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28 feb 02

Google Loves Weblogs: How 'blogs influence a billion **Google** searches every week. Thanks to **wood s lot.** **RS**

27 feb 02

Spike Milligan, "the godfather of alternative comedy," died today. He was 83. **JB**



Copyright & Scholarship: A **two part** interview with scholar and **Free Online Scholarship Newsletter** publisher Peter Suber. **RS**

Freedom of speech may not be all that free when you post about some of the lameness that goes on at work on your personal web site. **This sucks.** **[0format]** **JB**

26 feb 02

National Geographic is looking for a **news librarian.** **JB**

Documents librarians are "**amazed and surprised**" by one of their own calling for the restriction of public documents. **CB**

25 feb 02

Shortchanging Libraries: a proposed 15% citywide budget cut would eradicate many of the fine services and programs the New York City Libraries provide as highlighted in this **fine editorial** in today's New York Times. **[Zeldman]** **JB**

What is it really like **to be a cataloger?** **JB**

More on the **USA PATRIOT Act**, this one specific to college campuses - includes a list of specific provisions that affect computing technology (including libraries). **CB**



50,000 photographs and 2,000 slides visually documenting the history of the American period in Micronesia (1947-1988) and island cultures. Brought to you by the University of Hawaii Library as part of their incredible **Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands archive**. [Rockabilly Librarian] **JB**

Putting books online for the visually impaired. **RS**

John Steinbeck at 100: Events are being held around the country to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the birth of the “bard of the people.” **RS**

TAPoR: Text Analysis Portal for Research: . . . *will build a unique human and computing infrastructure for text analysis across [Canada] by establishing six regional centers to form one national text analysis research portal.* The site aims to eventually be “one of the world's largest online databases of old texts and archives.” Via **Eclogues.** **RS**

The **Budapest Open Access Initiative**, launched on February 14, aims to accelerate progress in the international effort to make research articles in all academic fields freely available on the Internet. The Open Society Institute has committed over \$1 million per year for a three-year period to support open access projects. **CB**

22 feb 02

(People are MEAN to Jane Eyre.)

Edward Rochester:

I have a dark secret. Will you stay with me no matter what?

Jane Eyre:

Yes.

Edward Rochester:

My secret is that I have a lunatic wife.

Jane Eyre:

Bye.

(Jane Eyre leaves. Somebody dies. Jane Eyre returns.)

Jane Eyre, from **Book-a-Minute Classics**. Guaranteed to spoil the ones you haven't yet read. [**Morning News**] **JB**

A student came up to the reference desk last night to file a second request for the same interlibrary loan article. Apparently, the original scanner decided to include **her hand** in the article. **JB**

The library, home to the ever hopeful . . . *My name is Ernesto. I need a girlfriend.* **JB**

Libraries, not the **oasis of silence** they used to be. Cemeteries still are, though. **JB**

21 feb 02

This morning in a meeting I heard a new term that struck me as creative and very à propos: "counter-enhancements" - the 5 new problems you discover after a vendor offers an enhancement to fix a problem previously reported. The person using the phrase refused credit for creating it, but she has coined another term that I thought was equally creative: **triplya**. **CB**

A helpful Q&A on the **USA PATRIOT Act and libraries**. Some of it pertains to state-specific regulations and laws (it refers to California state laws), but it gives you hints on what questions to ask about your own state laws. **[LII] CB**

If you're going to **ALA** and want to save \$30, **early bird registration** ends tomorrow. **JB**

You can cook your pizza in an oven, but if you're smart, you'll hold off on the **Palm Pilot**. **JB**

Putting the Napster model to good (legal) use: **e-book swapping for the visually impaired**. **CB**

Ebrary offers a **new ebook model** - view it for free (no subscription or check-out required), but pay to print. Maybe this is where netLibrary went wrong. **CB**

The **National Treasures** exhibit at Australia's National Library is about to close, and people are camping on their doorstep for the prized tickets - literally. **CB**

Middle School librarians improve their image by **begging for love**. **JB**

Tacoma Public, hangout and place of business for drug dealers . . . *"You can see their customers literally **staggering down the streets**."* **JB**

What happens when a South Bend library features a display with titles such as "Beat Your Ticket: Go to Court Now and Win," and "Driving While Black: What to Do if You're a Victim of Racial Profiling?" **Cops start checking out every item on the display**. **[librarian.net] JB**

20 feb 02



Virginia Hamilton, ardent supporter of libraries, noted author, and recipient of the Coretta Scott King and Newbery awards for literacy excellence in books for children and young adults, died of breast cancer yesterday morning. She was 65. **JB**

A **challenge to the copyright extension** enacted in 1998 has public domain enthusiasts salivating, but the U.S. Supreme Court hasn't yet scheduled a hearing. Both sides are busy spiking their guns in anticipation. **CB**

