

DIRECTORIES

Librarians' Internet Index

lii.org

Thousands of sites evaluated by librarians.

Intute

www.intute.ac.uk/

"[P]roviding access to the very best [W]eb resources for education and research. All material is evaluated and selected by a network of subject specialists... "

Best Information on the Net

library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm

Sites selected by O'Keefe Library at St. Ambrose U. in Iowa.

Internet Public Library

www.ipl.org

Subject collections gathered by U. Mich. School of Information.

Google Web Directory

directory.google.com

Sites are reviewed and classified by 20,000 volunteer editors.

Yahoo Directory

<http://dir.yahoo.com/>

Yahoo also has strong current events coverage at

news.yahoo.com (click Full Coverage).

INDIVIDUAL SEARCH ENGINES

Google

google.com

Search the Web, news, images, or newsgroups. See all the special features at Google by clicking [More](#).

Clusty

clusty.com

Organize results by topic, source or URL.

AlltheWeb

alltheweb.com

Nifty -- search audio, video and FTP files plus Web and news.

Search Engine Watch

searchenginewatch.com

Compare all the search engines, find the best ones for you.

METASEARCH TOOLS

Send your query to many different search engines at once.

ixquick www.ixquick.com

Surfwax www.surfwax.com

Metaeureka www.metaeureka.com

Dogpile www.dogpile.com

metacrawler www.metacrawler.com

THINGS TO CONSIDER

The Internet is a tool. Many of us rely upon the speed of the Internet to send and receive email, and to access the World Wide Web for news, information and entertainment.

The World Wide Web is a repository for an enormous amount of information.

Not all Web sites are suitable for academic research. Unfortunately, there are thousands of Web sites which contain inaccurate or even damaging information.

Not all Web content is "free." Many of the most useful Web-based sources of information require a subscription fee, or are restricted to specific groups of users.

It can be a challenge to locate reliable information among the "free" Web sites.

There are reliable "free" Web sites which have been created by knowledgeable people at educational institutions, trade associations and professional organizations. There are also Web sites which are the companions to established print publications, as well as authoritative online publications which exist only on the Web.

Evaluate Web sites for accuracy and validity. Consider the credibility of the producer of any Web site. If you can't easily determine the creator of a Web site, or you can't verify the credentials of its producer, it would be wise not to use the data or statements you find there.

Not everything has been digitized! Millions of books and periodicals have not been digitized, nor will they be any time soon.

Check with the librarian to get suggestions for legitimate Web-based sources of information.

Make an appointment for your own instruction session (it's free).

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exploring the World Wide Web via the Internet

Learning Resources Center

wccc.edu/library

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GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Firstgov

www.usa.gov

"[E]asy, one-stop access to all online U.S. Federal Government resources."

Government Information Search at Google

www.google.com/unclesam

A version of the Google search engine that looks only on federal, state, county & municipal government sites.

Government Printing Office GPO

www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action

This site is especially useful for linking to the *Code of Federal Regulations* & the *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications*.

Fedstats Gateway

www.fedstats.gov/

"Statistics from over 100 U.S. Federal agencies."

American Fact Finder

factfinder.census.gov

"[P]opulation, housing, economic & geographic data."

PA Power Port

www.pa.gov

Main entry point for PA government sites.

Pennsylvania State Data Center

pasdc.hbg.psu.edu

Statistical info about PA counties & municipalities.

POLITICAL FACT CHECKING

Annenberg Political Fact Check

factcheck.org

"... nonpartisan, nonprofit, 'consumer advocate' for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics."

LOCAL, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS

KQV Radio kqv.com

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette postgazette.com

Greensburg/Pittsburgh Tribune Review

www.pittsburghlive.com

New York Times nytimes.com

Los Angeles Times latimes.com

Chicago Tribune chicagotribune.com

Washington Post washingtonpost.com

NPR (National Public Radio) www.npr.org

CNN cnn.com

MSNBC www.msnbc.com/news/

Reuters News Service reuters.com/news.jhtml

BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) news.bbc.co.uk/

Google News news.google.com/

FULL-TEXT ARTICLES & BOOKS

Findarticles.com

www.findarticles.com

Hundreds of magazines & journals; choose "free content."

Directory of Open Access Journals

www.doaj.org

Access to the online content of journals in *all* disciplines.

Public Library of Science

www.plos.org/index.php

Scholarly journals in biology, medicine, genetics & more.

FreeMedicalJournals.com

www.freemedicaljournals.com

Scholarly journals in medicine & life sciences.

Pub Med Central

pubmedcentral.nih.gov/

Archive of journals in the life sciences.

Medscape

medscape.com

Substantial full-text content including journal articles.

High Wire Press

highwire.stanford.edu/lists/freeart.dtl

Journals in the sciences.

Bartleby.com

www.bartleby.com

Contemporary & classic reference books.

Online Books Page

digital.library.upenn.edu/books/

Over 20,000 free full-text books.

LIBRARY CATALOGS

Library of Congress

lweb.loc.gov

LoC catalog, THOMAS, American Memory exhibits and more.

Gateway to Library Catalogs

lweb.loc.gov/z3950

Hundreds of public and academic library catalogs.

Access Pennsylvania Library Catalog

<http://205.247.101.11/>

Over 1400 academic and public library catalogs in PA.

GREAT SITES

allmusic.com

www.allmusic.com

Identify song titles, artists, albums or musical styles here.

Alternet

alternet.org

Content generally reflects non-mainstream points of view.

Arts & Letters Daily

www.aldaily.com

Links to articles concerning the humanities.

truTV

www.trutv.com

Trial coverage, Crime Library, & criminal justice content.

Findlaw

www.findlaw.com

Law cases, codes & topical essays.

The History Channel & The Biography Channel

www.historychannel.com & www.biography.com

Two useful sites from A&E Networks.

Internet Movie DataBase

us.imdb.com

The most comprehensive film site on the Web.

New Pages

www.newpages.com

Independent and/or alternative bookstores, publishers, newweeklies, periodicals & record labels.

Public Broadcasting System

www.pbs.org

Videos & more for shows such as Frontline & Nature.

SciTech Daily Review

www.scitechdaily.com

Here is "the best intelligent, informed science and technology coverage and analysis" on the Web.

The Smoking Gun

www.thesmokinggun.com/

Contains "... exclusive documents -- cool, confidential, quirky -- that can't be found elsewhere on the Web."

Space.com

space.com

The "definitive site ... dedicated to space"

Urban Legends Reference Page

www.snopes.com

To learn about contemporary mythology, this is the place.

