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University of Arizona's library school has received a \$500K federal grant to **recruit more American Indian and Hispanic students** into the profession. **CB**

Do you want to go to ALA Annual 2002 in Atlanta but can't cover the registration, transportation, and accommodation fees? You might be eligible for a **Professional Development Grant**. Deadline is December 1, 2001. **JB**

This past week, the Serbian government confirmed that three blindfolded bodies found in a mass grave were those of Albanian-American brothers sentenced to fifteen days' imprisonment for entering Yugoslavia without visas. Seventeen Brazilians broke out of prison using a cardboard gun. A British study found that 80 percent of women fake **orgasms** during intercourse. A woman filed a \$100,000 suit against the makers of Pop Tarts after a tart ignited and caused a fire in her home. Queen Elizabeth's husband told a 13-year-old boy he was too fat to be an astronaut. Three genetically modified pigs stolen from a U.S. university were made into sausage by an unsuspecting butcher. A German court ruled a Hamburg citizen incapable of managing his affairs after he tipped a waiter \$11,000 for a cup of coffee. A pair of seagulls in London were terrorizing bald people.

More at **Harper's weekly review** **JB**

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A very nice article about **the role JSTOR plays** in preserving full runs of journals and providing journal access to smaller libraries. Includes arguments made by critics, as well as a brief description of JSTOR's digitization process. **CB**

We know there's a librarian shortage, but is promoting librarians as Ultimate Search Engines that surf or ride Harleys on weekends going to work? Shouldn't just promoting what we do be enough? Crap. The rest of this article is good, though, and a worthwhile look into the **shortage of librarians**. **JB**

10 Reasons why the Internet is no substitute for a library. And the 11th: the homeless can't hang out for hours *at* the Internet. **JB**

Are e-book authors **second-class authors**? Seems to me that quality can come in any format, and so can garbage. [thanks, Heather] **CB**

"People's needs are changing, they have other places to go for information and for books. Bibliophiles are as likely to be found sipping lattes at Barnes and Noble as standing in line at the circulation desk," in [The Future of the Public Library](#). There's a 51 minute show on today's Public Libraries too. [\[NewPages\]](#) **JB**

Oops! "The American Government is trying to claw back copies of a book that reveals US links to Sixties anti-communist death squads in Indonesia." Apparently the GPO sent it out to libraries before the US could clean up all the bad parts. Bummer! **CB**

ACRL is looking for a [Web Product Development Specialist/Editor-in-Chief, C&RL News](#). **CB**

[316 ways to net a librarian](#). [\[LISNews.com\]](#) **JB**

The latest Hardy Boys Case: [A Search for new readers](#). In attempt to appeal to 10-12 yr old boys, Frank and Joe now have cell phones, computers, and high-tech gadgets. Much luck, Simon & Schuster, especially when you're competing with Spawn for Dreamcast, bearded dragons, and skateboarding. **JB**

29 jul 01

You've probably all seen this [cartoon](#) by now, but if not, check it out. Too funny! **JB**

Library buys computers for homeless shelter: "As pay telephones disappear, because of the increasing use of cellphones, so does the homeless community's ability to get help. Free public Internet access is becoming more critical." But should libraries be responsible for providing it? A federal grant provides a way to maintain good relations between the public library and the homeless population. **CB**

Want to get people talking about your library? Invite [four performance artists](#) to spend two weeks living in the front windows. **CB**

A sweet story about a [tiny public library](#) in a neighborhood that desperately needs it. **CB**

Misinformation: the real computer virus **CB**

Libraries often see themselves as preserving the records of social and cultural history; [this one](#) is no different, although it has no books, and its subject is controversial. **CB**

27 jul 01

This is what the business world is whining about now: "The Internet is an important cultural phenomenon, but that doesn't excuse its failure to comply with basic economic laws... **The problem is that it was devised by a bunch of hippie anarchists who didn't have a strong profit motive.** But this is a business, not a government-sponsored network." What makes the wild wild Internet empowering for some, sticks it bigtime to others and like my mother always said, "Lo siento mucho, pero llorar no puedo." [\[alternate\]](#) **JB**

Carole Guevin consistently brings quality, intelligence, and heart to the web. A big thumbs up to her latest collaborative project, [afterchaos](#). Lady, you *rock*! **JB**

[Books Through Bars](#) offers [internships](#). If you're interested in starting a prison books program on your own, send \$2.55 for the handbook packed with useful information to: Books Through Bars, 4722 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143. Include ATTN: Prison Books Handbook on the front. **JB**

[The changed role of public libraries](#) in America: "Public libraries are becoming more like community centers, friendly environments in which neighbors come to schmooze, relax and tinker with electronic gadgets." **CB**

