

**HOW TO KEEP UP WITH NEW DEVELOPMENTS: NEW CHANGES, NEW WEB SITES, NEW DATABASES, AND NEW RESEARCH TRENDS:** January 14 2009 update and revision

**HOW TO FIND QUALITY, NEW INTERNET SITES:**

*ACADEMIC INFO SUBJECT GUIDES:* <http://www.academicinfo.net/subject-guides>  
(Annotated listing of the best new sites being published in all areas.)

*ACRL INTERNET RESOURCES:*

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/publications/crlnews/internetresources.cfm>

Published monthly, these series of articles give you the very best new Internet sites in all areas as evaluated by professional librarians and researchers; highly useful.

*BEYOND GOOGLE: 119 AUTHORITATIVE RESEARCH RESOURCES MUCH BETTER THAN GOOGLE:*

<http://oedb.org/library/college-basics/research-beyond-google>

*CHOOSE THE BEST SEARCH ENGINE FOR YOUR NEED:*

<http://www.noodletools.com/debbie/literacies/information/5locate/adviceengine.html>

*ALA [AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION] WEBSITE:* [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

In the search engine provided at the top of the page, type in "BEST FREE"

Here are some sample search results from the ALA Search Engine:

**BEST FREE REFERENCE SITES:**

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/sections/mars/marspubs/marsbestref2007.cfm>

**BEST OF THE BEST FREE BUSINESS WEB SITES:**

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/sections/brass/brassprotools/bestofthebestbus/bestbestbusiness.cfm>

**HERIOT WATT UNIVERSITY: INTERNET RESOURCES NEWSLETTER:**

<http://www.hw.ac.uk/libwww/irn/irn.html>

*IRCWORLDSPOT.BLOG:*

<http://www.ircworld.blogspot.com> (Internet sites and product reviews in all subject areas.)

*LIBRARIANS INDEX TO THE INTERNET:* <http://www.lii.org> (also maintains a search engine to make it easier to find specific Internet sites in subject areas.)

*MARY LAINE'S WHAT'S NEW ON THE 'NET:* [www.marylaine.com/neatnew.html](http://www.marylaine.com/neatnew.html)

*THE SCOUT REPORT:* <http://scout.wisc.edu/index.php>

## HOW TO FIND SCHOLARLY ARTICLES OR SPECIALIZED RESEARCH STUDIES:

**AWARENESS WATCH NEWSLETTER:** Marcus Zillman reviews the latest trends and developments each month in this free, subscription newsletter.

<http://www.awarenesswatch.com/>

**Free Access to Dissertations and Theses: DRUM: Digitized Research Project of Maryland:** <http://www.lib.umd.edu/drum>

Contains free digitized theses and dissertations and specialized research studies in all disciplines.

**OPEN-JOURNAL PROJECT:**

<http://www.openjgate.org/> (Free full text access to articles from over 3,500 PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS AND PROFESSIONAL AND INDUSTRY JOURNALS.)

**URL HEADLINES:** *the Latest web sites, both for the Consumer oriented and for the Scholar:* <http://www.urlwire.com/headlines/>

## HOW TO TAP INTO THE BEST DISTANCE EDUCATION RESOURCES:

**ONLINE EDUCATION DATABASE** <http://oedb.org/> A guide to some college-level educational programs available online. "OEDb current contains reviews of 214 programs from 42 accredited schools. Unlike other leading online education directories, our database only lists accredited online schools..."

**FREE ONLINE COURSES OFFERED BY ONE OF AMERICA'S BEST PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES, the MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)** <http://ocw.mit.edu> (look at the free courses offered in the left column and participating institutions on the right under other Open courseware sites.)

Also look at: <http://www.ocwconsortium.org/members/consortium-members.html> for a listing of other Universities offering free online courses. Click on the "Members" tab on the top for a listing of these institutions.

## HOW TO KEEP UP WITH NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND NEW RESEARCH TRENDS:

<http://www.resourceshelf.com> (Reports on new databases, new digital initiatives all over the world, research trends; updated every day with new resources. For many researchers, this is a **must read**.)

Latest Think Tank reports: <http://www.docuticker.com>

**GOOGLE TRENDS:** <http://www.google.com/intl/en/trends/about.html#1>

Keep up with the latest trends using a variation of the Google Search Engine: this web site explains how.

**Social Sciences Research Network:** <http://www.ssrn.com>

Social Science Research Network (SSRN) is a world wide collaborative of leading scholars that is devoted to the rapid worldwide dissemination of social science research. It is composed of a number of specialized research networks in each of the social sciences.

Each of SSRN's networks encourages the early distribution of research results by reviewing and publishing submitted abstracts and by soliciting abstracts of top quality research papers around the world and contains information about working and accepted papers in the fields of financial economics, accounting research, legal scholarship, economic research and management.

The Economics Research Network publishes quality research in economics currently covering 44 subject areas.

