

→ Fast Facts

→ Outsourced library services included in "Best Practices"

The "best practices" in distance education recently proposed by the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions lists "library-related services" among its "current examples of consortial and contractual relationships." Services that must be available for students "may include . . . library resources appropriate to the program, including, reference and research assistance; remote access to databases, online journals and full-text resources; document delivery services; library user and information literacy instruction, reserve materials; and institutional agreements with local libraries."

"Best Practices for Electronically Offered Degree and Certificate Programs," Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications. <http://www.wiche.edu/telecom/Article1.htm>. April 1, 2001

→ Electronic Ink

Electronic ink is a dark liquid dye containing white microcapsules, which can be controlled by an electric field. "To form an E Ink electronic display, the ink is printed onto a sheet of plastic film that is laminated to a layer of circuitry." According to Electronic Ink Corporation, E Ink "retains the superior viewing characteristics of paper, including high contrast, wide viewing angle and bright paper-white background. . . . Electronic ink can be printed on almost any surface, from plastic to metal to paper. And it can be coated over large areas cheaply."

"What Is Electronic Ink?" E Ink Corporation. <http://www.eink.com/technology/index.htm>. April 1, 2001

→ La Biblioteque Nationale's virtual library

The French national library has converted 87,000 books in its collection to a digital format and claims to have "the largest virtual library in the world."

"French National Library Sets '1% Digital' Target," Financial Times FT.com. <http://globalarchive.ft.com/globalarchive/articles.html?id=010319063302&query=French+national+library+>. April 1, 2001

→ E-mail most popular Internet service

A transaction log analysis of Internet use in a British Columbia public library found 41% of sites accessed were e-mail service providers. In contrast, library and information services sites accounted for only 1% of the usage.

Ann Curry, "What Are Public Library Customers Viewing on the Internet?" Burnaby Public Library Internet Use Survey. <http://www.bpl.burnaby.bc.ca/weblog.htm>. April 1, 2001

→ Administrators salaries: 2000-2001

Median salaries for library administrators at all academic institutions currently range from \$43,080 for acquisitions librarians to \$63,228 for directors of library services. The median for directors at doctoral institutions is \$111,999.

"Fact File: Median Salaries of College Administrators by Type of Institution, 2000-1," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 16, 2001: A32.

→ Internet use to triple by 2005

A market research report by eTForecasts predicts the number of Internet users worldwide will reach 1.17 billion by the end of 2005; 62% will be using wireless devices.

("Internet Users Will Surpass 1 Billion in 2005," eTForecasts, Feb. 6, 2001. <http://www.etforecasts.com/pr/pr201.htm>. April 1, 2001)

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