Libraries and learning outcomes
A recent study at a large, public, research-extensive university “suggest(s) that first-year students who used a library resource at least once were significantly more likely than their peers who did not use the library to report development of critical thinking and analytical skills, written communication skills, and reading comprehension skills.”

UK book sales
Nielsen’s annual Books & Consumers survey reported that UK consumers spent 6 percent more on books in 2016 than in the previous year. The rise was driven by print book sales, while e-book sales declined 4 percent. This was the second consecutive year e-book sales declined in the UK. In addition, there was a 4 percent rise in book volume purchases through physical stores versus online sales, which remained flat.

News article diffusion
News publishers are increasingly posting articles designed to sit natively on social media platforms rather than to drive traffic back to their own websites. Those social media platforms are constantly changing. The content may reside solely on Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Tumblr, or some combination of these and other distribution platforms.

Web archiving and digital stewardship
The National Digital Stewardship Alliance reports that 76 percent of its 84-member organizations are devoting less than the equivalent of one full-time employee’s time to web archiving. More archiving programs, however, are moving from pilot to production phases, and there is an increased perception of progress among members over the past two years.

Reproducible experimental results
“More than 70 percent of researchers have tried and failed to reproduce another scientist’s experiments, and more than half have failed to reproduce their own experiments. Although 52 percent of those surveyed agree that there is a significant ‘crisis’ of reproducibility, less than 31 percent think that failure to reproduce published results means that the result is probably wrong, and most say that they still trust the published literature.”