



## What are your three favorite publications to read (in print or online) and why?

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“1) *The Economist*. This British magazine offers a refreshingly global perspective on politics, business, and other matters of current interest—something most North American publications do not.

“2) *The New Yorker*. James Surowiecki’s ‘Financial Page’ column explains complex issues, such as the weakening U.S. dollar, in concise, jargon-free language. And then there’s all the hilarious cartoons...

“3) *Consumer Reports*. As an electronics geek, I find most online product reviews are not truly objective—so I like to know what *CR* has to say.”

- *Louis C. Abramovitz, librarian at Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP in Washington, D.C.*

“1) *Mad Magazine*—we have many unsettled people who use the library, and I’m just trying to understand their points of view.

“2) Comics section of the Sunday edition of the *Los Angeles Times*—helps jump start Monday mornings (not that being a librarian in a public library isn’t exciting enough).

“3) *Golf Digest*—it helps me think my golf game is getting better.”

- *Bret N. Christensen, public services librarian at Riverside County Law Library in Riverside, California*

“*New York Times* online: Now that much of the content is free, *New York Times* online really is the highest quality reading bargain out there.

“*Wired* online: *Wired* appeals to my inner geek. I enjoy how the publication covers technological change from a cultural angle.

“*Runner’s World* in print: Running keeps me sane, and reading *Runner’s World* inspires me to keep running.”

- *Sean H. Crane, reference librarian and adjunct-assistant professor of legal research at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law*

“1) Sunday *New York Times*, especially the Arts and Book Review sections. I love reading about all of the wonderful cultural events happening in New York.

“2) The comic strip, *Zits*. Anyone who has parented a teenaged boy will know what I mean.

“3) Anything having to do with the Victorian age, especially mysteries by Anne Perry and anything by Dickens. It’s such a fascinating period of time.”

- *Donna M. Fisher, law librarian at Senniger Powers in St. Louis*

## Member to Member

“*The Week* magazine—crammed with tidbits of national and international info. Also has interesting facts and strange news stories. I look at it in print and online (published weekly).

“*Funny Times*—an entire newspaper devoted to cartoons and humorous writings! Published monthly. I love it so much I give it as holiday/birthday gifts.

“My daily newspaper—wherever I am, I always start the day by reading the newspaper. Sometimes I throw in the *Wall Street Journal*, too.”

- Amy Hale-Janeke, head of reference services at the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Library in New Orleans

“*New York Times*—best international and science news.

“*The Funny Times*—cartoons, columns, and snippets from all over, delivered every month and devoured instantly.

“*Harper’s Magazine*—essays, excerpts, exposes, and the excellent index.”

- Mary Rumsey, foreign, comparative, and international law librarian at the University of Minnesota Law Library in Minneapolis

“This may surprise you but one of my favorite reads is *Law Library Journal*. I am in library school now, and so I am doing all kinds of research, but I end up favoring the articles from this journal the most.

“The other two...I like *The Harvard Business Review*.

“And third...I don’t like much frill to my reading selections, but it can’t be so dry that I just don’t get it. I want to at least understand what I read. I guess *Library Journal* is good for current events stuff, but I wouldn’t say it’s my favorite. I suppose I haven’t established a third favorite yet. I’m anxious to see what everyone else says, so I can take a look.”

- Marianne Sterna, legal support at the County of San Diego Office of County Counsel

“1) *Bookmarks Magazine* in print. (Does that make me a library geek?) I really love reading the reviews of new fiction titles available and adding titles to my ever growing list of books I hope to read before I die. This magazine is great to use as ‘professional reading’ during slow times on the reference desk.

“2) *The New York Times* online. Keeping up on current events is part of the job of a reference librarian. Right? I like the online edition in particular because it’s easy to e-mail articles of interest to law school faculty, friends, or whomever. Also, the movie reviews are always right on.

“3) *AALL Spectrum* in print. *Spectrum* always has at least one good article of interest (usually more!). Plus, it really helps me to keep up with colleagues all over the country by finding out where folks have moved, what folks are doing, and what hot topics folks are thinking and writing about.”

- Ron Wheeler, associate director for public services at Georgia State University College of Law Library in Atlanta