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Nationwide problem: With veteran librarians retiring en masse, **new librarians are in demand**. Where are they going? To jobs with fatter salaries. [link via **Librarian Underground** list] **JB**

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"... I have found all the posts I made when I was 18. I cannot believe what an absolute, utter asshole I was back then." What do you get when Google acquires the Deja archives and motors it with a powerful search engine? More than **500-million archived Usenet messages** available and online again. **JB**

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Will **P2P applications** such as Napster be the key to untapping the hidden depths of the web? **CB**

Some readings and viewings on digital reference that have come our way:

- **webcasts** from the Library of Congress
- **Virtual Reference Desk's** bibliography
- **bibliography** by Bernie Sloan, a student at UIUC **CB**

We're honored to be selected as a **powa girrrl site** by Netdiver Network. Netdiver's mission is to empower, educate and leverage new media professionals and promote excellence in new media projects. **JB**



Five books and five poems for an **undersea library**. Speaking of undersea, check out Radiohead's new **underworld video** **JB**

"... forgiving browsers have helped create a world of **structural HTML illiterates**." Read this if you teach web publishing. **JB**

5th Annual Webby Nominees are here with 135 quality Web sites. **JB**

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Interesting article by Douglas Rushkoff on the new [text-only version of the web](#) for wireless devices. [link via [Scripting News](#)] **CB**

Fighting [censorship of the web](#) by governments means staying one step ahead. **CB**

Make your Google searches [even better](#) with [iLOR](#). Requires Internet Explorer 5+ or Netscape 4.73+. **CB**

[Boomer bashing](#) from an embittered Gen-HeXer. The rant may not be entirely valid, but I can certainly relate. **JB**

[Selected Gay & Lesbian Titles 2001](#) from Publisher's Weekly. **JB**

Filling out your student loan applications? Here's another astounding example of [insigrevious hypocrisy](#) in the current administration. **JB**

[Essay competition](#) for university students brought to you by the World Intellectual Property Organization: What does intellectual property mean to you in your daily life? Prize: 1,000 Swiss Francs. Deadline: Dec 1, 2001. [Thanks Owen] **JB**

If passed, this South Australian Bill will exact a [\\$10,000 fine](#) (max) on those who publish "matter unsuitable to minors" - that is, R rated - on the Internet. **JB**

New school archivists such as [Prelinger](#) and [Rumsey](#) are creating "[open source](#)" [archives](#) while preserving their collection's integrity. **JB**

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Job-seeking tips and "things to think about" for the [dot-com generation](#). **CB**

EFF is sponsoring a panel discussion on [Internet blocking in schools and libraries](#) on May 6 in the Bay area. **CB**

Fighting [online fraud](#) gets international attention with a new web site for [filing complaints](#) when the fraud crosses international boundaries. **CB**

Ever wonder where those email [emoticons](#) came from? **CB**

More evidence of why [social security numbers are dangerous](#) in the hands of some folks. **CB**

Are we really surprised that a book that can't find its way into print [found its way to the web](#)? **CB**

[E Ink](#) for condensed, portable content: electrically charged particles divided into pixels. Each pixel can be independently switched between black and white using electrodes controlled by a transistor. [link via [LISNews](#)]. **JB**

Web Activist Chris kicks off a new resource section with [people](#). Nice. **JB**

[Marketing demographics](#) for every U.S. neighborhood. Towns & Gowns read *Glamour??* **JB**

BYU breathing [life into charred classics](#) (thank you Mount Vesuvius) with digital high-tech. This should make some historians warm in their pants. More [here](#). **JB**

True or False: The Vatican houses the world's [largest collection of pornography?](#) **JB**

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[Absolutely non-library related](#), but I just _can't_ _seem to_ _pull_ _away_ (say it in your best Captain Kirk). **JB**

"The City That Reads" might be [closing five branches](#) (budget... what else?), hurting kids, and the City itself, in the long run. **JB**

