

**NEW SEARCH ENGINES, DISTANCE EDUCATION
RESOURCES AND DIGITIZED PROJECTS:
2009 revisions**

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I. NEW GENERATION SEARCH ENGINES:

**NEW SEARCH ENGINES and FREE RESEARCH RESOURCES
FOR 2009:**

REAL TIME SEARCH ENGINES:

<http://www.seoservicesgroup.com/blog/2009/07/on-growing-demand-for-real-time-search-engines/13986/>

50 HEALTH SEARCH ENGINES:

<http://www.altsearchengines.com/2009/07/14/go-beyond-google-50-excellent-health-search-engines/>

Cool Search Engines That Are Not Google. *Wired*, June 30, 2009

<http://www.wired.com/epicenter/2009/06/coolsearchengines/>

[Specra - Three Search Engines in One](#)



[Specra](#) is a search engine tool that allows you to compare and rank the results of a search across three major search engines. When you enter a search term on Specra it searches Google, Yahoo, and Bing. Results are displayed side by side and rankings in search engine are displayed.

SPECRA's Applications for Education

[Specra](#) is a search engine tool that enables students to quickly search multiple search engines. Depending on the choice of search terms, results can vary quite a bit from one search engine to the next. If students can use three search engines at once it increases the number of resources available to them.

[Fefoo](#) is a cool search engine that can search 125 search engines on pretty much anything (via [Phil Bradley's Blog](#))

[Folowen](#) will search a bunch of social networking sites at once for any name you enter (via [AltSearchEngines](#))

CUSTOM SEARCH ENGINES:

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/customsearch.htm>

22 Awesome WEB RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS:

<http://ijaar.com/22-awesome-web-resources-for-students/>

10 Best Digital Resources for 2009:

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6660872.html>

3 WIKIS for ONLINE STUDYING: <http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/3-wikis-to-boost-online-studying/>

[Deeper Web](#) is cool search engine that gives you deeper Google search results <http://www.deeperweb.com/>

NEW SEARCH ENGINES:

<http://www.freotech4teachers.com/2009/04/links-you-might-have-missed-internet.html>

TOP MARKS: EDUCATIONAL SEARCH ENGINE:

<http://www.freotech4teachers.com/2009/03/top-marks-educational-search-engine.html>

BEST FREE ONLINE BOOKS IN A SUBJECT AREA:

<http://www.septivium.com/b/2009/05/07/mefi/>

Sometimes, one wishes to know the best books in a particular subject area to gain subject mastery competency. The following site does that: could be useful for collection development purposes, building up collections in a specific field, and useful for students studying in specific fields. If you find this to be useful, please share with other colleagues.

NEW GENERATION SEARCH ENGINES:

<http://www.webupon.com/Search-Engines/New-Search-Engines-The-Next-Generation-of-Google-Competition.712753> (MAY 2009)

Wolfram Alpha is a different kind of search engine, a calculation engine if you will. I'm having so much fun with it. Try entering your birthday for example, even "weather" followed your birthday will give you that info. Try some of their [examples in many topics](#). You could waste lots of fascinating time here.

Wolfram ALPHA: NEWSCREENCAST:

<http://www.wolframalpha.com/screencast/introducingwolframalpha.html>

Brief Users Guide to the new Wolfram Alpha Search Engine:

<http://www.resourceshelf.com/2009/05/15/fast-facts-anyone-a-brief-users-guide-to-wolframalpha/>

The Google Killer. *The Daily Beast*, May 8, 2009. An article about WolframAlpha, a new search engine to be launched in May 2009. It aims to provide answers to (simple) questions rather than “giving you a long list of Web pages”, as the article puts it.

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2009-05-08/the-google-killer/full/>

5 Things Wolfram Alpha does better (and differently) than GOOGLE:

<http://mashable.com/2009/05/19/wolfram-alpha-better-than-google/>

Wolfram Alpha is at: <http://www.wolframalpha.com/index.html>

Feedmill is search engine that limits its search to RSS feeds. A search for "libraries 2.0" brought up lots of interesting feeds.

