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Viking coins to Lord Byron's passport to a U.S. immigrant's health inspection card. A section of brief biographies of explorers, other travelers, and travel writers, as well as a section of historic sojourns that can still be taken today, follows, along with a short chapter on travel writing. A basic bibliography (especially to support the very old accounts) would have been appreciated.

VERDICT Young adults working on school assignments, or looking for adventure, and general adult readers will be struck by the sheer wonder of it all.—**Marcia G. Welsh, Dartmouth Coll. Lib., Hanover, NH**

Shoup, John A. *The Nile: An Encyclopedia of Geography, History, and Culture*. ABC-CLIO. May 2017. 420p. photos. maps. bibliog. index. ISBN 9781440840401. \$89; ebk. ISBN 9781440840418. REF

Shoup (anthropology, Al Akhawayn Univ, Ifrane, Morocco) traces the history and cultures of countries along Africa's Nile River, as well as current issues facing the various nations in the region. He tracks the influence of the river from its headwaters at Lake Victoria to the Sudanese City of Khartoum and on to the Library at Alexandria. Egypt features heavily owing to its past and current influence on the region. Readers will develop a better understanding of water-related politics, hydropower dams, the effects of invasive species, and agricultural issues

that have resulted from the natural ebb and flow of Nile waters. Whereas some multi-volume compilations draw from the work of many writers, this single-volume entry has only one author and two contributors, and consequently, the essays have a more consistent voice. The content is divided into three parts: thematic essays that provide an introduction, topical entries exploring specific subjects, and primary sources, including selections from *The Book of the Dead* and Henry Stanley's *How I Found Livingston*. Sporadic illustrations depict Egyptian gods, sites along the river, architecture, and important individuals. The two maps are extremely helpful for those unfamiliar with the geography of Africa. **VERDICT** Lovers of ancient Egyptian and African history will enjoy learning more about this important natural resource.—**Susanne Caro, Univ. of Montana Lib., Missoula**

SOCIAL SCIENCES

★ **Infinite Suburbia**. Princeton

Architectural. Oct. 2017. 784p. ed. by Alan M. Berger & others. illus. maps. index. ISBN 9781616895501. \$75. REF

According to Berger (landscape architecture & urban design, MIT), Joel Kotkin (urban futures, Chapman Univ.), and Celina Balderas Guzmán (Leventhal Ctr. for Advanced Urbanism at MIT), the vast majority of people around the world who move to cities

are doing so to populate the surrounding suburbs, not to live in urban center cores. To test this thesis, the editors drew on the most recent, cutting-edge research on suburban design and development to explain current suburban migration and develop a more full-fledged theory for understanding the future of suburbia. The result is this remarkable collection of 52 insightful essays by 74 authors from 20 different fields including design, architecture, urban planning, history, economics, and applied technologies. A wealth of photographs, aerial drone shots, drawings, diagrams, maps, and archival materials enhance the volume. A tool called the Infinite Suburbia Roadmap arranges the book's essays into 21 topics organized around five themes: the drive for upward social mobility, polycentric metropolitan form, metropolitan economic interrelationships, the harnessing of ecological potential, and scales of governance. By including contrasting perspectives and offering a balanced approach, the authors and editors lay out a plausible theory that succinctly outlines the beginnings of suburban theory implementation. **VERDICT** Advanced undergraduates, graduate students, scholars, and practitioners of urban design, planning, and studies will find this work on the theories, structures, and principles shaping the future of urbanization stimulating and visionary.—**Rob Tench, Old Dominion Univ. Lib., Norfolk, VA**

In June, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington and the National Security Archive sued the government, as the groups asserted that members of the Trump administration were using “burn after reading” apps, referring to technological means of destroying communication. The Presidential Records Act has in the past been understood to mean that executive branch administrative communication must be archived, but the U.S. Justice Department is moving to dismiss the lawsuit, saying that the president has authority over what is saved in accordance with the act. The department also maintains that the private citizens who brought the lawsuit have no standing to review presidential activity with regard to archiving of communication.

However, *FCW*, a publication for federal technology executives, quotes Jason R. Baron, formerly chief litigator for the National Archives and Records Administration: “If White House counsel reads [the statute] narrowly...resulting in White House staff not being required to copy or transfer presidential records to an official electronic account before individual communications self-destruct, is that decision reviewable?” For further information on

this case, see ow.ly/RANe30fT8Yc.

Harvard Library's Colonial North American Project at Harvard University brings together material from Andover-Harvard Theological Library, Baker Library, Harvard University Archives, Houghton Library, Loeb Music Library, and Harvard's Law Library to create a cohesive picture of the university's holdings on European settlement in North America during the 17th and 18th centuries, as well as information on what was going on in Britain, continental Europe, and Africa during that period. The university has announced that a new website featuring the project's approximately 450,000 digitized pages of manuscripts and other archival materials will be launched in coming weeks. INFOdocket recently pointed readers to a *Harvard Gazette* article on the announcement; see ow.ly/DgI430fTq17.

PUBLISHING NEWS

MOOCs (massive open online courses) have been big for several years now and are just one aspect of the innovative learning methods and venues covered in SAGE's new *SAGE Encyclopedia of Out-of-School Learning*. Edited by Dr. Kylie Peppler (learning sciences, Indiana Univ.), the volume includes a broad range

of ideas and contributors. Peppler's work focuses on how today's educational methods and tools can help broaden participation in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), particularly among women and marginalized populations.

Springer Nature announced a new online resource at the recent Frankfurt Book Fair: Springer Nature Experiments, which is free to researchers. This new product provides protocols, which Springer Nature describes as “‘recipes’ used in laboratory research to support the design and implementation of reproducible experiments.” The protocols are gathered from four existing Springer Nature resources: SpringerProtocols, Nature Methods, Nature Protocols, and Protocol Exchange—the latter a free repository where scientists can share protocols with their peers in the scientific community. See the Springer Nature website (ow.ly/eQL130fTqvG) for more information.

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