[Google Anatomy](#) [link via [Digital Web](#)] **JB**

The [Boston T-1 Party](#): celebrating electronic literature at The Boston Public Library tomorrow from 6:30-8:30 PM. Free. **JB**

Happy Birthday to a very wonderful girl, [Ms. Blue](#). **JB**

If you've chosen to write about Baker's *Doublefold* for your term project, ARL has put up a [web bibliography](#) of reviews, articles and responses just for you. [Thanks Ryan] **JB**

A couple from [Library Stuff...](#)

Librarian Linda Hughes of Wichita Falls will receive a prestigious Intellectual Freedom Award for her successful [battle to keep two award-winning but controversial books on gay families](#) in the children's section of the library.

[Should 11 yr olds be reading The Color Purple?](#) **JB**

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[librarians.about.com](#): the About folks include categories on

1. switching careers to librarianship
2. jobs
3. distance learning

and lots more. **JB**

[Nicholson Baker at Powell's](#) in Portland tonight. **JB**

"Mom, you fought with flowers. We're fighting with gas masks." [Today's activists](#). [link via [Follow Me Here](#)] **JB**

[Content Protection for Recordable Media](#). CPRM for unlicensed copying. It's in the making. [link via [webactivism](#)] **JB**

How do you make [standards on a budget out at the elbows](#)? **JB**

Library director put in computer courses, children's day programs, worked one-on-one with folks new to computers, and [got fired by the board](#). Why? "Poor performance, and because of an unauthorized letter she wrote... criticizing an Internet filtering law." At least the community is behind her. [link via [Library Stuff](#)] **JB**

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Poplin pyjamas and [beatings with hairbrushes](#) from the late university librarian, [Philip Larkin](#). **JB**

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Tracking e-mail, forbidden Web sites, Internet police divisions, crackdowns and arrests: [welcome to China](#). **JB**

The Onion AcademiCorner presents: [Choosing a College](#). Heh... and imagine having [Fauntleroy](#) for a name. **JB**

4:20? Some possible sources. Personally, I like Rosemary's although it seems pretty far fetched. **JB**

There's a delectable new entry in Uncle Frank's Diary on [guess who?](#) "Saving everything, regardless of its merit, is not a choice, but an obsession." Oh baby, off the hinges - check it out! **JB**

Props to that [Rouge Librarian](#) for my [latest, sweetest bookmark!](#) **JB**

But [what happens after July 31, 2002?](#) ... and is the [filter on or off?](#) **JB**

[Library Science Jeopardy](#) [link via [LISNews.com](#)] **JB**

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New [ALA scholarship](#) on the Spectrum roster. **CB**

ALA teams up with Verizon and others to [promote literacy](#). **CB**

Hallelujah! There's still hope that my Dad will learn [how to use a computer](#). **CB**

In bad need of a redesign (and a whole lot more): [Family Friendly Libraries](#). Be sure to check the [commentary on FFL](#) at Kuro5hin. **JB**

[Dot-Gone phenomenon](#) topical art show. [link via [k10k](#)] **JB**

[Wear 'em for all they're worth, baby!](#) [link via [Textism](#)] **JB**

[Such an ass](#). **JB**

More low-rent logic: Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee [eliminates all state support to libraries](#) to provide \$3000 pay raises for teachers. **JB**

The new book [Internet and Computer Ethics for Kids](#) includes chapters on hacking, passwords, phreaking, privacy, viruses, spam, software piracy, online stalking, pornography, plagiarism and hacktivism. huh. hinkie-huh. **JB**

[Where today's well-read woman goes to have fun](#). Didn't we already know this? [link via [Library Stuff](#)] **JB**

Digitized records of the [1964 Free Speech Movement of the '60s](#) find a home at UC [Berkeley](#). [link via [NewPages](#)] **JB**

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Really Plugged-In People Reveal [Really Useful Web Sites](#) [Thanks Andrew] **JB**