SPEZIFY is a new attempt at creating an easy-to-browse visual search engine. To use [Spezify](#), type a word or phrase at the top of the page where it reads "enter any word here." There is not a clearly defined search box so hopefully they fix that in the next phase of beta development. After typing your search word, [Spezify](#) searches Google and Yahoo for results. Results are displayed visually with small screen captures, images, and text boxes. You can browse the search results using the arrow keys on your keyboard or using your mouse.

**LIFE BEYOND GOOGLE: what else is out there that is excellent?
some of the best of the rest:**

<http://web.fumsi.com/go/article/find/2742>

NEW SEARCH FEATURES OF GOOGLE:

http://www.businessweek.com/the_thread/techbeat/archives/2009/05/google_search_w.html?chan=top+news_top+news+index+--+temp_technology

20 of the best Search Engines for Students:

http://education-portal.com/articles/20_of_the_Best_Search_Engines_for_Students.html

180 TECHNOLOGY TIPS: <http://www.180techtips.com/>

4 Search Engines to keep an eye on: <http://www.seo.com/blog/4-new-search-engines-to-keep-an-eye-on-or-risk-annihilation/> (May 20, 2009)

5 SUBJECT DIRECTORIES AND HOW TO USE THEM:

<http://www.webupon.com/Search-Engines/Top-Five-Subject-Directories-and-How-to-Use-Them.697595>

EIGHT TIPS FOR SUPER SEARCHING:

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2346373,00.asp>

NEW GENERATION SEARCH ENGINES:

<http://www.webupon.com/Search-Engines/New-Search-Engines-The-Next-Generation-of-Google-Competition.712753> (MAY 2009)

NEW SEARCH ENGINES:

<http://www.freotech4teachers.com/2009/04/links-you-might-have-missed-internet.html>

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A New Real Time Search Engine : <http://www.scoopler.com>
(Try the Search "Obama and Egypt" for example)

TOP MARKS: EDUCATIONAL SEARCH ENGINE:

<http://www.freotech4teachers.com/2009/03/top-marks-educational-search-engine.html> (A great way to look for Lesson Plans: type Lesson Plans in the Search Engine)

**BEYOND GOOGLE: BETTER SEARCH RESOURCES,
EVALUATED BY EXPERTS IN MANY FIELDS.**

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

Also see: <http://oedb.org/>

100 Useful Tips and Tools to Search the DEEP WEB:

<http://www.online-college-blog.com/index.php/features/100-useful-tips-and-tools-to-research-the-deep-web/>

[20 best web sites to download free ebooks part II](#) (via [Delicious](#))

<http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/20-best-websites-to-download-free-e-books-part-ii/>

100 Useful Tips and Tools to Research the Deep Web

<http://tinyurl.com/crx3ow>

A collection of [deep web search engines](#) (via [Internet News](#)):

<http://deepwebtechblog.com/a-federated-search-primer-part-iii-of-iii/>

Great Sites for the Self Made Scholar:

<http://selfmadescholar.com/b/self-education-resource-list/>

Harpers Index is now available FREE online!

<http://harpers.org/index/> (*great for finding statistics!*)

HUNDREDS OF FREE COLLEGE LECTURES FROM YOUTUBE:

<http://chronicle.com/wiredcampus/article/3615/new-from-youtube-free-downloads-of-college-lectures>

100 Resources to enhance your YOUTUBE EXPERIENCE

<http://mashable.com/2009/02/13/youtube-toolbox/>

Best Free Software Downloads for Students:

[http://education-](http://education-portal.com/articles/Best-Free-Software-Downloads-for-Students.html)

[portal.com/articles/Best Free Software Downloads for Students.html](http://education-portal.com/articles/Best-Free-Software-Downloads-for-Students.html)

Resources to prepare for College and University:

[http://www.usnews.com/blogs/professors-](http://www.usnews.com/blogs/professors-guide/2009/3/11/10-things-students-need-to-know-about-college-but-dont.html)

[guide/2009/3/11/10-things-students-need-to-know-about-college-but-dont.html](http://www.usnews.com/blogs/professors-guide/2009/3/11/10-things-students-need-to-know-about-college-but-dont.html)

[100 web tools to help you get organized](#)

Alisa Miller writes: “Turn to these internet tools to help you with such tasks as note-taking, bookmarking websites, highlighting important text during online research, creating mind maps, tracking time, keeping up with appointments, collaborating with others, and managing projects.” ...

