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We loved meeting many of you at the CILIP conference this year and urge you to come to Sheffield in September to our two-day

residential conference on digital citizenship and libraries, more details on page 3 of this issue.

Warm regards,

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technology roundup

QUEST Vest 42 pocket system

The Q.U.E.S.T. Vest has, not 10, not 20, but 42 hidden pockets, elevating this sporty travelwear to a whole new level. Fishing, camping, hiking or sojourning, it safely stores your essentials and keeps them close at hand. This vest has a spot for virtually everything, including a glasses sleeve, lined with soft chamois, and a clear storage slot for visual and manual phone access.

There are pockets within pockets, even one with RFID



blackout lining to protect travel docs and credit cards from identity theft. With compartments for up to two iPads, a large exterior back panel (with the capacity of a small backpack), and a patented TEC conduit system for charging electronics, you could literally take a trip with no bags or luggage.

It is composed of cotton/nylon blend that has been Teflon-treated for water and stain resistance, and anti-static treated. It is machine washable.

The multiple Power Pockets are engineered with SCOTTeVEST's patented Personal Area Network (PAN) to help you wire battery packs from just about any pocket to just about any other pocket. It comes with RFID-blocking to help protect your credit cards and passport from RFID skimmers.

It also features the PackPocket, a massive, exterior back pocket has the storage capacity of a small backpack, and is great even for larger items that won't fit in another pocket, or are too awkward to carry elsewhere. They must be confident as it comes with a \$1,000 anti-pickpocket guarantee!

Price: £120 approx

Visit: www.scottevest.com

Available at: www.thegrommet.com/quest-vest-for-men

COOSA automatic original retractable cord winder

The spring-loaded and totally automatic design keeps your headphones, earbuds, chargers and more tangle-free, perfectly protected, and ready for use. The picture should really speak for itself. Cheap too.....

Recoil winds most type of headphones and earbuds without mics, chargers, USB, Apple cables and most of the cords and cables that go with our personal electronics. It potentially can eliminate tangled cords forever from your pocket, purse, desk, car and laptop bag. Simply fold your cord in half, pop it on the hook, pull down and it automatically reels up.

Price: £4.95

Available from outlets including www.Amazon.co.uk

Gorilla baby wooden cord organiser

There is also the Gorilla Baby Wooden Cord organiser which is a solid, sturdy little stealthy cube cord organiser. It is a beautiful sapele and maple wood handcrafted around a steel core to keep cables anchored firmly to your desk or tabletop. Three grooved slots and silicone feet keep thin cords straight and secure, all while looking like natural home décor.

Size 2" x 2" x 2".

Price: £20 approx

Available at: www.jaywalkstudio.com/shop/gorilla-baby



► Tablift: flexible tablet stand

Using your tablet in bed or on the couch is less than ideal for viewing but many of us do it prior to sleeping. There is a solution in Tablift which holds your tablet for you, safely mounting it on top of bendy legs that stay stable on uneven surfaces. Your tablet fits in the tray and is secured by a bungeed clip. Adjust the legs to whatever height is ideal. It's that easy, your tablet is elevated to eye level, and you are ready to relax without cramping your neck.

It is made out of plastic, rubber, vinyl, and metal and the universal design featuring 10 mm-wide slots makes it compatible with virtually any tablet, full sized or mini, without a case. The flexible legs fold down to compact size and it seems to be ideal for using in bed, on the couch, or any even or uneven surface. The body dimensions are 3.75" x 1.5" x 2" and each flexible leg is 13.75, It weighs 2.1 lbs.

Price: £33

www.tablift.com

www.facebook.com/Tablift/



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iFetch Too - automatic ball launcher for large dogs

OK admit it, you get as bored as I do throwing balls for your dog. Well, no more as the iFetch Too is an interactive, on-demand ball launching toy perfect for any large dog who loves to play a good game of fetch. It includes one ball launcher and three iFetch balls.

The iFetch throws a ball a variable distance when it is placed in the funnel by the dog or person. The iFetch has three launch distance settings: 10 feet, 20 feet, or 30 feet. To set the launch distance, simply press the button on the back to cycle through the settings. The light will turn off after 30 seconds, but the iFetch will remain on (in standby mode) until you drop another ball into the funnel.

The iFetch was specifically designed to work with standard tennis balls (2.5" in diameter). iFetch balls are manufactured for optimal operation with the iFetch Ball Launcher but some similar pet balls (2.5" diameter) will work. Some dogs slobber more than others. If your dog is a heavy slobberer, the iFetch may require wiping off balls from time to time, making it difficult for the dog to play continuously by itself. Owner supervision is recommended.

Price: £200 <http://goifetch.com/>



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