**Google, library books, and scanning**

A single book-scanning machine used by Google.com would take 1,636 machine-years to scan the approximately 29 million volumes of the Library of Congress. The cost would be nearly $300 million. The estimate is based on 30 minutes and $10 per book.


**Women in higher education**

Women represented 62 percent of students age 40 or older for the years 1999 to 2000. The percentage of students who were women among students of traditional ages (18 to 23) also continued to rise, up to 55 percent in 2000. Overall degree attainment among the younger U.S. population (25 to 29) is also now dominated by women: 31 percent compared to 26 percent for men.


**Library and Information Science: Most prolific U.S. universities**

Of the top 100 federally funded U.S. universities, Indiana University ranked first in number of LIS papers produced from 1999 through 2004. They published 147 papers. The University of Illinois-Urbana ranked second with 111 papers. The University of Washington, Pennsylvania State University, and University of Pittsburgh ranked third through fifth, respectively.


**Internet filtering in China**

China's Internet filtering regime is the most sophisticated effort of its kind in the world. Compared to similar efforts in other states, China’s filtering regime is pervasive, sophisticated, and effective. It comprises multiple levels of legal regulation and technical control. That is the finding of a new study by the OpenNet Initiative. About 10 percent of e-mail tested was inaccessible in 2004. Approximately 7 percent of human rights Web sites and 8 percent of sex education sites were effectively filtered.


**British Library e-texts**

Texts in Context is a rich and unusual collection of over 400 British Library texts. You can find menus for medieval banquets and handwritten recipes scribbled inside book covers. You can browse the first English dictionary ever written and explore the secret language of the Georgian underworld. You can study the East India Company’s shopping lists and practice sentences from colonial phrasebooks. You can learn smugglers’ songs, listen to rare dialect recordings, and examine the logbooks of 17th century trading ships.

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