

HOW TO KEEP UP WITH NEW DEVELOPMENTS: NEW CHANGES, NEW WEB SITES, NEW DATABASES, AND NEW RESEARCH TRENDS:

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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

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:

ALA'S BEST WEB SITES FOR LIBRARIANS and EDUCATORS:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/library/alarecommends/recommendewebsites.cfm>

BEST FREE REFERENCE SITES: <http://www.rusq.org/2010/10/03/best-free-reference-websites-twelfth-annual-list/>

BEST OF THE BEST FREE BUSINESS WEB SITES:

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

KNOWBODIES.BLOGSPOT.COM: <http://knowbodies.blogspot.com>

(Reviews the latest developments, Internet sites and product reviews in all subject areas.)

LIBRARIANS INDEX TO THE INTERNET Merged with the Internet Public Library to create: <http://www.ipl.org> (the web site has an internal 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

THE SCOUT REPORT: <http://scout.wisc.edu/Reports/ScoutReport/Current/>
 Subscribe here: <http://scout.wisc.edu/About/subscribe.php>

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

KEEPING UP: HOW TO DO EFFECTIVE INTERNET RESEARCH:

VIRTUALCHASE: 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 SCHOLARLY ARTICLES OR SPECIALIZED RESEARCH STUDIES:

AWARENESS WATCH NEWSLETTER: Marcus Zillman reviews the latest trends and developments as well as reviewing brand new Internet sites each month in this free, subscription newsletter. <http://www.awarenesswatch.com/> (Subscription is free.)

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

FREE ACCESS TO DISSERTATIONS AND THESES and SPECIALIZED RESEARCH STUDIES:

DRUM: Digitized Research Projects of the University of Maryland:
<http://www.lib.umd.edu/drum>

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

Also consult the sites below for free access to theses and dissertations, and, specialized research studies:

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, GRADUATE THESES AND DISSERTATIONS:
<https://tspace.library.utoronto.ca/handle/1807/9944> (full text of selected graduate theses and dissertations from the University of Toronto, in Canada)

FREE DISSERTATIONS AT THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTION OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)
<http://dspace.mit.edu>

HARVARD UNIVERSITY: <http://dash.harvard.edu>
 (Free access to specialized scholarly articles, theses and dissertations done at Harvard University)

E-COMMONS AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY: (free Theses and Dissertations):
<http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/39>

University of Kansas, KU SCHOLARS: <http://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/dspace/>
 (Free access to scholarly articles, theses and dissertations done at the University of Kansas)

University of Michigan Site for Theses and Dissertations: <http://deepblue.lib.umich.edu>
 and <http://deepblue.lib.umich.edu/community-list> and:
<http://deepblue.lib.umich.edu/handle/2027.42/39366>

Other listings of universities offering free access to dissertations and theses, as well as to their digital repositories may be found in

OpenDOAR: Directory of Open Access Repositories:

<http://www.opendoar.org/countrylist.php?cContinent=North%20America>

The complete listing by countries may be found here: <http://www.opendoar.org/countrylist.php>

KEEPING UP: HOW TO TAP INTO THE BEST DISTANCE EDUCATION RESOURCES:

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/>

for a listing of other Universities in the U.S. and around the world, offering free online courses. Click on the "Members" tab on the top for a listing of these institutions.

YALE UNIVERSITY: FREE COURSES ONLINE: <http://open.yale.edu>

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

RESOURCE SHELF: <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**.)

To subscribe, visit this link: <http://web.resourceshelf.com/go/subscribe/>

DOCUTICKER: Latest Think Tank reports: <http://www.docuticker.com>
To subscribe, visit this link: <http://web.docuticker.com/go/subscribe/>

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. From the web site “*With Google Trends, you can compare the world’s interest in your favorite topics. Enter up to five topics and see how often they’ve been searched on Google over time. Google Trends also shows how frequently your topics have appeared in Google News stories, and in which geographic regions people have searched for them most.*”

KEEPING WITH UP WITH RESEARCH BY LOCATING RECENT ONLINE ARTICLES, FULL TEXT:

DIRECTORY OF OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS: DOAJ: www.doaj.org
(Over 6000 journals covered as of the beginning of 2011) From the website: “Welcome to the Directory of Open Access Journals. This service covers free, full text, quality controlled scientific and scholarly journals. We aim to cover all subjects and languages.” All disciplines are covered; subject areas are listed at the bottom of the home page.

