My Own Private Library: A Peek inside the Personal Library of an Almost Librarian

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Abstract
The author tells about his collection of books in his personal library. He says that his collection has grown with the number of volumes exceeding 800 as his interest in various writings expanded. Among the books he added are the travel writings of Paul Theroux, all the novels by Armistead Maupin, novels about baseball players, histories of the textile leagues and biographies of Joe Jackson. His bookshelves also contain books about music and movies, Billy Wilder’s comedies, various autobiographies, and celebrity anecdotes.

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Susan Orleans writes a personal history about growing up in libraries, and rediscovering them later in life. As we drove over to meet the librarian, I felt a gut-level recollection of this journey, of parent and child on their way to the library. But now it was turned on its head, and I was the parent bringing my child on that special trip. On a library bookshelf, thought progresses in a way that is logical but also dumbfounding, mysterious, irresistible. Our minds and our souls contain volumes inscribed by our experiences and emotions; each individual's consciousness is a collection of memories catalogued and stored inside, a private library of a life lived. It is something that no one else can entirely share; it burns down and disappears when we die. Best quotes about librarians, libraries, and librarianship – in one handy list. You'll find below a selection of quotes devoted to places and people deserving most attention: libraries and librarians. Libraries are essential in a process of giving citizens access to knowledge. In digital times they are needed more than ever before. See also: 17 most durable and functional iPad mini 5 cases and sleeves. 15 insanely cute iPad cases and sleeves for girls of all ages. Get your library card, and you'll be able to borrow a print or electronic book, use free internet, or attend a course that will imp Librarians - What They Do. The traditional concept of a library is being redefined from a place to access paper records or books to one that also houses the most advanced electronic resources, including the Internet, digital libraries, and remote access to a wide range of information sources. Consequently, librarians, often called information professionals, combine traditional duties with tasks involving quickly changing technology. Librarians help people find information and use it effectively for personal and professional purposes. Entrepreneurial librarians sometimes start their own consulting practices, acting as freelance librarians or information brokers and providing services to other libraries, businesses, or government agencies.