[Gates' generosity to libraries crosses the Atlantic](#) **CB**

[17th-century texts stolen from Oxford's Bodleian Library](#) **CB**

26 jul 01

[You probably don't realize that you're about to become a new polling target.](#) **CB**

The ACRL/ULS Program Planning Committee is looking for panelists for the 2002 Annual conference in Atlanta, ages 20-30, for a program on generational differences in the workplace. [Interested?](#) **JB**

New web survey shows that [web-wise teens are savvy about online privacy](#), and become even more so as they get older. One interesting speculation: "...boys as a whole take more precautions than girls. Antecol speculated that the reason might be the same one that caused generations of teenage boys to hide copies of Playboy magazine from their parents." **CB**

And in a related story, [Triangle Boy](#) is free software that claims to beat those filters. **CB**

If you teach, here's an [excellent example](#) to use on the different vehicles of communication and why a mailing list might be apropos during a crisis or for regular use in the scientific community. **JB**

[In defense of the chain bookstores.](#) [[AL Daily](#)] **CB**

Yesterday a colleague asked me if there's a way to get rid of those annoying ad popups (I find the ones that hid behind the window the most annoying). [Popup Killer](#) may just be the answer. [[brary blog](#)] **CB**

Is it time to start sing a [requiem for the web](#)? Microsoft has big plans for the web, and AOL is sure to counter with their own. Scott Rosen asks, "Is resistance futile?" [[AL Daily](#)] **CB**

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The mark of a [suicidal poet](#). [thanks, Heather] **JB**

The **Incarceration Atlas**: Click on a state to see how much its incarceration rate has grown, how it's spending on prisons and higher education has changed, what proportion of its prisoners are drug offenders, and the racial disparity between its general and prison populations. [svn] **JB**

Mice at McD's in Tel Aviv. I'm not surprised. People multitask these days and what goes better with a shake and fries than 20 minutes on the Internet for just two more dollars? Personally, I would rather take a time out when having a meal to just appreciate the food and the process of eating. But not at McDonalds, especially after that **beefy fries fiasco**. **JB**

The concept of **the independent web** is a great one - this site wouldn't exist if we didn't believe in it - but I can't help but be saddened when I see yet another **message like this one**. I've come to the conclusion that it takes a village (excuse the cliché) to grow and maintain an independent web site; one can only sustain a labor of love for so long. The issue of how long we might be able to sustain this site does come up in conversation every once in a while. I guess the cycle of birth and death is as inevitable on the independent web as it is everywhere else. But you can rest easy for now; this is not an announcement of NewBreed's imminent demise, just another late night musing as I try to get my brain to wind down enough to go to sleep (yawn!). **CB**

A fascinating article that incorporates **many of the themes** you see in our news - memes, social networks, blogs - and introduces a few more. It's given me tons of inspiration for my "Internet Information and Culture" course next spring. [Newstrolls] **CB**

24 jul 01

Film and video archive internship at Henninger Productions to develop and design a footage library. **JB**

I Want to Be A LIBRARIAN. **JB**

Widely-shared, curious **phenomenon** for those of us who teach. **JB**

If you're a male, and a librarian, **can you identify?** Wouldn't these issues (unfortunately) come up in any job where men and women work together? [library_geek] **JB**

The Cal State library system provides **evaluations of new databases** up for consideration. One of our librarians evaluated their comments and was impressed enough to share it with us. Not only does the archive provide evaluations by the Cal State librarians, but also gives the responses of the database producers to questions asked during the evaluation. [thanks, Paul] **JB**

The Los Angeles Times has done a nice **write-up** on Eudora Welty. **JB**

23 jul 01

Years ago when I taught classes about the Internet, I would tell folks anecdotes about the origin of names like Archie, Gopher, and Veronica, at least as they relate to the Internet. One day I decided to

contact the folks at **Eudora**, an email software program I had just been introduced to. I asked them where they got the unusual name. They told me the name was inspired by a short story called "Why I Live at the P.O.," written by **Miss Eudora Welty** who, sadly, died today at the age of 92. She had been hailed as "America's greatest living short story writer." **CB**

Not your typical visit to the library. **CB**

The planned sale of "**one of the last spaces of the Internet devoted to the public interest**" has created an uproar. **CB**

1000JOURNALS: A social experiment. [**surfstation**] **JB**

Is it art or is it architecture? - the library building dilemma. **CB**

Thanks for a great library! **CB**

20 jul 01

Sweetwater librarians get serious about overdue books - extreme, but apparently effective. **CB**