Due to faculty resistance and excessive costs, **SUNY-Buffalo pulls the plug from its online M.B.A. Program**. **JB**

Presenting the best article I've seen on [CSS Layout for beginners](#). Eric Costello of [glish.com](#) writes an easy to follow guide on working with CSS. He includes the what, why, how, benefits, limitations, step-by-step instructions and screen shots. I've bookmarked it. **JB**

19 feb 02

“The police department has refused to direct traffic at a YMCA triathlon because it says [the club promotes witchcraft by reading Harry Potter books](#) to children.” Geez Louise. Too bad we can't ship a posse of librarians to volunteer. **JB**

A new [Adbusters](#) is out. [VeganBones?](#) **JB**

The [March issue](#) of *Cites & Insights* is available. **RS**

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Coming at you from Honolulu is the [Rockabilly Librarian](#): “Polynesian-pop propaganda without the pu-pu.” [[Stuff](#)] **JB**

Can you really hold a patent on "[click here](#)"? British Telecom thinks so, and they're going to court to prove it. [via [Newstrolls](#)] **CB**

Would [Jakob Nielsen](#), web [usability](#) guru, and [Joshua Davis](#), innovative web designer, come to blows if they [ever met up in person](#)? **CB**

[Another Community Group Read](#), this time in our own backyard: thru 4/1, Eugene, Oregon, will be reading Ken Kesey's *Sometimes a Great Notion*. Afterwards, the movie (based on the book) will be shown at the [McDonald Theatre](#) with guest speakers, live music, and The [Merry Band of Pranksters](#) as part of the program. So get your travel on and come join us if you're in the area. Eugene couldn't host a more apropos selection! **JB**

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[Girl Power](#) at the Tempe (AZ) Public Library. I can think of at least [one](#) good addition to the list ;) **RS**

15 feb 02

If you haven't already done so, read Jenny's intro page explaining the concept of [Shifted Librarian](#). Her sentiments on portable information and libraries echo my own; and, if I were to speculate on the *Future of Librarianship*, I would emphasize the concept of *Shift*. Most certainly. **JB**

Jack Colbert's contest to find the lowest paid, FT position for a professional, MLS librarian anywhere in the US concludes with this winning entry: Reference Librarian in North Wilkesboro, NC, starting at **\$23,157. JB**

14 feb 02

Is this **really the message** these parents wanted to send to their kids about honesty? [thanks Robin] **CB**

"At a time when children have a world of information at the tips of their fingers, **librarians have a greater responsibility** in shaping our future leaders." Yep. **CB**

Library mural draws attention to censorship. **CB**

For Valentines Day, we're serving Dick and Crumb with a side of Christian apocalypse. Anyone? **The Religious Experience of Philip K. Dick by R. Crumb.** [scribbler] **JB**

Moresmarter: the story of a guy making his way toward a PhD in information and library science at UNC. This should be an interesting ride... [librarian.net] **JB**



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One librarian's story about **porn in the library.** **JB**

An **annotated database of Education Journals** for K-12 and teacher educators. **JB**

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More on the **librarian shortage**, low salaries, and recruitment initiatives plus insightful commentary on it at **LISNews.** **JB**

Looking for a good learning experience after grad school? Auburn University Libraries is offering a **two-year residency program.** **JB**

Have you seen any **ridiculous librarian salaries** lately? Check out Jack's **modest proposal.** **JB**

Cuba's private libraries: *In 1998, Castro remarked during a speech at an international book fair in Havana that "there are no banned books in Cuba, just no money to buy them" as a result of the U.S. embargo against the island. [Cubans] rushed to test that declaration, opening about 70 small independent libraries . . .* **RS**

A very comprehensive **list of mailing lists** on archives, records management, and museum issues. **RS**

09 feb 02

BabelWeb, a project of the **European Institute for Research and Strategic Studies in Telecommunications** has developed best practices guidelines for creating multilingual websites. "The monopoly of the English language in the Internet world will soon be over," says Elisabeth den Os, who led the [effort] which was finished last year." **RS**

08 feb 02

If you can't get to the library **try the grocery store**. **CB**

Why? **JB**

Searchable database of Life Magazine covers from 1936 to 1972. Some fun ones, like **Nixon at 14**, [coudal] **JB**

Six Canadian Universities to create a **portal for the scholarly study of electronic texts** - "Each university center has something different to offer, and we'll be developing some new software capabilities for researchers to use to make electronic databases more accessible." **CB**

Lessons learned on the interview circuit - advice from an academic, but it's appropriate for librarians, too. **CB**

A very happy birthday to the **Rogue Librarian**. More of Carrie at **Lemurzone**.

