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This issue of the zine draws together a number of themes that have been splashed across the media for awhile, and a series of contributions from guest editors.

Libraries and the internet

Google guy says Reference Librarians can keep jobs
<http://libraryjournal.reviewsnews.com/index.asp?layout=article&articleid=CA299471&display=breakingNews&publication=libraryjournal>

The article is an interview with Craig Silverstein, Google's Director of Technology. He feels that the Holy Grail for Google is to act like a Reference Librarian- this type of sophistication is hundreds of years away. Information professionals are still needed to help people articulate queries.

[From Stephanie McGlinchey,Parliamentary Library]

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) And PAN Pharmaceuticals

An update on these two Current issues. For those that have access to the GULLIVER databases <http://www.libraries.vic.gov.au/gulliver/> which are Ebsco's ANZ reference Center and the two GALE projects Onefile and Health & Wellness a search on both revealed 4381 articles on SARS on ANZ Reference Center and over 28000 on Onefile with 664 articles on the Health and Wellness database.

A search on PAN Pharmaceuticals resulted in over 1300 articles on the 3 databases.

Don't forget all you need is to be a member of a public library in Victoria.

While the UN is still in the news!!!!

The United Nations

<http://www.un.org/>

Looking for the Roadmap to Peace? Want to know what the Cyberschool Bus can do for you? The website of the United Nations contains webcasts of meetings, video of conferences and a wealth of comprehensive information about the activities and views of the UN and its member nations.

League of Nations Photo Archive

<http://www.indiana.edu/~league/>

This website from the League of Nations Archives, the Center for the Study of Global Change, and the Indiana University Libraries, is the online archive of League of Nations photographs. Has great examples of visual documents related to the development and history of this former international organization dedicated to the promotion of international peace and security.

And for your amusement...

<http://www.infofreako.com/jad/enpitsu-e.html>

If you can't write, you could always make a name for yourself carving pencils. Two Japanese experts are skilled enough in delicate woodwork to be able to carve a pencil without miscutting the naked lead inside. Admire their works including the honeycomb, double spiral and amazing chained pencil.

<http://www.cyberglass.co.uk/FlashEx/mindreader.html>

A London new media designer created this spooky little animation. Just think of a two-digit number, do some basic maths, concentrate on a symbol and see if the crystal ball adds up.

In net shell: Trick

<http://www.popcap.com/gamepopup.php?theGame=wordshark>

This is a great game where the words written on the shark's sides have to be typed before they attack. A fun way to practice your typing speed.

<http://www.life.com/Life/millennium/people/01.html>

Life magazines top 100 people who made the Millenium, ranked in order of importance.

Snow Crystals

<http://www.its.caltech.edu/~atomic/snowcrystals/>

The image gallery is spectacular showing the physics and beauty of snow crystals

[Entertainment section by Tania Barry, Wyndham Library Service]

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