Dumpster diving for books? "Calgarians who uncovered dumpsters filled with doomed library books outside a mothballed city public school yesterday called the sight a wasteful chapter." **CB**

Dateline: Sydney, Australia - A librarian who hijacked a helicopter to pluck her lover from jail gets seven years in prison. **CB**

On StarTrek, you punch a button and you get a six-course meal; the future is now, Joey, **but with books**. [**Newstrolls**] **CB**

Dave's solution for **restoring competition to the browser market**. **CB**

"Field Librarians" - for those who like working side by side with faculty and students in their departments. **JB**

Two from this week's **Library Juice**:

1. One female dominatrix even tells me that, with the exception of The Teacher, The Librarian is the dominant role most requested of her by male submissives. Librarians: **too sexy** for their cats.
2. **A Librarian at Every Table.** **JB**

Some Alternative Library Collections brought to you by Chris Dodge. **JB**

Have you heard about **Teenangels**? Kids teaching kids about online safety. **JB**

19 jul 01

I'm back! Two weeks' vacation (incommunicado) was exactly what I needed. It's been a challenge getting back into the work routine, but after 4 days I think I'm almost ready. But it's good to be home.

CB

Questia has announced an **agreement** to provide services to AOL customers and Netscape users. Questia will sponsor portions of AOL's Research & Learn Channel, be available as an online library within Netscape's Research & Learn area, sponsor the AOL Parenting areas of Homework Help and Back to School, and provide AOL users with a free one-month trial of the Questia service. **CB**

Classic Friction (tee hee): A couple is thrown out of the British Library after being caught having sex. Library users complained about the noise coming from the men's room. Quote: "It's well known that libraries can put people in the mood. Our staff say that libraries have often been used as pick-up joints."

CB

Nominations for the 2001 TORGI Talking Book of the Year Awards have been announced by the **Canadian National Institute for the Blind** in Toronto. Nominations fall into 6 categories and "recognize talking books that have been written, published, narrated, and recorded with excellence." **CB**

Now here's feedback librarians don't usually get: "[Name withheld by request], thanks for the insightful instruction today in Web Publishing 1. By the way, you are a babe. I just thought that you'd like to hear that you are by far the sexiest woman computer instructor I've ever had. Have a good day, David." The recipient of this walked around with a smile on her face all day (it wasn't me - shucks!). **CB**

Cracking the code behind filtering software: Seth Finkelstein, an activist who decrypts filtering software, has been awarded a Pioneer Award from the **Electronic Frontier Foundation**. He has several criticisms of filtering software, but is particularly annoyed that most filters block language translation sites, because they can be used to circumvent filters: "It shows that censorware is about control, not filtering." **CB**

Last night I attended **Nick Fink's** workshop on "The Triumphs and Challenges of Independent Web Publishing" at the Portland Multimedia Internet Developer's Group meeting. The most salient message I took away with me is how to handle angry email... and that if you ask for feedback: be prepared. Nick said that there's often a valuable message in negative emails, and if you use diplomacy in communicating, both parties can benefit from open dialogue and getting down to what's really upsetting the (angry) person. His examples were great.

By the way, feedback is always appreciated: positive and negative. If you get a chance, **tell us** what you think about NewBreed Librarian and changes you would like to see. **JB**

Censorship High: A 17-year-old takes a stand against a school Web-filtering system.

- "The block list is what we all hate. It is the bane of every student and teacher at Foothill High School. We curse it, we shout at it, we bang on our keyboards, but there is really nothing we can do about it."
- "Planned Parenthood is blocked, while the Christian Coalition is not. Some sites calling for the destruction of gays are allowed, while others that promote gay rights, like GLAAD, are

disallowed. These are just a few examples of a huge trend toward repressing speech that is taking place in our schools."

- "Children under 18 still have the same civil liberties as everyone else, liberties that no one -- not even the government -- should take away."
- "I may be one of the first high school students to stand up against the Child Internet Protection Act, or the Child Online Protection Act, or the Communication Decency Act, or whatever it is being called today, but I am in no way the last. It is only the beginning of a fight that we will win, if not in the courts, if not in Congress, then on the technical battleground that is the network..."

We need more Daniel Silvermans, more high school students aware of these issues and doing something about it. **JB**

17 jul 01

The **100 Most Frequently Challenged Books** of 1990–1999. **JB**

neumu = art + words + music. Inspiring new web zine. **JB**

16 jul 01

Actually, I agree with this author in that many reading programs use "**dubious incentives**" to get kids to read. How can librarians motivate kids to read for intrinsic rewards rather than extrinsic ones? [**Library Stuff**] **JB**

Why **send in a human** to do a robot's job? Interface, of course.

