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CML News

CML has some good news to share. Our most recent (and continuing) outreach efforts have resulted in lots of people wanting to know about our free service. By mail and phone and email, we are hearing from many new friends. Thank you to all those who are helping us meet the needs of the visually and physically impaired across the United States by sharing your love of CML with friends, family, and neighbors. Together we are adding to the bounty that is available for all those who read differently.

From a broader perspective and in the works since 2013, the Marrakesh Treaty awaits ratification by its 189 WIPO member states around the world. WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) is a UN agency that works to create a system that "enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all." The Treaty is designed to end the severe shortage of accessible books across the world. As of this writing, 20 countries have passed ratifying legislation. We'll keep you apprised of future developments.

Highlights

We hear an accent, see an unfamiliar gesture, notice a style of dress, and often create an intricate and detailed story about someone without exchanging a single word. But with enough courage (or gall), we ask, "Where are you from?" We are naturally curious about what seems "other" to us, and at CML we like exploring outside our comfort zone.

This issue features an immersive and intimate article by **Kathryn Schulz** about immigration. "Citizen Khan" highlights one Wyoming family's history for a refreshing perspective on, and understanding of, how we influence one another in a community just by where we come from and what we believe.

And **Andrew Rice** explores some deep questions when "other" is an American in exile who is considered a public, political, and security danger. Edward Snowden is profiled in "I, Snowbot." We had been looking for a thorough and balanced report of his take on freedom of speech, government surveillance, and leaking classified documents, and we finally found it.

Top Picks

For a happy-brain mix of facts and feelings, personality and intellect, literature and lightheartedness, don't miss "Carver and Dubus, New York City, 1988" by **Andre Dubus III**. This essay takes us back to a gathering of literary giants where the simple act of acknowledging the respect and talent for an "other" bonds a family and awakens a son's calling.

And when you're ready for an intriguing discussion about gun use in America, **Evan Osnos** gives us his thought-provoking take on all sides of this polarizing issue. Read "Making a Killing" and see what you think.

And Special Thanks To ...

Katharine, who contacted us by email on her first anniversary of listening to CML. She thought she wouldn't have time to finish an issue but finds herself waiting for the next one. "I really love this magazine, and your excellent choices have brought me more fully back into the world of intelligence. Thank you!"

Happy Fall from Pam, Annie, Jay, Mike, and Raquel!

And please remember, Election Day is Tuesday, November 8!