

FOR VERY ADVANCED RESEARCHERS WITH A HIGH COMMAND OF ENGLISH) 2009 revisions

STUDENT RESEARCH GUIDES:

GREAT WEB APPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/top_10_web_apps_for_students.php

99 RESOURCES TO RESEARCH & MINE THE INVISIBLE WEB

<http://www.collegedegree.com/library/college-life/99-resources-to>

A list by Jessica Hupp.

A SCHOLARS' GUIDE TO THE WWW by *Richard Jensen*

<http://tigger.uic.edu/~rjensen/>

A RESEARCH GUIDE FOR STUDENTS: <http://geocities.com/researchguide/>

DIGITAL RESEARCH TOOLS: <http://digitalresearchtools.pbwiki.com/>

OER COMMONS: Find Free-to-Use Teaching and Learning Content from around the World Organize K-12 Lessons, College Courses, and more for your Classroom

Open Educational Resources or OER aim to increase the freedom to learn.

Resources that can be adapted and shared are truly “open”.

SEARCH and BROWSE 1000's of individual resources gathered from trusted COLLECTIONS across Subject area and Grade level.

<http://www.oercommons.org/>

OPEN ACCESS DIRECTORY: OAD

http://oad.simmons.edu/oadwiki/Main_Page

The Open Access Directory (OAD) is a compendium of simple factual lists about open access (OA) to science and scholarship, maintained by the OA community at large. By bringing many OA-related lists together in one place, OAD will make it easier for everyone to discover them and use them for reference.

POLICY RESEARCH AND ACCESS TO RESEARCH STUDIES IN NUMEROUS DISCIPLINES:

PolicyArchive (<https://www.policyarchive.org/>), is a joint project of the Center for Governmental Studies (CGS), a nonprofit organization in California, the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Library and Communications Consortium Media Center in Washington, DC.

From the July 03, 2008 Issue of ResourcesHelf: <http://www.ResourcesHelf.com:>

“Problem: American philanthropic foundations spend over \$1.5 billion a year on research. Spread out across the nation among diverse libraries, institutions, databases, and websites, this valuable research can be difficult or impossible to identify and obtain once it has been published. Research organizations have no central place to distribute or archive their content, and search engines cannot easily locate much policy research. Research is not optimized to appear at the top of search engine results. Existing

policy websites are focused on single issues or available only upon payment of substantial fees.

Solution: PolicyArchive simplifies this complex research landscape by providing a universal, easy-to-use, free, and open digital archive of foundation-funded and other public policy research. The PolicyArchive solution provides public interest organizations a low-cost electronic system for distributing, publicizing, and archiving their research. It allows research users, policy makers, the media, and the public to quickly access the depth and breadth of research in various subject matters. It also provides a direct line of communication between research providers and end-users, thus increasing public awareness of an organization's work and adding significant value to their research investment. Ultimately, PolicyArchive will indefinitely preserve the life of public policy research, substantially increase its impact, and provide society at large with long-term access to the benefits of that important research.

PolicyArchive uses a dropdown menu for browsing by topic, author, funder, or publisher. One can also search via the keyword search box next to the dropdown menu. An advanced search form offers menu-driven field searching, Boolean options, and the ability to limit your search to a particular topic or type of publication.

Topic "quick links" are available at the bottom of the home page:

- * Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- * Banking and finance
- * Business
- * Culture and religion
- * Economics
- * Education
- * Energy
- * Environment
- * Government
- * Health
- * Human rights
- * International relations
- * Justice
- * Labor
- * Law and ethics
- * Manufacturing and industry
- * Media, telecommunications, and information
- * Military and defense
- * Politics
- * Population and demographics
- * Science and technology
- * Social conditions
- * Trade
- * Transportation

The archive currently contains more than 12,000 documents; organizations are encouraged to register and upload their research to the site. More than 250 diverse institutions are already doing so, from Action for Children to Women's Voices for the Earth. The entire political spectrum is represented as well - from the liberal Center for American Progress, to the libertarian Cato Institute, to the conservative Heritage Foundation. About halfway down the home page, on the

righthand side, you can see the latest additions to the archive. You can subscribe to an e-mail newsletter if you're interested in keeping up with what's new."

DISSERTATION AND THESIS ACCESS: FULL TEXT OF THESES AND DISSERTATIONS:

Library of Congress Theses and Dissertations Resources

The Library of Congress has compiled an annotated list of theses and dissertations databases from around the world. Coverage includes the **Theses Canada Portal**, where you can search for theses and dissertations in the National Library of Canada.

