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Fast Facts

Presidential e-mail

The National Archives and Records Administration is trying to capture and preserve 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.

(Jennifer Lee, "Archiving Digital Records from the White House," *New York Times,* Jan. 25, 2001: G3. LEXIS-NEXIS Academic Universe. Feb. 2, 2001)

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. Duqoni, T. Hoffer, and S. Myers, *Doctorate Recipients from United States Universities: Summary Report 1999* (Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, 2000). http://www.norc.uchicago.edu/studies/sed/sed1999.htm. Feb. 2, 2001)

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,* NCES 2001-034, by Thomas D. Snyder and Charlene M. Hoffman. Washington, D.C.: 2001. http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2001034)

Undergraduate citations less scholarly

A bibliometric study of undergraduate papers in microeconomics found a significant 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 Science (JASIS).* http://people.cornell.edu/pages/pmd8/. Feb. 2, 2001)

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 positions for librarians in educational institutions is expected to remain steady during this period.

(Olivia Crosby, "Librarians: Information Experts in the Information Age," *Occupational Outlook Quarterly Online,* 44 (Winter 2000–01). http://stats.bls.gov/opub/ooq/ooqhome.htm. Feb. 2, 2001)

Library buildings

The December 2000 issue of *Library Journal* reported 241 public library building 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 academic buildings ranged from $76.92 to $290.00.

(Bette-Lee Fox, "Library Buildings 2000: Strength in Numbers," *Library Journal Digital.* http://www.libraryjournal.com/architecture2000/. Feb. 2, 2001)

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