Making copyright issues real to teens and kids by incorporating intellectual property into the curriculum. At least that's what the British are thinking about. **JB**

Tami talks about **librarian's salaries** for a second on her webpage, librariansRgeeks2: A Manifesto. **JB**

What has Keith Richards been reading? Four books at the same time, so if he misplaces one, he can find another. I've also heard he likes to garden. [**librarian.net**] **JB**

14 jul 01

Taliban bans Net from Afghanistan: "We want to establish a system in Afghanistan through which we can control all those things that are wrong, obscene, immoral and against Islam," Taliban says. Insane. **JB**

The case of the forwarded e-mail. **JB**

[Google Zeitgeist](#) - Search patterns, trends, and surprises according to Google, including top 10 queries. More [here](#). **JB**

Zeldman and a panel of experts will explore the Web's technical and creative evolution at [Webvision](#), August 7, 2001 at the Northwest Cultural Center in Portland, Oregon. I'll be there. **JB**

This inspirational librarian turns a negative into a positive by focusing a thoughtful spotlight on [banned books](#) and the issues surrounding censorship. **JB**

13 jul 01

I'm out for the day and having a truckload of fun at the [Oregon Country Fair](#), despite all the hippies. **JB**

Even if Utah's Granite School District has its [head up the arse](#), at least people are [saying something](#) about it. **JB**

12 jul 01

Digital copyright wars are getting ridiculous. [This article](#) lays out a juggernaut of issues that aren't going to be cleared anytime soon. Who would have thought the bottles would have caused such a problem at getting at the wine, huh? And shouldn't the *ideas* always be accessible no matter what the form if the essence of library and a knowledgeable citizenry still stands? [thanks Blake] **JB**

It is time for university presses to "seize the day," by:

1. "pursuing fiction, poetry and good nonfiction"
2. "become 'proactive' and separate themselves from the tenure dependence on publication"
3. "refuse to publish books they can't understand"
4. "get actors and musicians involved as part of literary 'performances.'"
5. "nurture publishing industries in the developing world"

Lots of robust opinions at this year's American University Press Annual meeting. [[NewPages](#)] **JB**

Library of Congress working on [recording the Internet](#). [[Library Stuff](#)] **JB**

[Fired but still fighting](#). **JB**

11 jul 01

What is it about these "[massacres](#)" that cut right down to a librarian's bone? Ouch. This sucks. Begin at "[Jessamyn's worst nightmare](#)." **JB**

They're everywhere, **Generation D: chatting, instant messaging, 3-way calling**, and making webpages ALL AT THE SAME TIME! My brain tries to be wired liked that but ends up dipping into too many memory cells for fuel (at least that's my theory). Another theory: the more "sessions" you've got open on your "harddrive" is inversely related to your attention span. **JB**

The Tasini victory means months and months of cleaning up freelance by librarians. A librarian from San Francisco wonders, "Am I the only news librarian wanting to call the majority's decision in the **Tasini case stupid?**" **JB**

10 jul 01

"These stories are true. **Conan** [the Librarian] has not made them up." Of course not. You can't make swank like this up. [**NewPages**] **JB**

And now you too can **correctly pronounce** those sesquipedalian wha-the? such as ALI AKBAR HASHEMI RAFSANJANI, SYLVESTRE NTIBANTUNGANYA, and SUBRAHMANYAN CHANDRASEKHAR. **JB**

The current issue of the worthwhile *spark-online celebrates independence. **Check it.** **JB**

The **musings of Eric Morgan** on Information and Librarianship. **JB**

9 jul 01

WEBZINE, New York City, July 21st - Noon til 3AM. If you get the chance, *GO*. **JB**

Wow, first a powagirrrl, now an ***onZine***... thanks **Netdiver**. **JB**

Douglas Rushkoff foregoes a print deal in order to give EXIT STRATEGY away for free. This **open source novel** -- readers can add their own footnotes and annotations -- goes live today. **JB**

What do accountants, librarians, bus and truck drivers, and construction workers all have in common? **Headaches!** **JB**

3 weeks and appx 7000 miles later, I'm back and buried under an avalanche of email, snail mail, phone messages, stuff (you know the routine)... and it sure does feel like Monday. But man oh manney did I have a GREAT vacation, and a good time at ALA. It was sure nice meeting the good people who stopped by our poster session. Note to self: First line of order upon return... find a good yoga instructor who teaches that high-temperature bizness, begin taking West Coast swing lessons from someone who has patience with painfully slow and horribly coordinated dancers, join the **SRRT** and **PLG** listservs.

It's good to be back. **JB**

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