[http://hq.ssrn.com/Pub\\_Login.cfm?unm=f&Rpt=y](http://hq.ssrn.com/Pub_Login.cfm?unm=f&Rpt=y) (NOTE: NEED TO REGISTER FIRST, but, registration is free) L720

**FREE REGISTRATION FOR SSRN IS AVAILABLE AT THIS ADDRESS:**

<http://hq.ssrn.com/login/pubSignInJoin.cfm?>

**HOW TO KEEP UP WITH LEGAL RESEARCH, LEGAL NEWS AND LEGAL ISSUES:**

*THE JURIST WEB SITE FROM THE U OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW:*

<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/>

*LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDES:* <http://www.rodborlase.com/Guides/>

*WEB JOURNAL OF CURRENT LEGAL RESEARCH:* <http://webjcli.ncl.ac.uk/>

*INDEX TO ALL ISSUES AT:* <http://webjcli.ncl.ac.uk/admin/wjclidex.html>

*THE NEW WORLD OF LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP: 2007 PAPER:*

<http://ssrn.com/abstract=957237> (need to register through the SSRN service first, as listed on page 2. After registration, use the SEARCH E-LIBRARY link on the left to search for this paper, can be downloaded for free.)

*LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH EXCHANGE (LLRX):* <http://www.llrx.com>

Every month offers legal scholars a monthly compendium of the latest legal research databases, techniques for more efficient searching, as well as legal resources and new highly specialized legal bibliographies in comparative, international, foreign, and US Law. One can subscribe to this service for free, so that new materials come directly to your email address. Contemporary legal research issues written by lawyers and librarians with law degrees, highly professional; voted to be one of **ten best Internet resources** of the decade.)

**HOW TO KEEP UP WITH EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:****Free Educational Textbooks:** [www.cnx.org](http://www.cnx.org):**Connexions is:**

a place to view and share educational material made of small knowledge chunks called modules that can be organized as courses, books, reports, *etc.* Anyone may view or contribute:

**authors** create and collaborate

**instructors** rapidly build and share custom collections

**learners** find and explore content

**CURRIKI:** Curriculum Guides and Lesson plans for hundreds of different topics: a great resource for educators and students and teachers! Funded in part by the US Department of Education: <http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Main/WebHome>

**National Endowment of the Humanities Edsitement:** <http://edsitement.neh.gov/>

Includes Lesson Plans and EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR MANY TOPICS Great for students and teachers alike!

**HOW TO KEEP UP WITH ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENTS:**

<http://www.vlib.org/Engineering>

(VIRTUAL WORLD LIBRARY FOR ENGINEERING):

See [www.vlib.com](http://www.vlib.com) for many other disciplines as well!

**HOW TO KEEP UP WITH MEDICAL NEWS:**

Med Page Today: Breaking Medical News

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/>

**HOW TO KEEP UP WITH SCIENCE NEWS: SCIENCE UPDATE**

<http://www.scienceupdate.com/index.php> (updated daily)

**SCIENCE NOW: THE LATEST NEWS HEADLINES** from the Scientific World <http://sciencenow.sciencemag.org/> Keeping tabs on important developments in the world of science can be rather exhausting, especially considering the number of websites dedicated to various fields of scientific endeavor. One very helpful way to do this is through the ScienceNOW site, which features daily news items from both ScienceNow and weekly news from Science magazine. First-time visitors should spend a few minutes just looking at some of the recent postings, which could include items on the use of genetically modified crops to land reclamation schemes in South Africa. Visitors can access all news items from the previous four weeks at no charge, and they may also wish to sign up to receive email alerts and RSS feeds.

**SCIENCE WATCH: WHAT'S NEW IN RESEARCH:** <http://sciencewatch.com/>

**FREE MEDICAL BOOKS FOR DOCTORS:** [www.freebooks4doctors.com](http://www.freebooks4doctors.com)

**HOW TO KEEP UP WITH THE NEW TIPS AND TRICKS FOR RESEARCHING THE WEB:** *Mary Ellen Bates Search Tips:* [www.batesinfo.com/tip.html](http://www.batesinfo.com/tip.html)

**HOW TO DO *EFFECTIVE* INTERNET RESEARCH:**

*VIRTUALCHASE:* [www.virtualchase.com](http://www.virtualchase.com) (Covers how to do legal research, how to do company research, how to do biographical research, etc.)

*THE VIRTUAL TRAINING SUITE:* <http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/>

*SUNY, ALBANY LIBRARIES: INTERNET TUTORIALS:*  
<http://library.albany.edu/usered/> (Helps you search the Internet with a minimum of hassle and a maximum of efficiency. **Search just like the experts!**)

**HOW TO KEEP UP WITH RESEARCH REPORTS IN ALL AREAS, WRITTEN BY PROFESSIONAL RESEARCHERS:**

*CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE REPORTS:* <http://www.fpc.state.gov/> (click on Reports in the far left column and then CRS reports.)

