Presidential e-mail
The National Archives and Records Administration is trying to capture and pre­
serve all government-related records created in electronic form during the Clinton
presidency. The most critical databases, including more than 40 million e-mail
messages, will be duplicated and made available from the Clinton Presidential
Library in Little Rock.

Doctorates degrees conferred
The 1999 Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED) reports a 3.6 percent decline in
the number of conferred research doctorates in the United States for the 1998–
99 academic year, the first decline in 14 years. The SED survey shows the
number of doctorates in library science increasing slightly between 1998 and
1999 from 34 to 39, still significantly lower than the 1989 total of 60.
(A. Sanderson, B. Ducioni, T. Hoffer, and S. Myers, Doctorate Recipients from United States Universities: Sum-

The latest edition of the Department of Education’s Digest of Education Statistics
reports a 22 percent increase in the total number of doctorates from 1988–89 to
1997–98, while the number of earned degrees in library science dropped by 21
percent from 61 in 1988–89 to 48 in 1997–98.
(U.S. Department of Education. National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics, 2000,
pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2001034)

Undergraduate citations less scholarly
A bibliometric study of undergraduate papers in microeconomics found a sig­
nificant decrease in the number of scholarly resources cited between 1996 and
1999. "Book citations decreased from 30% to 19%, newspaper citations increased
from 7% to 19%, and Web citations increased from 9% to 21%.
(Philip M. Davis and Suzanne A. Cohen, "The Effect of the Web on Undergraduate Citation Behavior 1996–
1999," preprint of an article accepted for publication in the Journal of the American Society for Information

Employment outlook for librarians
A projected 5 percent growth rate and a wave of retirements by experienced
librarians is expected to create “39,000 job openings for new librarians between
1998 and 2008.” Most of the new positions will be in business settings, which
are projected to increase by 87% between 1998 and 2008. The number of posi­
tions for librarians in educational institutions is expected to remain steady dur­
ing this period.
(Olivia Crosby, "Librarians: Information Experts in the Information Age," Occupational Outlook Quarterly Online,

Library buildings
The December 2000 issue of Library Journal reported 241 public library build­
ing projects costing a total of more than $632.5 million during 1999–2000, as
well as 30 academic library projects. The cost per square foot in ten new aca­
demic buildings ranged from $76.92 to $290.00.
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