



This portion of the Dead Sea Scrolls captures an image of key pages from Deuteronomy, displaying the earliest known copy of the Ten Commandments that start at the bottom on the second column.

expected over the next 4 years. A broad overview of the cuts was presented in the U.K. government's Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) in October.

Fearing that the spending review might have been worse than it was, The British Library welcomed the settlement it received in the CSR, describing the outcome as a "fair settlement and positive achievement for the Secretary of State [for DCMS] in a very difficult economic climate." The BL's Grant in Aid funding will be reduced by 15% over 4 years, and its annual capital budget will be cut by 50%, which will be difficult to achieve. These cuts are on top of the 3% cuts announced in May for this financial year.

According to Lynne Brindley, chief executive of BL, "[the settlement] recognises the great contribution that the British Library makes to the UK's outstanding research achievements, its critical role in underpinning the UK economy, and its contribution to future growth in a wide range of sectors. We particularly welcome the funding commitment for our newspaper programme capital project and will work with DCMS over the coming months to realise this commitment."

However, CILIP (the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals) expressed concerns about the impact of the CSR on U.K. library and information services. According to Annie Mauger,

CILIP's chief executive, "In times of hardship, the benefits that library and information services bring to society are needed more than ever. I don't believe that the government wants the legacy of demolishing our library and information services. No government should want to lose something so fundamental, and all it represents to a free, fair and democratic society."

*[I'd like to extend my appreciation to Jim, who has literally scoured the world for the top news each month and drilled down to find the facts and figures that heightened our awareness of emerging and ongoing trends. Thanks for a job well done, Jim. —Ed.]*

## Links

### "The World in 2010: ICT facts and figures"

[www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/material/FactsFigures2010.pdf](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/material/FactsFigures2010.pdf)

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### Europeana Virtual Exhibition

[www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/exhibition-reading-europe/index.html](http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/exhibition-reading-europe/index.html)

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# NewsMakers

## Publishers Salute Nobel Prize-Winning Authors

When the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced the Nobel Prize winners this year, publishers John Wiley & Sons, Inc. and Thieme Publishing Group shared the excitement and honor with the laureates.



Andre Geim and Konstantin Novoselov, both of whom have published works with Wiley, were jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for their groundbreaking experiments in 2D material graphene. Both scientists wrote articles on graphene and other subjects for Wiley's *physica status solidi* and *Small* journals. To date, 50 laureates in physics have published works with Wiley.

Likewise, the German-based Thieme Publishing Group has pre-

viously published contributions from this year's winners of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Richard F. Heck, Ei-ichi Negishi, and Akira Suzuki received the award for their work in "palladium-catalyzed cross-couplings in organic synthesis." Their achievements have helped researchers in the field of organic synthetic chemistry, especially drug discovery, as well as helping agricultural and electronic industries search for new substances.



## Lubuto Library Project Opens Second Facility

The doors to the second Lubuto Library were officially opened on Nov. 10 to the vulnerable street children and youth in Zambia. Dow Jones & Co. and its employees were instrumental in helping fund and supply resources for the library in Lusaka's Garden Compound. A corporate gift of \$60,000 from Dow Jones covered construction costs, and staff book donations and a foundation grant that totaled nearly \$50,000 was used for staff training and the 4,000-volume collection. Lubuto Library Project's volunteers in Washington, D.C., selected and cataloged the collection, which was then shipped free of charge to Zambia, courtesy of International Mailing Solutions with help from National Geographic.

Lusaka's Garden Compound library is the first to be built in partnership with Zambia's Ministry of Education. Kenneth Kaunda, the first Republican president of Zambia, was the guest of honor at the grand opening in November; he also attended the opening of the first library in 2007.

At the heart of the Lubuto Library Project is Jane Kinney Meyers, who is the founder and president. Meyers recently received the 2010 International Award from U.K.'s CILIP for "making a difference in libraries and information services outside the U.K."

Meyers says she is looking forward to expanding the Lubuto library services in Zambia, Rwanda, Malawi, and other countries in the region, noting that her appeal for continued funding helps so many children. In fact, Lubuto's first library has recorded nearly 50,000 visits per year, she says.



## Librarians Count on Usage Statistics

The 313 librarians worldwide who responded to a survey from MPS Ltd. shared their views about usage statistics. According to the survey, 97% of librarians use usage statistics, 87% use COUNTER-compliant usage statistics for ejournals, and 66% for ebooks. Nearly 50% of those who aren't using COUNTER-compliant usage data for ebooks reported that they intend to do so within the next year.

According to the survey, usage statistics influenced purchasing decisions for 86% of the respondents; 90% of the librarians in the survey also noted that COUNTER-compliant reports were important for ejournals, and 74% find them important for ebooks, a figure that reflects a higher proportion than for noncompliant usage statistics.

The respondents were selected from the U.K., the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and mainland Europe.

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