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9/education/theses.html>

MIT [Massachusetts Institute of Technology] THESES AND DISSERTATIONS:

<http://dspace.mit.edu>

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND THESES AND DISSERTATIONS: <http://www.lib.umd.edu/drum>

ECON RESEARCH:

www.repec.org

www.rfe.org

<http://ideas.repec.org>

www.eap-journal.com

ECON STATS: <http://www.econstats.com/index.htm>

WORKING WITH NGOS AND CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS:

www.eldis.org

DOCUTICKER (A Search Engine for the latest NGO Reports and Think Tank Documents)

<http://www.docuticker.com>

DISTANCE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND FREE COURSE CONTENT:

<http://ocw.mit.edu>

<http://ocw.tufts.edu>

<http://ocw.usu.edu>

<http://ocw.nd.edu>

<http://ocw.uci.edu>

<http://youtube.com/ucberkeley>

<http://ocwconsortium.org>

Practical web site on **how to locate** the consortium members found in MIT site: all the members that are now applying open courseware software

YALE UNIVERSITY NOW OFFERS FREE ONLINE COURSES VIA ITS WEB SITE:

<http://open.yale.edu/courses/>

FREE ACCESS TO JOURNALS: FREE RESEARCH FROM HOME OR OFFICE WITH FULL TEXT ARTICLES,

www.openjgate.org

<http://www.doaj.org/> (Directory of Open Access Journals)

<http://hq.ssrn.com> (need to register at www.ssrn.com but registration is free. Need to wait 24 hours to receive password.) **Social Sciences Research Network** (SSRN) is a world wide collaborative of leading scholars devoted to social science research. It is composed of a number of specialized research networks in each of the social sciences. Each network encourages the early distribution of research results by reviewing and publishing and soliciting abstracts of top

quality research papers around the world. The SSRN eLibrary contains information about working and accepted papers in the fields of financial economics, accounting research, legal scholarship, economic research and management research. The Economics Research Network publishes quality research in economics currently covering 44 subject areas. <http://hq.ssm.com/>
To register, go to <http://www.ssrn.com>

FREE TEXT ARTICLES IN ALL FIELDS: <http://highwire.stanford.edu>

FREE BOOKS:

FREE FULL TEXT DOWNLOADS AT: <http://repositories.cdlib.org/escholarship/>

"The University of California announced this week that its widely used [eScholarship Repository](http://repositories.cdlib.org/escholarship/) has surpassed the 5 million mark for full-text downloads of its open access scholarly content. This major milestone reflects the impressive adoption and usage rate the repository has enjoyed since its inception in 2002, with University of California academic units and departments from its 10 campuses publishing or depositing more than 20,000 papers and works." JAN 2008 Press Release.

CALIFORNIA DIGITAL LIBRARY: FREE ACCESS TO HUNDREDS OF ACADEMIC E-BOOKS :
<http://texts.cdlib.org/escholarship/> **and:**
<http://content.cdlib.org/escholarship/> **(Access to over 2000 high quality academic free books!)**

SUBJECT LISTING OF ALL FREE BOOK TITLES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS E-SCHOLARSHIP EDITIONS:

<http://www.escholarship.org/editions/search?facet=subject;style=eschol;brand=eschol>

DEMO OF AN OPEN FULL-TEXT LIBRARY: <http://demo.openlibrary.org/>

An attempt to put most books on the Internet. FULL TEXT! Searchable.

RESEARCH SECRETS:

SECRETS OF RESEARCHING FREE MATERIALS ON THE INTERNET (FREE, FULL TEXT WEB COLLECTIONS):

<http://www.suffolk.edu/sawlib/webcollect.htm#other>

DIGITAL LIBRARIAN: A LIBRARIANS CHOICE OF THE BEST OF THE WEB:

<http://www.digital-librarian.com/>

(Includes all Subject Fields)

ELDIS: <http://www.eldis.org>

Full text links to NGO and other research reports, especially those that deal with Africa and the Middle East.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDES: <http://www.nypl.org/sibl/guides/>

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY: THE BEST OF THE WEB: <http://www.nypl.org/links>

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AMERICAN MEMORY PROJECT:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse>

An example of the very best in Digital Libraries: American History digitized.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: ALCOVE 9: SEARCH ENGINE OF THE BEST WEB SITES:

www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9

STUDENT CORNER with free publications and E-Journals:
<http://www.america.gov/publications/student-corner.html>

VIRTUAL REFERENCE SHELF from the Library of Congress:
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/virtualref.html>

FREE RESEARCH REPORTS FROM THE FOREIGN PRESS CENTER:
<http://www.fpc.state.gov>
(Click on REPORTS ON THE LEFT OF THE WEB SITE)

→▶ **ALSO, PLEASE CONSULT THE CAIRO IRC WIKI FOR OTHER QUALITY, RESEARCH ORIENTED RESOURCES:** <http://tinyurl.com/6dfaxn>

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