[If it's posted to Usenet it's in the public domain](#)" and ten more big myths on copyright. [link via [Negativland](#)] **JB**

Negativland on [changing copyright](#). For more, check out their [Intellectual Property page](#). **JB**

For prospective employers: [Put A Buffalo In Your Library](#), a directory of students from Buffalo completing their MLS degrees this May, August or December. **JB**

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[You've got books!](#) - a new e-mail service at Virginia Commonwealth University that alerts users about new materials that match their interests. **JB**

Gilded Rage: [Anarchy in the New America](#), an exhibit on view from 4/18 - 6/16 at the Queens Borough Public Library. **JB**

16% raise increase negotiated for New York public librarians. "Half of all new city librarians leave within three years, library officials said, adding that nearly half the branch libraries in the Bronx do not have children's librarians, and that the city has not been able to hire any new librarians for Staten Island in more than a year."

Well, if they could afford rent and groceries, perhaps they would stay. **JB**

What is Print? from MoMA. Amazing. [link via **Surfstation**] **JB**

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I've had it with Nicholson Baker: a pimpin' rant from a young librarian. [link via **'brary blog**]. **JB**

Alrighty then: some discussion over **this ad** going on at **LISNews**. Bring up stereotype, and librarians are always going to chime in. BTW, Eugenie Prime **rocks** - her attire is secondary and alright cause it's her. **JB**

The Rogue Librarian offers **5 hot tips for becoming a librarian**. Nice to see this kind of recruiting going on. **JB**

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Are we losing the ability to communicate effectively because of recent increases in speed and convenience of communication? **This writer thinks so**; most others (check out the poll on the right) don't. **JB**

The Semantic Web by Tim Berners-Lee, James Hendler and Ora Lassila. "The first steps in weaving the Semantic Web into the structure of the existing Web are already under way. In the near future, these developments will usher in significant new functionality as machines become much better able to process and *understand* the data that they merely display at present." Very interesting and important article. [link via **Digital Web**] **JB**

Usable Web, over a thousand links on web usability. Simple, efficient, and informative. [link via **Signal vs. Noise**] **JB**

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Searching the Internet is "**more stressful than in-laws**," according to a British study on Internet rage. The study also notes that it takes an average of 12 minutes for users to become frustrated with an unsuccessful search. **CB**

But isn't knowledge *in* perpetual flux? Is the earth still flat? Does getting it in print make it permanent? And has anyone said that the printed book *will* go away? This article on the implications of ebooks is **full**

of holes. Electronic books have their usefulness as do print. It doesn't have to be one or the other. [link via [librarian.net](#)] **JB**

Looking for the **Best Student Paper of 2001**. 5000 words. Award: 500.00 USD, publication, and a yearly subscription to LIBRI. Deadline: May 31, 2001. **JB**

Holy linkage Batman! Some great lib-related web sites over at [Månedens tips](#)... if only I could read Danish language. **JB**

A beastly meta-search engine, [SurfWax](#), found more hits on NewBreed than four others I tried. [link via [Månedens tips](#)] **JB**

Impacts of the Internet on Public Library Use [link via [Månedens tips](#)] **JB**

google (verb): To use an Internet search engine such as google.com to look for information related to a new or potential girlfriend or boyfriend. **JB**

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Perhaps the best antidote to hate is education, but [placing tolerance pop-ups](#) on Yahoo keyword searches related to hate crimes is taking the moral highground a little too far from free speech and equality on the Web. **JB**

The award-winning [TILT](#) (Texas Information Literacy Tutorial) is now available as [open source](#) for any library to adopt and adapt. **CB**

More Leaves from Textism. For me, this discussion underscores the importance of providing access to the entire collection... even if it means lengthy [retrospective conversion projects](#) or [hiring someone](#) to create an accessible, intuitive interface because [you can't](#).

It also brings up the real risk of developing vanilla collections, where libraries all start resembling each other because they're buying from the same (commercial) publishers. This is why I'm not a fan of [approval plans](#). I would rather go through publisher's catalogs myself that best reflect the research interests of the faculty/students I buy for, making [this collection](#) useful for the [community of people](#) who use it.