**Also see:** Open CRS for latest CRS DOCUMENTS AND RESEARCH REPORTS:  
<http://www.opencrs.com/>

**HOW TO FIND THE BEST FREE ELECTRONIC JOURNALS IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS:**

**IIP ELECTRONIC JOURNALS IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS:**

<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa.html>

**ELECTRONIC MAGAZINES THROUGH THE INTERNET PUBLIC LIBRARY:**

<http://www.ipl.org/div/serials/>

**WEB BASED RESOURCES FOR E-JOURNALS, TOGETHER WITH RELATED INTERNET RESOURCES:**

<http://ejw.i8.com>

<http://www.icast.org.in/ejournal/ejournal.php>

<http://www.e-journals.org>

<http://www.doaj.org>

**Open Humanities Press Consortium:** more Ejournals included all the time, updated: all free text and online. <http://www.openhumanitiespress.org/>

**HOW TO KEEP UP WITH THE BEST NEW SEARCH ENGINES, SEARCH ENGINE DEVELOPMENTS AND QUALITY SEARCH TOOLS:**

*QUALITY SEARCH TOOLS:*

<http://www.noodletools.com/debbie/literacies/information/5locate/adviceengine>

*RESEARCHBUZZ:* <http://www.researchbuzz.org/wp/>

*SEARCH ENGINE WATCH:* <http://searchenginewatch.com/>

**JUST FOR INFORMATION SCIENTISTS AND LIBRARIANS: HOW TO KEEP UP WITH PRACTICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD:**

**FREE ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC JOURNALS FOR LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE:**

*ARIADNE:* <http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/>

*DLIB:* <http://www.dlib.org>

*DLIST* (from University of Arizona:) <http://dlist.sir.arizona.edu/>

*E-LIS: THE OPEN ARCHIVE FOR LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE:*  
<http://eprints.rclis.org/>

*FIRSTMONDAY:* [www.firstmonday.org](http://www.firstmonday.org)

*THE JOURNAL OF WEB LIBRARIANSHIP:*  
<http://www.lib.jmu.edu/org/jwl/default.aspx#issues>

*WEBOLOGY:* <http://www.webology.ir/>

In *Webology*, check out this article:

“Stemming and root-based approaches to the retrieval of Arabic documents on the Web” available at: <http://www.webology.ir/2006/v3n1/a22.html>

**ACRL [American College and Research Libraries] BLOG:**

<http://acrlblog.org/> (Reviews and comments on new developments in the field.)

**CONNECT TO EIGHTY-SIX DATABASES FOR USD \$100.00 a year with a NYPL CARD:** <http://www.nypl.org/databases/index.cfm?act=2&j=home>

**10 LIBRARIAN BLOGS TO READ IN 2009:**

[http://lisnews.org/10\\_librarian\\_blogs\\_read\\_2009](http://lisnews.org/10_librarian_blogs_read_2009)

**HOW TO KEEP UP: WITH THE SHIFTED LIBRARIAN WEB SITE:**

<http://www.theshiftedlibrarian.com/>

**IFLA [International Federation of Library Associations] ELECTRONIC COLLECTIONS:** <http://www.ifla.org/II/index.htm>

**LIBRARIANS RESOURCE CENTER:**

<http://slatoronto.andornot.com/lrc.aspx>

**LIBRARY SUCCESS STORIES, A BEST PRACTICES WIKI:**

[http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Library\\_Success:\\_A\\_Best\\_Practices\\_Wiki](http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Library_Success:_A_Best_Practices_Wiki)

Contributions from Librarians all over the globe!

**FREE COURSE ON SOCIAL NETWORKING IN LIBRARIES:**

[www.sociallibraries.com/course/](http://www.sociallibraries.com/course/)

**LIBRARIANS RESOURCE CENTER (SLA, TORONTO CHAPTER):**

<http://units.sla.org/chapter/ctor/resources/lrc/cover.htm>

**LIS NEWS:** <http://lisnews.com/>

**WIKIPEDIA:** [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

Entries on Library Science, Automation, etc.

**GOOGLE CUSTOM SEARCH ENGINES:**

Three Google **Custom Search Engines** created by librarians **to search specific library content**. These may be found at:

<http://wirelesslibraries.blogspot.com/> Searches blogs on WLANs and Libraries, including Web Junction, LibWireless List, Wireless Librarian website, and WLAN Central.

<http://www.google.com/coop/cse?cx=012681041057676717069%3Akbk7l7skmx4>

Searches a variety of Library Websites and Blogs

**GOOGLE CHEAT SHEETS AND INTERACTIVE TUTORIALS:** [www.googleguide.com](http://www.googleguide.com)

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**OTHER VALUABLE FREE RESOURCES IN A WIDE VARIETY OF SUBJECT AREAS MAY BE LOCATED THROUGH THIS WEB SITE:**

<http://tinyurl.com/6dfaxn>

(Includes Legal Bibliographies, Science Bibliographies, Free Online Books, Free Online Educational Videos, Library Science Resources, among hundreds of other topics etc.)