couldn't stay out of libraries while she was there. Carol shares a few observations with us below. Of course, [ALA Midwinter](#) is on the horizon and is coming to Quipu Group's hometown, Denver, Feb. 9-12. [Contact us](#) if you'd like to set up an appointment while you are visiting the Mile High City.

## New Customers for eCARD and PITS

We are delighted to announce two new eCARD customers - [Fort Worth Public Library](#) (TX) and [Denver Public Library](#) (CO)! Watch for more news from them as implementation ramps up.

[St. Louis Public Library](#) (MO) has been running PITS (Patron Incident Tracking System) for over a month and COO Justin Struttman recently shared this with us: "Staff are starting to get the hang of the naming conventions that we have adopted and how our former system of reporting translates into [PITS](#). There is a little learning curve, but I'd say the experience has been very positive for us thus far." If you haven't explored PITS yet, click on the link above for a very short video demonstration to see if this service is right for your library.

## LITA News - Library Consortia Automated Systems Interest Group

There's a new chair for this dynamic [interest group](#), and it is Quipu Group's own Melissa Stockton. The Library Consortia Automated Systems Interest Group is one of twenty LITA interest groups, all of which are self-initiated and leadership is chosen by those in the group. Any member of ALA and LITA is welcome to take part. Topics tackled by the group in the past include shared e-subscriptions, ILL systems, and project management. Want to sign up? Contact [Melissa](#) right now!

## The Librarian Afoot: Carol Does New Zealand

I spent the last month in New Zealand exploring many nooks and crannies of the islands and a few tourist areas, too. No I didn't get to Hobbiton, but I did see many spectacular areas that reminded me of Lord of the Rings. Two of us in our small group of 7 are library people so, of course, we sought out and visited several libraries.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



[HathiTrust Research Center UnCamp](#), Berkeley CA, Jan. 25-26, 2018

**PERSONAL LIBRARIAN AND FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE LIBRARY CONFERENCE**

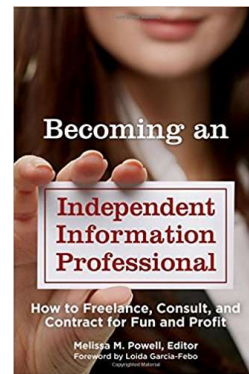
[Personal Librarian and First Year Experience Conference](#), Cleveland OH, March 21-22, 2018



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[2018 Evergreen International Conference](#), St Charles MO, April 30-May 3, 2018

## THINGS WE LIKE



[Available now!](#) Many LIS professionals and LIS students are interested in independent work opportunities, as a full-time career or on a temporary or part-time basis. This book shares the experiences of

The [Florence Harsant Library in Hahei](#) (population 300) is volunteer-run and open 2 hours a day, 6 days a week. They share a building with the community center which was buzzing with quilters. Google "Florence Harsant" and learn what a fascinating woman she was.

After much beachcombing, I spent hours at night using Wi-Fi and Google to help me identify my finds. Discouraged, I went to the [Takaka Memorial Library](#) and found all my shells in 10 minutes in a book! They also had flax weaving books by local artist Ali Brown. Having just taken a weaving class that day in Pakawau from another local artist, Maureen Harte, they were a find! Takaka's population is about 1,300 and their library was BUSY.

[Dunedin City Library](#) was bustling with locals and people on "holiday." The original building was a Carnegie library! The new, modern, 4-floor library sits in The Octagon, the city center, among new and old architectural styles. Dunedin is designated a UNESCO City of Literature and it was very apparent at the library. It was chock-full of art, local interest displays, computers and more.

And did you know there was a [Toy Library Federation in New Zealand](#)? Who knew! - *'Til I travel again, Carol*

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[Library of Congress Launches Three Educational Apps](#)

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[November 2017 Elections Bring Large and Small Wins for Libraries](#)

More good news!

[Awful Library Books](#)

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