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28 dec 01

With more well-written and promotive pieces like [this article](#), libraries will attract a diversity of new folks. We just have to put the word out! [[LISNews.com](#)] **JB**

2001 in retrospect via Google's [Year-End Zeitgeist](#) and [Review Timeline](#). **JB**

27 dec 01

[Dear Edward Abbey, Thank you](#). **JB**

Reasons to take the bus to work:

1. To avoid the inherent, unfavorable, Parking Situation.
 2. Environmental courtesy.
 3. But mostly, to combat that all-over, aguish and illusive dread of [reading anxiety](#) for 15 minutes in the AM and another 20 on the way home. **JB**
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26 dec 01

An economics professor is doing his part to [combat overpriced journals](#) and unprincipled publishers. In a [recent article](#), he uses a measure of price per recent citation to compare the value of commercially published journals and not-for-profit journals. He's urging others to join him in boycotting ridiculously priced journals. This is an important issue, and one where academic librarians could take prominent initiative. **JB**

Hope you all had a beautiful Christmas. It's good to be alive.

From [Allston-Brighton Free Radio](#) comes Chelsea Merz's project "[Bookcases](#)": *"I've been collecting portraits of people by asking them questions about books on their bookshelves. I stumbled upon this concept last summer while looking at my own bookcase. My mother moved from Santa Monica to Boston and I have temporarily inherited her books. My bookcase now resembles the bookcase of my youth. And all these books, books that I haven't really seen or paid attention to in years evoke so many memories and stories. To gaze at those shelves, well it's much more moving and revealing than looking through a*

family photo album. Since I've been doing these interviews I'm hooked. I want to interview everyone.”
RS

21 dec 01

Merry Christmas from your friends at NewBreed Librarian. We'll be back sometime next week.

Yikes! Budget problems aside, **closing a state library** seems extremely short-sighted and irresponsible.
CB

Heated, anti-censorship remonstrations keep a field of **waving penises on the stand**. **JB**

The **alt.librarian webring**: “A collection of websites made by and for non-stereotypical librarians, or alt.librarians. Not much “Sssshhhing” going on.” **RS**

Wondering what leads people to believe the information they find on the Web? Stanford's **Persuasive Technology Lab** is investigating — the first round of materials from their **Web Credibility Project** (including white papers, links, and a bibliography) is available now. Thanks to **wood s lot** for the tip. **RS**

Short-lived utopia: BioMed Central wants to charge authors \$500 a pop to get an article published in its stable of free online journals - “We expect that libraries and institutions will pick up on the idea and pay on behalf of the authors.” While it's true that libraries can no longer afford to pay escalating journal subscription costs, this is probably not the solution, either. **CB**

20 dec 01

Librarians ask mom to breast feed elsewhere. Sheesh, unless the kid is drowning out storytime with slopping noises and messy feeding, who cares? Certainly not the little kids, unless the parents make a big deal of it. [**Library Stuff**] **JB**

NYPL continues to raise the bar by providing relevant, important, and popular services with a clear, professional interface.
Witness:

1. Narrowing the digital divide in The Bronx and Manhattan by opening **two new training centers** that offer free computer classes.
2. A unique, personal **health information service** where librarians are trained to provide their communities with health info. **JB**

If you can't go to The **Stuff**, **Stuff can come to you!** **JB**

19 dec 01

The world's major libraries are celebrating The National Library of Australia's centenary by lending some of **their most precious items** for an 11-week Exhibit [07 Dec 01 - 24 Feb 02]. Among the treasures, are Paul McCartney's handwritten lyrics for "Yesterday," Mozart's Requiem, Einstein's handwritten theory of relativity, and Charles Dickens' walking stick. A respectful *WOW!*. **JB**

Check out these **innovative interfaces** (and I'm not talkin' 'bout the ILS vendor). **CB**

Art? Smut? Art? Smut?: To which I say, *error on the side of caution*. Just the other day, a group of us were discussing our pulp ficiton collection and how fortuitous it was to save these then marginal titles. Now, they're in demand. **JB**

18 dec 01

A 97-year-old Italian man is donating his vast collection of "**all the masterpieces of the best gay porn directors**" he began collecting in the 1930's. This could be "the largest single collection of gay erotica of the 20th century and could prove a major benefit to historians and sociologists." What a boon to his local town library! [[LISNews.com](#)] **JB**

The D'oh! of Homer: a Simpsons' philosophy class being added to Siena Heights University's curriculum. **JB**

Google keeps coming up with useful and astute ideas. The latest, a **Catalog Search**. **JB**

Troy, public librarian by day and a stripper in gay bars by night. "A B-movie archetype in three dimensions." **This is one busy boy**. [[librarian.net](#)] **JB**

Once again it's Pioneer **Zeldman speaking on standards compliance**, the impact the Web Standards Project has had, and the future of an interoperable Web. **JB**

17 dec 01

Two constructive threads at [NEWLIB-L](#), preserved at LIScareer.com:

1. Do most people figure out **what kind of library work** they'd like to do before or after taking classes?
2. What's the **Job Market Like for a Brand-New Librarian?** **JB**

Alright, that's it. I hereby establish getting through **Gravity's Rainbow** a New Year's resolution for 2002. Is it too early to be establishing (lists of probable) resolutions? **JB**

Priscilla has been busy adding great content to her new site, LIScareer.com. Recent articles include:

1. [In Search of an Emotionally Healthy Library](#)
 2. [Diversifying Your Experience](#)
 3. [Earning Your MLS Online](#). **JB**
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16 dec 01

Under the US Freedom of Information Act, the FBI have just released their files on [Abbie Hoffman](#), 1960s and 70s activist and anarchist and Co-Founder of [Youth International Party](#) (the [Yippies](#)). **JB**

