Mean hourly earnings for librarians
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics National Compensation Survey, the mean hourly wages for librarians in 1999 was $22.01. The mean hourly earnings for library clerks was $10.87.

IMLS funds library education
The Institute of Museum and Library Services has awarded "nearly $2 million to universities and colleges to recruit and educate students in library and information science."

Business-related Web queries
A study of Web searches submitted to the search engines Excite and Ask Jeeves in December 1999 found that "approximately one in six Excite queries (approx 12%) and one in twelve Ask Jeeves queries (approx 6%) were business-related." In seven out of ten of the business-related Excite searches, users viewed only the first two screens of results. Forty-two percent of the business-related searches in Excite included names of companies, products, industries, or associations. More than 88% of the business-related searches in Ask Jeeves began with the question, "Where can I buy?"

Increased expenditures in ARL libraries
According to statistics gathered by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), all but four university research libraries in the United States and Canada increased total expenditures from 1994-1995 to 1999-2000. Five ARL Libraries increased total expenditures by more than 50% during this period: Washington University in St. Louis (+50.1%), University of Utah (+50.7%), University of Connecticut (+51.6%), North Carolina State University (+64.1%), and Rice University (+109.8%).

Usage changes in the British Library
Searches on the British Library's online catalog increased by 24% from 1999-2000 to 2000-2001. Reference inquiries decreased by more than 14% from 604,432 to 516,231.

Stolen library books worth one million pounds
Lauren Hardman, head of security at the Association of Antiquarian Booksellers, estimates the total value of rare books stolen from libraries during the last year to be about one million pounds.

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