SSRN: SOCIAL SCIENCES RESEARCH NETWORK: <http://www.ssrn.com>
“The 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. “
Over 270,00 full text papers are available, including papers just delivered at international conferences.

SSRN: 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 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>

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

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

CURRENT TABLES OF CONTENTS: <http://www.journaltoocs.hw.ac.uk/index.php>

Journal TOCs makes viewing tables of contents from scholarly journals easy. One of many projects from Heriot-Watt's Institute for Computer Based Learning, this resource features the table of contents (TOCs) for over 14,000 journals from more than 500 publishers, with more being added continuously. *JournalTOCs* features TOCs from publishers such as Elsevier, SAGE, Oxford University Press,

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 LEGAL RESEARCH, LEGAL NEWS AND LEGAL ISSUES:

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

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

THE SCOUT PORTAL TOOLKIT <http://lawscout.uakron.edu/>

Compilation of the best legal research guides produced by LAW SCHOOLS AND FACULTIES IN THE U.S. (Click on Browse Resources to get started once you are in the site)

See Also: *HOT LIST OF INTERNET LEGAL GUIDES FROM THE BEST LAW SCHOOLS*: <http://gozips.uakron.edu/~richert/>

GUIDE TO FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL DATABASES. NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY.

http://www.law.nyu.edu/library/foreign_intl/index.htm

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

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

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.)

EDUCATION: HOW TO KEEP UP WITH EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:

NEW CURRICULUM MATERIALS: 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!

ENGINEERING: HOW TO KEEP UP WITH ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENTS:

VIRTUAL WORLD LIBRARY FOR ENGINEERING

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

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See www.vlib.com for many other disciplines as well!

HISTORY: HOW TO KEEP UP WITH HISTORY DEVELOPMENTS:

KEEPING UP WITH HISTORY RESOURCES:

<http://www.h-net.org/~histbibl/webLinks.html#Book>

MEDICINE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH: HOW TO KEEP UP WITH MEDICAL NEWS:

MED PAGE TODAY: BREAKING MEDICAL NEWS

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

LATEST MEDICAL NEWS: <http://www.news-medical.net/>

FREE MEDICAL BOOKS FOR DOCTORS: www.freebooks4doctors.com

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: HOW TO KEEP UP WITH SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY NEWS:

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

SCIENCE NATION. http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/science_nation/

Science Nation is a weekly online magazine maintained by the National Science

Foundation (NSF), an independent federal agency created by the US Congress in 1950. The magazine focuses on new technologies and breakthroughs about planet Earth, the universe, and humankind. A significant portion of *Science Nation* pertains to news, featured people in the industry, and scientific breakthroughs from national organizations and research institutions. The main page features a large, embedded video that detracts from the content below it. This page is moderately long, making it less than user-friendly. The layout and organization resemble those of a blog. A chronological list of topics featured in each issue appear on the left side of the page. The topics are broad, ranging from acrobatic robots to sea turtles. The archive lists magazine issues from 2009. Clicking on a story retrieves text, video, and links to related stories and other multimedia features. The featured videos can be embedded in a Web site or shared via social networking sites or e-mail. Each story identifies the *Science Nation* correspondent and producer who handled the interviews of the featured speakers and researchers. Readers can register to receive e-mail updates of site content. *Science Nation* does not contain particularly unique content, but the videos are nice additions to the articles. The site is similar to sites such as *Science Daily* <http://sciencedaily.com/> and *Science News* <http://www.sciencenews.org/>. Overall, this is a good source for keeping up with multimedia news on broad topics relating to science.

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/>

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

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

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>

ALA RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/library/alarecommends/recommendedwebsites.cfm>

LIBRARIANS RESOURCE CENTER (SLA, TORONTO CHAPTER):

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

LIBRARY SUCCESS STORIES, 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/

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

WIKIPEDIA: 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%3Akbk717skmx4>

Searches a variety of Library Websites and Blogs

GOOGLE CHEAT SHEETS AND INTERACTIVE TUTORIALS: 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.)