Information literacy in Italy
The annual report of the Associazione Italiana Editori (AIE) finds only 38.3 percent of Italians in 2000 claimed to “have read at least one non-school book in the previous 12 months.” Commenting on a decline in the “market of committed readers,” the AIE report indicates a need for the “Italian education system to increase the number of citizens capable of accessing, selecting and consulting publishing content and information sources in their adult lives.” According to the AIE, “schools, poorly equipped with libraries and librarians, are unable to spread reading habits, either for pleasure or as a necessity for adult and professional life.”


Annual wages for librarians
According to estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the mean annual wage in 2001 was $25,060 for 108,620 library technicians, $43,750 for 150,280 librarians, and $53,520 for 4,040 library science teachers.


Carnegie Libraries in the United States
Andrew Carnegie and the Carnegie Corporation funded the construction of "1,681 public library buildings in 1,412 U.S. communities between 1889 and 1923."


Web-based technology more important than libraries
The third annual survey of technology use in higher education, conducted by an independent research organization for McGraw-Hill Ryerson, “found that web-based technology is considered by higher education faculty to be the most effective institutional resource in encouraging student success, outweighing traditional resources such as the library and tutoring.”


Visually appealing Web site design inspires confidence
A recent study completed by Stanford Persuasive Technology Lab for Consumer WebWatch found that “nearly half of all consumers (or 46.1%) in the study assessed the credibility of sites based in part on the appeal of the overall visual design of a site, including layout, typography, font size and color schemes.”


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