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As an example of how the online library makes school social work information available to a worldwide readership, read the Spring 2002 International Issue of the Journal of School Social Work, the first international issue of a school social work journal. The reviewers were from Australia, Finland, Ghana, Japan, Sweden and the US. This journal was published by the Iowa School Social Workers Association, so the international issue was probably read by a handful of people in the US and hardly anybody outside the US. The entire issue is freely available on ERIC on pages 130 to 236 at <http://www.eric.ed.gov:80/PDFS/ED467859.pdf>. Even if all the paper copies of the

journal issue were to disappear, it would still be available online to anyone, anywhere, at any time. Below is a Table of Contents for this ten-year-old journal issue. Allow up to four minutes for the pdf to load and read articles from Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and North America. These articles give perspective on what has changed in the last turbulent decade and on issues that still challenge school social workers.

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It is not often that we have the chance to read about the frustrations and satisfactions of a life in school social work. You may catch your own reflection as you look over the shoulder of a school social worker whose life work was down at eye level with children. It was satisfying to be asked to write this article for people like you who understand what it is like to work on keeping children in school, defending their rights and helping them to reach their potential.