07 feb 02

Just a quick scan and I've found links to **Errol Morris** and **The Morning News**. I'll be bookmarking **this one!** [Juice]. **JB**

Hip Hip... **To fashion!** No wait... **to moderation!** Or, how about, to what you can afford?! **JB**

Just in case you're going to Mardi Gras, it's still ok for "**women to flash at the front desk** at, say, the LBJ Library," if you're into that. [metafilter] **JB**

I'm fond of certain shoes, cherish favorite coats that I'll wear until the wheels come off, and will never tire of my turtle (stuffed animal and beloved friend)... but I have yet to become attached to **computers**. [disinformation] **JB**

Applying for a job? Biblia, the Warrior Librarian, has some tips for you. **JB**

Major Virtual Library Initiative Underway in Nigeria: Nigerian academics hope the project will aid in reviving their country's once thriving scholarly culture. A fairly detailed story from [Allafrica.com](#). **RS**

06 feb 02

State of the President? "In George W. Bush's First year in office he...cut federal spending on libraries by \$39 million" - just one of many notable examples from his first year in office. [thanks Lee] **CB**

Here's some great advice on **how to think about technology**. **JB**

A Librarian by Any Name? Certainly. **JB**

Internet usage keeps rising. Big surprise, eh? [[Digital Web](#)] **JB**

What do **Mummies in motion pictures**, **Concrete as art material**, and **Indian dance lodges** all have in common? **JB**

Just discovered this site today: **she can be taught**: "The re-education of a 40-something. Library stuff. The Internet. Web Design. College Life." Today's feature: The Reference Interview. **CB**

The **Viewable with Any Browser** campaign: "discourage browser specific web design and help protect freedom of choice for all web users." **CB**

05 feb 02

Remembering the Alexandria Public Library Sit-in of 1939: 16 years before the beginning of the modern civil rights movement, one of its trademark tactics was employed by African-American residents of Alexandria, VA to gain access to the city's public library. Washington, D.C.'s own **Metro Connection** remembers. **RS**

I don't know what bugs me more: narrow-thinking that refuses to expound because a **lascivious book** has already received enough attention, or **draconian measures** arising from arse-backward rules. **JB**

From Hamlet to HTML, today's librarians have got the information spectrum covered. This is one of the reasons why librarianship is so rewarding. [[LISNews](#)] **JB**

Ambition from Eric Schmidt, Chairman and CEO of Google: "So the obvious question is: Where does Google go from here? And the answer is ... search. Let me give you an example: Are all the world's governments' documents online? Can you search all the government records of all the countries in which you're an international correspondent? No. Wouldn't your life be more effective, wouldn't information transfer be better, if all the information was online? Absolutely. What about all those premium services? I'm thinking of, like, the LexisNexis types. Wouldn't it be nice if some of that information were online and available in an integrated form? Maybe you'd have to pay for it in some way, we haven't figured it out yet. ... The mission of the company is [retrieving] all of the world's information. It's not all the

world's information currently available on the Web, it's all of the world's information. So what I do is I sit down every day and I think about, `What information do I need to get through the day and [why isn't it on Google?](#)` ” **JB**

“Dirty & Dangerous Women”: sleuthing in the stacks, a Scottish librarian has uncovered the shameful history of “The Lock,” Victorian Glasgow's hospital for “fallen women.” [BBC Radio Scotland](#) will be airing a program next week based on her research. **RS**

04 feb 02

The Winter issue of [Information for Social Change](#) is up with a focus on [Globalisation and Information](#). Included is an important article on [The corporate takeover of libraries](#) and an exploration of globalisation from one very [concerned 14 year old](#). **JB**

LITA wants to recognize [superior student writing](#) by offering an award: if you're currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited program, submit your unpublished manuscript on a library and info-tech topic and you could win \$1000 USD and get published in *Information Technology and Libraries*. **JB**

The [February issue](#) of [Walt Crawford's](#) “Cites & Insights” is available. Thanks to the [Free Online Scholarship Newsletter](#) for the tip. **RS**

Progressive Archivists is a “list-serve, caucus, and discussion board for archivists and anyone else interested in social responsibility in the context of the archival profession.” Their [new site](#) will serve as a repository for the group's documents. **RS**

Current [job opportunities at the Library of Congress](#) -- 11 in Reference. **JB**

01 feb 02

Happy birthday to us! NewBreed Librarian turns 1 year old today, and to celebrate we've got some milky goodness for you:

- **FEATURE**: An exploration of library as memory.
- **INTERVIEW**: Growth, leadership, and future opportunities.
- **PEOPLE**: Life after grad school.
- **ASK SUSU**: Where can I learn more about running a small library?
- **TECH TALK**: Opera gets the once over.

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