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Students prefer the Internet for research

A survey of 754 students ages 12 to 17, recently completed by the research firm Greenfield Online for the Pew Internet and American Life Project, found, "For many teens, the Internet has replaced the library as the primary tool for doing research for significant projects. Almost all online teens use the Internet to do research for school—94% report using the Internet for this purpose." Seventy-one percent rely mostly on the Internet for research, 24% rely on library resources, and 4% use both equally. Fifty-eight percent use Web sites specifically designed for their school or class. "Students cite the ease and speed of online research as their main reasons for relying on the Web instead of the library."

Amanda Lenhart, Maya Simon, and Mike Graziano, "The Internet and Education: Findings of the Pew Internet & American Life Project," Pew Internet and American Life Project, September 1, 2001. September 3, 2001. <http://www.pewinternet.org/reports/reports.asp?Report=39&Section=ReportLevel2&Field=Level2ID&ID=230>



Average faculty salaries in library science

According to the College and University Personnel Association for Human Resources, average salaries for library science faculty on nine- or ten-month contracts last year were \$45,417 in private institutions and \$54,871 in public institutions. Compared to last year's report, this is an increase of 4.6% in private institutions and 1.3% in public institutions. Average salaries for faculty in computer and information sciences increased from \$58,260 to \$60,914 (4.5%) and from \$66,240 to \$67,988 (2.6%). Library science faculty salaries were 23% lower than the average for all fields in private institutions last year (\$58,700) and 7% lower than in public institutions (\$59,123).

"Average Faculty Salaries in Selected Fields at 4-Year Institutions, 2000-1," *Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac 2001-2*. <http://chronicle.com/weekly/almanac/2001/nation/0102703.htm>. Sept. 3, 2001. Last year's report: <http://chronicle.com/free/almanac/2000/almanac.htm>, Sept. 1, 2000



Illiteracy increasing

A recent study of literacy in the United Kingdom by Professor Loreto Todd at the University of Ulster found "up to 15 percent of young people aged 15 to 21 are functionally illiterate" compared to 2 percent reported by school inspectors in 1912 to be "unable to read or write."

"Illiteracy worse now than before WWII," ITN. <http://itn.co.uk/news/20010818/britain/07illiterate.shtml>, Sept. 3, 2001



\$10 million map acquired by Library of Congress

The Library of Congress has paid \$500,000 of the \$10 million needed to acquire the Waldseemuller map from Germany. The 1507 map is "the only surviving copy of the first map to bear the name of America . . . [and] is thought to be the first cartographic depiction of the Americas as a land mass separate from Asia."

John Noble Wilford, "Map That Named America May Call It Home," *New York Times*, September 4, 2001. LEXIS NEXIS Academic Universe. Sept. 4, 2001



Internet access worldwide

Home-based Internet access worldwide has increased to 459 million people, according to the Second Quarter 2001 Global Internet Trends Report from Nielsen/NetRatings, an increase of 30 million over the previous quarter. The United States and Canada account for 40 percent of the total.

"Worldwide Adoption of Internet, PCs Continues to Increase," Cyber Atlas. http://cyberatlas.internet.com/big_picture/geographics/article/0,,5911_875361,00.html. Sept. 4, 2001

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