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Have you bid on one of this week's treasures? Bidding continues for the **SILENT AUCTION** sponsored by The Friends of the RBC Library.

Auction items are numbered and displayed weekly in the library. For more details, ask one of the Friends of the RBC Library or the library staff. Sheets for your assigned number and the "silent bids" are available at the library's circulation desk.

### A Line or Two...by Virginia Cherry, Director of Media Services

BLACK HISTORY MONTH is traditionally celebrated during February. On February 14, 1996, Correspondent Lisa Price reported from Chicago that the "Birthplace of Black History Month gets a facelift."

Chicago (CNN): Locked inside an old, tired and rundown building on the south side of Chicago are generations of hidden history that Father Martin Shaw wants to share with the rest of the world. The building has its roots in the migration of African-Americans from the south during the early 1900s. "They migrated to Chicago and were not welcomed in the downtown hotels," said Shaw, a priest at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. But black people were welcomed at the Wabash Street YMCA--called the "colored" Y. Home to thousands over the years, it also became the birthplace of what was then called Negro History Week, 70 years ago. And Father Shaw wants everyone to know about it. He envisions an education campaign to get the message across. Visit this site and listen to the message.

#### [Birthplace of Black History Month](#)

[http://cnn.com/US/9602/wabash\\_y/index.html](http://cnn.com/US/9602/wabash_y/index.html)

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## Tech Corner by Joy Galloni, Library Media Specialist

### Info to Go

As educators, we consider ourselves "Life Long Learners." That is one of the reasons why we all enjoy books so very much. Today, to enjoy learning, our other resource is the Internet.

Last spring when the doctor told me the biopsy was positive for cancer, I got a book and began reading. It was a very thick book and at times my husband even threatened to throw it away! We both learned more than we ever wanted to know about breast cancer from that book and current pamphlets given to us by the doctors. For the most recent information I researched [www.cancer.org/](http://www.cancer.org/). Searching this site was important to me; I was more informed and felt proactive with my treatment and health care options.

Many of us would love to have an indexed book of reliable and excellent web sites. Currently the Internet has a half billion web pages, and the number is doubling about every six months. Our dreamed of book would be obsolete before it was printed. Instead of a book, the RBC library is receiving *Info To Go: Navigating the Internet*. This is a monthly newsletter "specializing in locating emergent Internet resources and trends for today's information professionals and educators." ([www.infotogo.com/](http://www.infotogo.com/))

The digest format highlights the web page name and gives a simple one-sentence explanation of the web site. The January 1999 issue feature article is "Choosing the Best Search Engines." These resources are authored by information professionals and include tutorials and search engine news. To choose a search engine that meets your specific needs, review "Choose the Best Search Engine for Your Information Needs." To walk yourself through a tutorial, try "[Finding Information on the Internet](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html)" (<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html>).

This timely newsletter is only twelve pages, and I'm sure you can find something to spark your sense of adventure for traveling the WWW. What about one of these?

[Auto Lemon Information and Sites](http://www.autopedia.com/html/HotLinks_Lemon.html) ([http://www.autopedia.com/html/HotLinks\\_Lemon.html](http://www.autopedia.com/html/HotLinks_Lemon.html))

[Virtual College Tours](http://www.CampusTours.com/) (<http://www.CampusTours.com/>)

[Tax Resources](http://www.taxresources.com/) (<http://www.taxresources.com/>)

[How to Write a Book Review](http://stauffer.queensu.ca/inforef/bookreview/write_review.htm) ([http://stauffer.queensu.ca/inforef/bookreview/write\\_review.htm](http://stauffer.queensu.ca/inforef/bookreview/write_review.htm))

Please stop by the RBC Library and enjoy *InfoTo Go*; each month interesting web addresses will be available.

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**Note:** Your RBC library media specialist processes video and Interlibrary Loan (ILL) requests for administrators, faculty, and students. Inquiries or requests should be sent to **Joy Galloni** at [jgalloni@rbc.edu](mailto:jgalloni@rbc.edu).

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## From the Reference Desk by Helen Q. Sherman, Reference Librarian

### History in the Making on the Internet

Today, we do not have to wait for current information to be published in print format. We can view history, literally as it is being made, on the Internet. For example, during a launch, NASA provides filmed footage of the action. Legislative activities that will become our printed historical documents are available and searchable daily through THOMAS on the Library of Congress site. Investigative reports and impeachment proceedings are available to the public on the Internet before they are sold in bookstores or by the Government Printing Office. When the President gives a speech, such as a directive that concerns the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), a division of the Department of the Treasury, it is available on that particular agency's website the same or next day, even before it is available as a printed publication or included in presidential papers. In fact, some documents marking the history of our