From the Desk of the Dean....

Last week, while attending a meeting sponsored by Innovative Interfaces, I visited several libraries in California. At Stanford University, I toured two of their undergraduate libraries: one was the learning computer area and the other a traditional library. The second morning, we toured six libraries at U Berkeley. Here’s what I took away from the visits:

1: Well known ARL Libraries don’t necessarily do things better. At one of the institutions, I had the distinct feeling that the library was not very relevant to campus life.

2: More is not always better. Having lots of small libraries can be very difficult, and with 900 library faculty and staff it is difficult to make changes.

3: We are progressive in many areas, and one simple thing I noted was in the area of food and drink. Another was in the area of collection management, especially in how we handle our Reference Collections.

4: I am so glad we aren’t in that seismic zone.

Also, I read the book, Slack, on the flight home. It reminded me that sometimes we get so busy that we don’t take time to reflect about our work. We try to be efficient (to a fault) and subsequently just react to the environment rather than examine it and just plain think. I believe we could all probably use a little more slack in our days, and I am setting that as a goal!

All the best,
Kay

Training & Development Group

Introduction to Flickr
Anne Grant & Micki Reid
March 18th

“What I learned at... ALA”
Celina Nichols
March 27th

England/Scotland
Anne Grant
April 1 & 3.

Introduction to Facebook
Anne Grant & Micki Reid
April 8 & 10

Microsoft Outlook
Denise James.
April 30

Easter Fun Facts

- 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are made for Easter each year.

- Each day, five million marshmallow chicks and bunnies are produced in preparation for Easter.

- 16 billion jelly beans are made for Easter (that’s enough to completely fill an 89 feet high and 60 feet wide plastic Easter egg about the height of a nine-story office building!)
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Remember these from childhood... Can you find the 23 items hidden in this Easter Bunny picture? Happy Hunting!

Find these hidden items in the picture above.

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