You can easily watch videos and view images in ascii. If you are ascii art fans, you will be amazed what libaa and libcaca capable of. libaa is a portable ascii art GFX library, where libcaca as well, is another ascii art library but it have better support such as unicode, 2048 colors etc.

Mplayer supports both real time caca and aa playback as video output.

Besides, play real time video in ascii, both caca and aa have image viewer, where it allows user to view image in ascii. For libcaca, the image viewer is cacaview where for libaa, is asciiview.