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31 mar 02

The British Library teams with over 100 publishers to **to create a deposit program for e-books**, and a private collector makes his cache of 150,000 rare 18th and 19th maps **freely available** via the Web. This and more via the latest issue of the indispensable **Free Online Scholarship Newsletter**. **CB**

30 mar 02

As a Canadian, I can't ignore the **Queen Mum's** passing at age 101 ... she lived a good life, and she will be missed. **CB**

A **new issue** of *Learned Publishing* is available, featuring the usual smorgasbord of intelligent articles on the world of electronic scholarly publishing. **RS**

Umberto Eco meditates on the challenge presented to philologists by digital technology, after viewing a new exhibit at the Italian National Library. **RS**

2000 Years of Communism: another interesting exhibit from the library of the Central European University's **Open Society Archives** (the English translation could use a little-fine tuning, though.) **RS**

28 mar 02

Australian librarians, library technicians, and archivists **have won pay hikes of up to 25%** after successfully arguing that their low pay was a product of generations of gender-based discrimination. More on their victory **here**. **RS**

A **sampling** of today's **C.I.P.A coverage**. **RS**

Keeping Anarchy in Order: a profile of **Labadie Collection** curator **Julie Herrada**. [**Library Juice**]
RS

27 mar 02

The impending eruption of Mount Vesuvius may threaten a buried remnant of one of **antiquity's great libraries**. **RS**

This afternoon I'll be heading out on vacation, off to seek a little R&R and breathing space before the frenzy of spring term begins. I'll be teaching an online course this spring called **Internet Information & Culture**. I'm sure the timing of the CIPA suit was planned just so I could use it in my course. ;-) See you next week, with a brand new issue of NBL. **CB**

Take a look at Nancy Willard's report on the **religious connection with filtering software**. She'll be testifying in the CIPA suit. [thanks Andrew] **CB**

26 mar 02

As the CIPA battles heats up, so does the press:

- **Librarians attack Internet filters** [AP]
- **Porn Filters on Library PCs** [Christian Science Monitor]
- **Trial begins over law making libraries filter out Net porn** [St. Louis Post-Dispatch]

Now check this one out: **Expert says porn filters cannot work without infringing speech** [Philadelphia Inquirer].

Which headline works for you? **CB**

24 mar 02

Is the success of hand-held technology driving the next step in **physical evolution**? [Plep] **RS**

The **C.I.P.A. battle** begins Monday. **RS**

21 mar 02

You never know what you'll **find in the basement** of the library. **CB**

New this week from **LII**:

- **US Newspaper Links** (USNPL) - arranged by state; also includes links to radio and tv stations and some college newspapers

- **ATXTA:** Acronyms, Text, Abbreviations, Slang, Messaging, Jargon - anyone know what "bulge bracket" or "freak nasty" mean?
 - **The Advertising Artwork of Dr. Seuss** - "before he was famous"
 - **Digital Library Federation** - "information about developing digital collections and managing networked information for the benefit of scholarship, education, and cultural progress" **CB**
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21 mar 02

Zine Librarian Zine: ". . . a zine about zine librarians, that is, librarians who take care of zine collections. I didn't realize there were enough of them to fill a zine with their stories, but that is exactly what we have here." This and more in the latest envy-inspiring issue of turns **JB**

From **Business Week** to **Bacardi**, it's the Librarian Stereotype Continuum. **JB**

The **April issue** of *Cites & Insights* is available. **RS**

Letters has been updated: "Your common sense approach to corporate librarianship is optimistic" - a reader responds to Susu.

14 mar 02

Are you thinking of redesigning your library's web site? Take a look at **Carrie's** PLA Lecture, **Sticky Sites on a Shoestring**. There's some good, easy-to-implement advice there. **JB**

13 mar 02

Three letters to the editor in today's Daily Bruin regarding Sony Barari's **fool-born jest**. **JB**

12 mar 02

connects online tutors to students grades 4-12 needing help with coursework. Live Homework Help is meant to compliment the work that librarians do. **JB**

Book lovers and the Library of Congress step in to **a few simple questions...** [pdf] **JB**

Moral of the story: If you're going to donate any original handwritten manuscripts to the Library of Congress, you had better not keep any pages for yourself for sentimental reasons. See, bureaucrats do not understand sentiment and will **sue your arse** for the entire "gift." **JB**

08 mar 02

Jays... buddy, **get some help. JB**

Apology: I don't know what I'm more bothered with... his lame sense of humor, or the fact that so many librarians, including myself, gave his article more attention than it merited. What does it mean when some poor bloke's misguided sense of humor causes such heated response on more than a handful of library listservs? **JB**

Turns out the **article below was intended as humor** - I imagine the author would like the hate mail to cease. <grin> **CB**

In case you'd like to respond to Mr. (Ms.?) Barari's skewed (and quite ignorant) views of our chosen profession: **sbarari@ucla.edu**. Want to write a letter to the editor? **viewpoint@media.ucla.edu**. Wonder if any of UCLA's maligned Info Studies students plan to respond? **CB**

NewBreed painfully presents an agonizing farce by *the cap of all fools alive*: “. . . every librarian with whom I have ever come in contact has been a **socially inept housewife** who needs a little extra income to help out around the homestead”. [thanks, Heather (I guess)] **JB**

Regardless of the debates over public Internet access, libraries continue to **serve the public need** by offering Internet access. **CB**

07 mar 02

Canada's national librarian **pleads for a new library** after a flood damages valuable materials - the 73rd accident in a decade. **CB**

A new proposal concerning **federal work-study aid to students** could spell disaster for academic libraries. **CB**

Cataloger X reports that the famous/infamous user-centric subject headings created by **Sandy Berman** and his staff over the last 20 years are in danger of being lost forever - the Hennepin County (MN) Library (Berman's former employer) will apparently replace them with LC subject headings in the near future. As there is no hard copy of the authority file, this move threatens to erase a substantial component of the life's work of one of America's great progressive library agitators. More as events warrant. See Also: this week's **Library Juice. RS**

06 mar 02

Identity crisis? JB

Trade in the tiara for a pair of headphones and **she's** a regular this term at the reference desk. **JB**

[Fashion Research Librarian](#), New York City. "Must have a passion for fashion." [Library Underground Listserv] **JB**

new issue of the Free Online ScholarshipNewsletter is available. **RS**

The March issue of American Libraries features the special report, [Reaching 65: Lots of Librarians Will Be There Soon](#).

In the same issue, the Internet Librarian writes a concise article on The Patriot Act, [Last Refuge of a Scoundrel](#). **JB**

04 mar 02

Inspired by Shift's Top Librarian Personalities On The Web. **JB**

[Jessamyn](#) guestcurates over at the [Mirror Project](#) this week. e-mail? [undress your iMac [[Morning News](#)] **JB**

Is it good business or [double-standard censorship](#) to move an art exhibit depicting well-endowed male nudes to the back of the gallery? **JB**

10 Things Google Has Found To Be True. **CB**

"We need spring. We need it desperately and, usually, we need it before God is willing to give it to us."
([Peter Gzowski](#), *Peter Gzowski's Spring Tonic*, 1979)

A new month, filled with the promise of spring. It will come...eventually.

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