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Streaming and vinyl

“Approximately 51 million people in the U.S. pay for music streaming services every month. Last year, vinyl sales hit 10 million in the U.S. Those numbers are up 12 percent from 2017.”

Erin Carson, “A Music Nerd’s Last Stand: You’ll Pry My CDs out of My Cold Dead Hands,” *CNET*, April 4, 2019, <https://www.cnet.com/news/a-music-nerds-last-stand-youll-pry-my-cds-out-of-my-cold-dead-hands/> (retrieved May 6, 2019).



Interlibrary loan

Last year, OCLC’s interlibrary loan system processed 6.9 million requests. The three most requested monograph titles for 2018 were *Educated: A Memoir*, by Tara Westover; *12 Rules for Life*, by Jordan Peterson; and *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. The top three journals were *Pediatrics*, *JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association*, and *Journal of Advanced Nursing*.

Christa Starck, “Looking at Interlibrary Loan Requests, 2018 Edition,” OCLC Next (blog), April 11, 2019, www.oclc.org/blog/main/looking-at-interlibrary-loan-requests-2018-edition (retrieved May 3, 2019).



College graduates and academic challenge

“Among college graduates nationally, those who strongly agree that they were challenged academically are 2.4 times more likely than those who do not strongly agree to say their education was worth the cost. Graduates who strongly agree that they were challenged academically are 3.6 times more likely to say they were prepared for life outside of college. Graduates of private nonprofit institutions report the highest degree of academic rigor, with 52 percent strongly agreeing that they were challenged academically—followed by graduates of public (38 percent) and private for-profit (32 percent) institutions.”

“2018 Strada-Gallup Alumni Survey,” Gallup, Inc., <https://news.gallup.com/reports/244058/2018-strada-gallup-alumni-survey.aspx> (retrieved May 6, 2019).



Smart speakers, voice assistants, and parents

Among parents of 2-to-8-year-olds, when asked if they ever turned off their smart speaker’s microphone to prevent it from listening, 40 percent said yes, 41 percent said no, and 17 percent said they did not know if their smart speaker could be turned off. Asked why they turned off their smart speaker’s microphone, 41 percent said it was being activated by accident, while 34 percent said they do not trust it.

“What’s That You Say? Smart Speakers and Voice Assistants,” Common Sense Media, March 28, 2019, https://www.common SenseMedia.org/sites/default/files/uploads/pdfs/2019_cs-sm_smartspeakers-toplines_final-release.pdf (retrieved May 6, 2019).



Academic library collections

“Eligible Title IV degree-granting institutions reported approximately 1.0 billion items in physical library collections (books, media, and serials) and approximately 1.5 billion items in electronic library collections (books, databases, media, and serials).”

Scott A. Ginder, Janice E. Kelly-Reid, and Farrah Mann, “Enrollment and Employees in Postsecondary Institutions, Fall 2017; and Financial Statistics and Academic Libraries, Fiscal Year 2017: First Look (Provisional Data) (NCES 2019-021rev),” January 2019, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.: National Center for Education Statistics, <https://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2019021REV> (retrieved May 6, 2019).

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