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<p><b>“High” waters: America’s growing drug habit raises questions about costs to environmental and public health.</b> Will Fowler. According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, the country’s use of prescription and illegal drugs is only growing. One of the issues with this is what goes into the public water lines, experts are seeing wildlife affected by what is going down the drains.  <i>In Water Environment &amp; Technology. -- Vol. 33, no. 5 (May 2021); p. 26-28.</i></p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
<p><b>75 years of service: a history of TVPPA.</b> The article celebrates the TVPPA’s 75th anniversary and provides background on the organization from the beginning in 1946.  <i>In TVPPA Magazine. -- (Spring 2021); p.19-25.</i></p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
<p><b>A business continuity plan: your best shot in the event of a disaster.</b> Heather Phillips. The author explains that having a business continuity plan in place prior to a disaster such as a fire, building collapse or power outage can help an organization recover from such an event.  <i>In Tennessee Public Works. -- Vol. 38, no. 5 (November/December 2020); p. 18-19.</i></p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
<p><b>A new way to look at EMS.</b> Jerry Deschane. The author presents new ways that emergency medical services are being used in communities in order to prevent calls.  <i>In The Municipality. -- Vol. 116, no. 1 (January 2021); p. 12-13.</i></p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
<p><b>A review of selected Tennessee municipal food truck ordinances.</b> Frances Adams-O’Brien. In April 2021, the MTAS Research and Information Center compiled a listing of municipal food truck ordinances across the state of Tennessee.</p>	Survey	<a href="#">Download</a>

<p><b>Blockchain, cryptocurrencies, and non-fungible tokens: what libraries need to know.</b> Cal LaFountain. The author urges librarians to stay up-to-date on blockchain innovations, cryptocurrencies and non-fungible tokens. <i>In Computers in Libraries. -- Vol. 41, no. 4 (May 2021); p. 4-8.</i></p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
<p><b>Born on the bayou: how a golf course was repurposed into the world-class Houston Botanic Gardens.</b> Ted Vuong. The author tells the story about how the former Glenbrook Golf Course in Houston, Texas became the Houston Botanic Gardens. The facility is now recognized as a world-class garden. <i>In Parks &amp; Recreation. -- Vol. 56, no. 4 (April 2021); p. 40-45.</i></p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
<p><b>Design for neurodiverse learners.</b> Emily Wood. Originally, the term neurodiversity was used to describe individuals with autism, now experts define this as anyone with a different brain process. Current research into brain science shows that 30 percent of the population is neurodiverse. <i>In TD. -- Vol. 75, no. 5 (May 2021); p. 24-29.</i></p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
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<p><b>Learners are made, not born.</b> Laurie Burruss. For a long time, the focus on how people learn covered skills such as intelligence, memorizing material and how someone feels about the material. Now, experts are saying that a learner can get better at learning which will allow the employee to participate in an organization's drive forward. <i>In TD. -- Vol. 75, no. 2 (February 2021); p. 46-51.</i></p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
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<p><b>Parks and Recreation Director salary information in selected Tennessee cities.</b> Frances Adams-O'Brien. Nine Tennessee cities responded to a request for information regarding salary ranges and how many employees report to the Parks &amp; Recreation Director.</p>	Survey	<a href="#">Download</a>
<p><b>Parks and recreation fend off wildfires: parks and recreation professionals across the United States protect land and communities from wildfire.</b> Jennifer Fulcher. Recent wildfire incidents are changing the way that parks and recreation employees work. Because of these wildfires, parks and recreation teams are becoming disaster responders. <i>In Parks &amp; Recreation. -- Vol. 56, no. 4 (April 2021); p. 34-39.</i></p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
<p><b>Preparing for the future of electric garbage trucks: a road map to transitioning electric waste collection fleets.</b> John Carlton. The author provides a potential road map for changing from gas powered collection vehicles to electric waste collection fleets. <i>In MSW Management. -- Vol. 31, no. 3 (May 2021); p.22-26.</i></p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
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