15 dec 01

The [December issue](#) of the *Journal of Electronic Publishing* is available, featuring "[Electronic First: The Upcoming Revolution in the Scholarly Communication System](#)" and other meditations on content management. **RS**

14 dec 01

Ladies and gents, please extend a big fat welcome to our newest & swankiest editor: Ryan Shepard of [infolibre](#). Ryan is currently a library student and works as an intern at the [U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum](#) institutional archive. He drinks his coffee black. We are happy as clams ever were to have him join us. And just in time for Christmas! **JB**

Environmental and medical librarians, mark your calenders: a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [presentation](#) on online children's environmental health information resources will be Webcast on Thursday 1/31 from 1-3 PM UTC/GMT. **RS**

Attention school librarians... here's a great bookmark from Discovery.com, [Lesson Plans Library](#): *hundreds of original lesson plans, all written by teachers for teachers*. Excellent! [[Scout Report](#)] **JB**

Web site for "[Anarchist Girlie](#)," Katie Sierra. I've been thinking that things might go easier for Katie if she had [Misako](#) design some friendlier anarchy apparel. **JB**

13 dec 01

What will libraries and [librarians of the future](#) be like? Answers from ages [8-17](#). [[Library Stuff](#)] **JB**

The [Special Task Force on the Status of Librarians](#) now has a [web site](#). Looks as if they have their [work](#) cut out for them. **JB**

20 years and over 700 million messages of [Usenet archives](#) now available from Google, including many "firsts" such as [Tim Berners-Lee WWW announcement](#). **JB**

10 dec 01

Greenpeace is looking for a full-time [Photo & Video Librarian](#) to maintain their central image archives. The position is based in Amsterdam. Closing date: 17 Dec 2001. **JB**

Evaluating requests and destroying information are simply cosmetic solutions to upholding security. How far are librarians willing to comply? My guess: [not much further](#). **JB**

07 dec 01

Hey, did you catch Juanita in the latest issue of *American Libraries*? Check out page 51. **CB**

Better late than never: December's [TechTalk](#) is now available. **CB** (the very silent partner these days)

[Masked Lady](#) found in a library book. **JB**

Reasons to read the copyright page:

- To maintain your compulsive comprehensiveness.
- For some unknown reason, legalese is a turn-on.
- [To win a '65 Thunderbird convertible](#). Hotdiggity!! **JB**

[Information Architecture](#): what it is and how it relates to Library & Information Science. [[Digital Web](#)]**JB**

Under the Exciting & Something to Look Forward to Category: [Katia](#) and [Jessamyn](#) are putting together a follow-up to [Revolting Librarians](#). More at their [call for submissions](#). **JB**

05 dec 01

There were over 60 new subject headings added to our library's catalog during the month of November. Here's to (lift your glasses) [Salvation after death!](#)" **JB**

Contrary to popular belief, not everybody is having [sex in the library](#). [[librarian.net](#)] **JB**

In other [news](#), Michael Moore's New Book [Isn't](#). **JB**

If anyone has access to an image of a really good [trident](#), symbol for Neptune (the planet) and Neptune's (the god) weapon, send it to [me](#). If I use it (for a birthday tattoo), I'll send you my copy of [AHWOSG](#) by Dave Eggers. **JB**

The Morning News Roundtable, [Writing on the Web](#): Seven good questions to eight respectable web folks on trustworthiness, effectiveness, importance of design, favorite writers, and more. **JB**

It's [indexed by color](#), red-grey-green. It's as easy to use as your A-B-C. **JB**

Here's an [assistive bookmark](#) if you work in a U.S. library where all the clocks read a different time. **JB**

04 dec 01

Super Linux Evangelist and Open Source Defender, [Linux Lass!](#) [[Rogue Librarian](#)] **JB**

[Become a Librarian.com](#). Lots of helpful advice, for instance on choosing a program, what we do, and types of librarians. There's also a good collection on first person stories. However, no apparent mention of the scanty salaries which would be helpful in considering a profession... don't you think? [[LISNews.com](#)] **JB**

[LibrarySmart](#): a well thought-out and executed Information Literacy Project launched by the Washington State Library. The project is accompanied by a marketing campaign intended to apprise the general public of the need for reliable and trustworthy information and promoting libraries and librarians as the key to achieving this. There's a section for [librarians](#) which includes some resourceful handouts. Excellent! **JB**

Remember Dean Kamen's top secret invention that was going to change the way we live and design our cities? [Is this IT?](#)! And no, we're not talking about [The Strokes](#) song. **JB**

03 dec 01

Work with rural librarians in South Africa or Honduras as an [Inform the World](#) (ITW) Volunteer Librarian. Cost US\$2,200; deadline January 18th, 2002. **JB**

[Recommended Graphic Novels for Public Libraries](#), put together by librarian Steve Raiteri who buys graphic novels for the Greene County Public Library in Xenia, Ohio. [[Neat New Stuff](#)] **JB**

02 dec 01

Welcome to December and a [new issue](#) of NewBreed Librarian. This time around, a reference librarian gives us her take on the [Library of Congress Classification](#) System. A LIS student shares his efforts on setting up an [information architecture support group](#). And Susu speculates on the [future of librarianship](#). **JB**

01 dec 01



Hervé Guibert 1955-91
French Writer

[AIDS was] an illness in stages, a very long flight of steps that led assuredly to death, but whose every step represented a unique apprenticeship. It was a disease that gave death time to live and its victims time to die, time to discover time, and in the end to discover life.

To the Friend who did not Save my Life (1991)

See you tomorrow with the December issue of NewBreed Librarian. **JB**

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