And yes, a resounding **YES**: don't ignore the digital landscape - just make sure your electronic resources are accessible and not hidden under a mammoth layer of links that will only be found by the person who linked it there. I call this the "blackout link"... *how did I get here?* Again, accessibility is key.

Commercial interests will inevitably become the portal for news, business information, current events and the like, not because librarians are intoxicated with preservation issues, but because they allow publishers and vendors to make all the calls. Unless we [begin discussing](#) and [take action](#) when a [publisher](#) constitutes [absurd licensing policies](#), or take notice when [major vendors](#) make deals with [publishers](#) to have exclusive rights *and* a 12 month embargo to the full text for an obscene amount of money, a two-fold effect results: it forces other vendors to do the same in order to compete and raises

the cost for content all the way around. Additionally, the market fractures, making it more difficult for libraries, forcing them to buy from several general indexes (lots of overlap) or go without.

It's all about money. When you operate from the soul, can you win? **JB**

NYT book review of Nicholson Baker's **DOUBLE FOLD: Libraries and the Assault on Paper** **JB**

Richmond Public Library's Ironwood branch "**designed to be intuitive**," focus on display and efficiency - geez, what a concept. [link via [LISNews.com](#)] **JB**

How to Determine When a Work is Public Domain. [link via [Zeldman's Exit Gallery](#)] **JB**

I'm lovin' the clean of [library_geek](#). **JB**

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Studying U.S. College Sites - four sites that may help with deciding where to go. **JB**

"Recent generations have been trained to learn from digital interfaces (e.g. games, educational CD-ROMS), and display a high dependence on concept rather than core information for the acquisition of new knowledge - this is the "point-and-click generation." Excellent feature article on Visual Architecture at the new issue of Digital Web Magazine. If you create web material, read [this](#). **JB**

NewBreed Librarian gets linked up in Zeldman's **Exit Gallery**: whiskey wow wow, I think this smile is going to be on all day! **JB**

"Or should libraries focus on what they do well: cataloguing the whole huge morass of recorded thought. **Isn't the format and location of the morass irrelevant?**" Dean Allen's blog on libraries... I read him everyday. I've been waiting for this. **JB**

Sandy Berman and Jim Danky will be at the UW-Madison, School of Library and Information Studies to discuss Alternative Library Literature on April 23, 2001, 3:30-5pm. Free and open to the public. [from [NewPages](#)] **JB**

Webzine 2001: I attended this event last year and found it extremely worthwhile, completely engaging, and got to meet some great people doing interesting things on the web. **JB**

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"Ayn Rant as boring as airline food" **JB**

First Amendment protection and **keeping customer's book purchases private**: one-up for Tattered Cover owner Joyce Meskis -- "This issue is not about the Tattered Cover standing in the way of a police investigation; it is about the First Amendment rights that citizens have in our democracy." **JB**

I suppose if there was **one issue that academic libraries could resolve** in this generation of librarians, I would select to establish a fair and ultra-efficient model of scholarly publishing. [link via **Library Stuff**] **JB**

How Do Blind People Use the Internet? What about **Dyslexic Users?** [links via **Textism**] **JB**

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Is **U.S. History Becoming History?** An interesting article on how the government's electronic correspondence hasn't been successfully archived, resulting in a huge information gap.

