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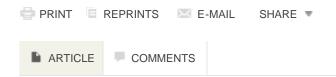
Boston Public Library launches Mobile Catalog

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The Boston Public Library has launched a free Mobile Catalog that allows patrons to use smartphones or other mobile devices to search through the library's collection, see which titles are available at the library system's various branches, and request that items be held or renewed. Users can also check due dates; find and download eBooks and audiobooks; browse new items and bestsellers; save titles in a "For Later" list; write reviews; view descriptions, ratings, and comments; and find branch hours, directions, and information about fines and fees, the library announced Thursday. For more information on the new BPL Mobile Catalog, visit www.bpl.org/mobile.



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Two concerts canceled amid Molly concerns

The cancellations mark the latest fallout from three recent fatal drug overdoses, which have prompted an aggressive police investigation.

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The idea that some African-American candidates should get out of the way is an effort to draw politics in stark terms of black and white of long ago.

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GOP candidate Charles D. Baker debuts more upbeat image

Baker, who lost the 2010 gubernatorial election, is working to appear as a warmer candidate who is willing to listen — not lecture.

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Black leaders split on mayoral race strategy

Boston's black community is divided: Some support whittling down the field of candidates of color to unite behind one, and others staunchly oppose the effort.

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Southie St. Patrick's Day breakfast slugfest begins early

The idea that state Senator Linda Dorcena-Forry, a Haitian-American from Dorchester, is poised to take over as host is culturally and politically loaded.

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Daniel Conley a somber prosecutor, affable candidate

Conley, the 55-year-old Suffolk district attorney, often presides over grim press conferences, but friends say he has a quick, self-deprecating wit.

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Suffolk Downs wants casino votes held on Nov. 5

Officials for the East Boston racetrack have asked the host communities to each schedule referendum votes on Nov. 5; the cities are expected to oblige.

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Leicester man sentenced to 24 years for child porn

Jason Clark had already pleaded guilty to taking pictures of his friends' daughter naked and in sexually explicit positions while babysitting the 5-year-old in 2011.

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Businessman bullish about Graves Island lighthouse's potential

The man who purchased the lighthouse said it "is a great book waiting to be opened."

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Marathon bombing victim John Odom returns home

John Odom today will do something he once thought might never happen: return home to California – the last of the Marathon bombing victims to do so.

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Charlestown man pleads not guilty in fatal shooting

Pablo Flores Jr. allegedly killed a 21-year-old who tried to break up Flores's fight with another man, authorities said.

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Michael E. McLaughlin pleads not guilty to fund-raising charges

Pleas negotiations continue after the ex-Chelsea housing chief was indicted last week by a state grand jury for several campaign violations.

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James 'Whitey' Bulger finally opens up, in letters

In letters written since his trial last month, Bulger continues to defend himself, says he's preparing for an appeal, and romanticizes about his relationship with Catherine Greig.

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Molotov cocktail suspected for 2d time

The state fire marshal's office was called to a house on Gale Street in Waltham for the second time in less than two weeks on Thursday to investigate a second possible Molotov cocktail incident there. The fire marshal investigated the first incident at 44 Gale St. on Aug. 27, after reports of a suspicious object there that morning. No one was injured in the fire, but the house's vinyl siding was slightly damaged, said Waltham police Detective Sergeant Tim King. Residents of the house again called police just before 12:30 a.m. Thursday after a burning odor led them outside to a small ground fire surrounded by broken glass, King said.

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URI researcher finds record number of ticks

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A University of Rhode Island researcher is warning of an "exceptional crisis" to public health after finding a record number of tick nymphs in the state. Thomas Mather directs the university's Center for Vector-Borne Disease. He said high humidity in early summer is contributing to the higher numbers. Mather has collected date on ticks in Rhode Island for 20 years and said this summer's survey found a "shocking" number of young ticks.

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