to email, weblogs and websites. This takes Endnote further forward by allowing the capturing and re-purposing of references whether they be websites or weblogs. The system does not work with Mac machines at the moment. Further details and a demo site available from http://www.onfolio.com/.

## **Public Sector News**

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## **People's Network**

The People's Network has launched its twenty-four hour online enquiry service and this is quite a pioneering service. Staffed by English librarians, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm, it will offer an out-of-hours service from a centre in the US at other times. The web site introduction warns you take care to give full details of the town and county in which you live when posing questions out-of-hours as the librarian may not be familiar with your area. A warning about the use of English versus American-English terms might be useful too, or maybe the training has covered that.

I would love to try it out but cannot think what to ask at the moment!

## Freedom of Information update

We are now 6 months into the first year of the Freedom of Information legislation, and I for one am grateful that the flood has slowed. We have had some interesting and slightly bizarre requests but we are managing to cope. Central Government has had some far more controversial topics, not least the Iraq war, and far greater numbers than we have had in local government.

I believe the Information Commissioner has received 500 appeals of which 70% are concerned with requests to local authorities