More important discussion on library digitization initiatives and issues **here**. **JB**

NEVER CARRY A TEXTBOOK AGAIN... an ad on this morning's coffee sleeve. And for the first time, ebooks - specifically, **e-textbooks** - make a lot of sense. **JB**

06 apr 01

Japan Ref - Your links to Japan, including **pop culture**. **JB**

Even though 23% find porn the Net's worst feature, and 65% don't find it "sexually fulfilling," **pr0n sites grew** from 22,100 in '97 to 280,300 last year. **JB**

Rogue Librarian, **Carrie Bickner**, writes a kick-ass article on **new legislation that will hurt the poorest of the poor** on A List Apart. (Nice title Carrie). **JB**

05 apr 01

The digital divide between the computer enabled and the computer disabled... working with the public, I see this everyday. For instance, **not everyone knows how to use a mouse**. **JB**

Perserving wildness in space, an environmentally balanced aesthetic. **JB**

Building websites with recycled code. That's how I learned mark-up; not design-theft. **JB**

A prime responsibility for academic librarians is bibliographic instruction. Here's a **course topic** that would be fun to teach. **JB**

Computer Almanac, for internet stats: "59 percent of young American adults say they get more useful information from the Internet than from newspapers." **JB**

US Bureau of Labor Statistics found that people average 8.6 jobs from ages 18 to 32. [MLR: The Editor's Desk](#). 13 October 1998. **JB**

04 apr 01

How do managers feel about tattoos or body piercings? If you care diddly about surveys, you may want to [cover 'em up before an interview](#). **JB**

Imagine having [all your course work freely available online](#). This is the direction MIT is headed in its promulgation of knowledge. [more at [NYT](#)] **JB**

Feeling the love from [Digital Web](#). **JB**

Street Librarian Chris Dodge is more than inspiring with his column in the Utne Reader Online. [This](#), I believe, is at the heart of librarianship. **JB**

[Going High Tech](#): Opportunities, getting the credentials, and the ideal high tech librarian. [link via [Library Stuff](#)] **JB**

03 apr 01

Update: "When the library refused to take the magazine off the shelves, [Sbrocco resigned](#)." Ah, too bad... hope it wasn't a teary goodbye. Well, at least it prompted the Willowick Public Library to take a close look at content and its collection policy. [link via [Library Underground](#) listserv] **JB**

Check out this [live chat series](#): features case study sessions on building new information services. (Thanks, Robin) **CB**

[LiveHelper](#) and [Human Click](#) are free software packages that some libraries are using to offer virtual reference service. **CB**

"[Librarea](#) is a destination, a world, within the ActiveWorlds Universe, where individual librarians build virtual (3-D) environments, with objects that can be linked to web-based resources." Some forward thinking ideas and projects from librarian Jack Colbert. **JB**

[John Simm, librarian](#), and Christina Ricci geisha girl dominatrix, all business, all that, star in a low-budget heart-warmer. **JB**

[E-books as ads for the print](#): "Click to buy the paperback." **JB**

[Death of distance](#): a trendspotter's guide. **JB**

"Generation Xers will be the first generation to look beyond the borders of their own country and see the entire world as an opportunity." From [Developing Information Leaders: Harnessing the talents of Generation X](#) by Marisa Uργο. **JB**

Meet OPAL: an eighteen month Online Personal Academic Librarian research project based at the UK Open University Library providing 24/7 reference service for distance students. **JB**

A new **one-year residency program** at USF Tampa Library. Deadline: May 31. Residency begins August 2001. **JB**

NEA career opportunity as a **Web Librarian**. Washington, DC. Salary: \$54,591 - \$92,222. Deadline: April 6. **JB**

*spark-online: "It is quite fascinating that the leaders of the world's most powerful countries can get by quite well without ever touching a computer. This is what one could term the **other side of the digital divide**." Should Parliamentarians get hooked up? **JB**

Why do you need an MLS? JB

contenu.nu, a content consultancy in Toronto, NUblogs a piece on **academic publishing**. **JB**

01 apr 01

The **April edition** of NewBreed Librarian is out. We've got

- **FEATURE:** A librarian's account of 14 days in Cuba
- **INTERVIEW:** Jeffrey Zeldman on web standards
- **TECHTALK:** A showcase of tools and trends CB picked up while at ACRL
- **PEOPLE:** Urbana-Champaign students on why they went for the MLS
- **ASK SUSU:** advice on interviewing

Check it out! **JB**

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