

A Literary Miscellany - November 4, 2020

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From Susannah Horrom - TIME SENSITIVE - Books Arts-related!

Info on the upcoming NJ Book Arts virtual Symposium - all the lectures and workshops are free - but one must register - link:

https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV bqqdSXAlztXUZmt

This site has a calendar with all the different happenings (scroll down) for the 4 day event - https://sites.rutgers.edu/njbas/

Kelmscott Bookshop Newsletter for November, 2020

Special announcement! Kelmscott will be MOVING in the summer/fall of 2021! Details on this and on sale items in the newsletter, link below. Also information about the ABAA (virtual) Boston Book Fair.

http://bit.ly/November_2020

From Library Link of the Day: A glimpse of libraries in days of yore, aka the 18th century. (The card catalog dates back to the French Revolution.)

https://www.metmuseum.org/blogs/in-circulation/2020/molisci

From Literary Hub: "You can now read the only surviving full draft of a Jane Austen novel in her very own handwriting"

https://lithub.com/you-can-now-read-the-only-surviving-full-draft-of-a-jane-austen-novel-in-her-very-own-

handwriting/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Today%20in%20Books&utm_content=Final&utm_term=BookRiot_TodayInBooks_DormantSuppress

From Basic Books via Literary Hub: "Cheap Writing Surfaces and Medieval Bureaucracy Helped Popularize the Alphabet. Judith Flanders Explains Why the Alphabet Was Used on a Whim"

https://lithub.com/cheap-writing-surfaces-and-medieval-bureaucracy-helped-popularize-the-alphabet/

From Reuters via Book Riot: "First collection of Shakespeare's plays sells for almost \$10 million"

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idUSKBN26Z2BY?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CYS%2010232 0&utm_term=BookRiot_CheckYourShelf_DormantSuppress

From Pure Wow via Book Riot: "The 31 Best Thriller Books of All Time (Good Luck Getting a Peaceful Night's Sleep Again!)"

https://www.purewow.com/books/best-thriller-

<u>books?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Unusual%20Suspects&utm_term=BookRiot_UnusualSuspects_DormantSuppress</u>

From Literary Hub's Crime Reads: "Edward Gorey designed the sets for the 1970s run of Broadway's Dracula"

https://crimereads.com/edward-gorey-designed-the-sets-for-the-1970s-broadway-run-of-dracula/

Also from Literary Hub's Crime Reads: "Edgar Allan Poe and the Rise of the Modern City" (The Man of the Crowd was Poe's first detective story.) https://crimereads.com/edgar-allan-poe-rise-of-the-modern-city/

More from Literary Hub: "How the Literary World Reinvented the Book Festival in Real Time": The Directors of Five Book Festivals Get Real About This New Virtual World

https://lithub.com/how-the-literary-world-reinvented-the-book-festival-in-real-time/

Articles on bookstores

From Daily Hive: "10 great Seattle bookstores you'll never want to leave" https://dailyhive.com/seattle/best-seattle-bookstores

From Architectural Digest: "A Surreal New Bookstore Has Just Opened in China." It's an homage to M. C. Esher.

https://www.architecturaldigest.com/story/surreal-new-bookstore-opened-china

From Smithsonian Magazine via Literary Hub: "See a stunningly surreal bookstore in China"

 $\frac{https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/gorgeous-bookstore-china-creates-other-worldly-space-180976143/$

From The Guardian via Ex Libris: 'We cannot survive': New York's Strand bookstore appeals for help

https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/oct/24/the-strand-bookstore-new-york-plea-for-help

More on The Strand:

https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/strand-bookstore-flooded-with-orders/

'This is revolutionary': new online bookshop unites indies to rival Amazon

 $\underline{https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/nov/02/this-is-revolutionary-new-online-bookshop-\underline{unites-indies-to-rival-amazon}}$