Online College Blog

<http://www.online-college-blog.com/index.php/uncategorized/100-powerful-web-tools-to-organize-your-thoughts-and-ideas/>

Online Resources for College Students:

<http://www.onlinecollege.org/2009/01/22/free-or-open-source-tools-for-students/>

NOODLETOOLS: INFORMATION LITERACY SEARCH STRATEGIES

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

MASTERKEY <http://masterkey.indexdata.com/>

The MasterKey hosted meta search service is freely usable for searching selected open content online resources and library catalogs. An amazing new resource, as an example, type "AMERICAN LITERATURE" or "JAMESON" in the search engine and look at the results!

VIRTUAL LIBRARY: <http://www.vlib.org>**INFOMINE: <http://infomine.ucr.edu>****LIBRARIAN'S INDEX TO THE INTERNET: <http://lii.org>****INTERNET PUBLIC LIBRARY: <http://www.ipl.org>****VIRTUAL LEARNING RESEARCH CENTER:**

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

This site has been expanded and re-designed. The mission of the Virtual Learning Resources Center is to index thousands of the best academic information websites, selected by teachers and library professionals worldwide, in order to provide to students and teachers current, valid information for school and university academic projects. It has a meta-search engine that includes in its results information gleaned from many of the best research portals including Librarians' Index to the Internet, Galaxy Web Directory, My Virtual Reference Desk, Big Hub, Internet Public Library, Bibliomania, BUBL Information Service, Digital Librarian, Discovery School, Smithsonian, Suite101, InfoPlease.com, the Library Spot, the Awesome Library, and an increasing number of university and public library Internet subject guides.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY:

<http://www.nypl.org/links/>

<http://www.nypl.org/digital/>

MARVELOUS RESEARCH GUIDES AT NYPL:

<http://www.nypl.org/research/sibl/>

SECRETS OF RESEARCHING FREE MATERIALS ON THE INTERNET: <http://www.suffolk.edu/sawlib/webcollect.htm#other>

25 NEW BETA RESEARCH TOOLS FROM INNOVATIVE LIBRARIES AROUND THE WORLD:

<http://www.collegedegree.com/library/college-life/25-awesome-beta>

"From academic libraries like that at MIT or renowned research centers like the Library of Congress, the following beta research tools feature innovative tricks to connect you with the most relevant, valid results" - including books (real and digital), articles, documents, web sites, and more.

INTERNET TUTORIALS FROM SUNY ALBANY:

<http://library.albany.edu/usered/>

INTERNET TUTORIALS FROM U. OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY:

How to become a more effective Internet Searcher and How to Evaluate what you find: an Online course from the University of California at Berkeley (includes handouts and Power points to illustrate lessons)

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html>

VOICE OF THE SHUTTLE: PARTICULARLY STRONG IN LITERATURE AND THE HUMANITIES: <http://vos.ucsb.edu>

II. HOW TO KEEP AHEAD AND LEARN OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

ARTS AND LETTERS DAILY: <http://www.aldaily.com>

III. DISSERTATION AND THESIS RESEARCH:

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>

THESIS and DISSERTATIONS from University of Maryland

<http://www.lib.umd.edu/drum>

THESIS and DISSERTATIONS from MIT [Massachusetts Institute of Technology] <http://dspace.mit.edu>

IV. STUDY AND RESEARCH GUIDES:

SCHOLARPIDIA: www.scholarpedia.org

STUDENT CORNER: <http://www.america.gov/publications/student-corner.html> Free E Books, E Journals and Electronic Study Guides in all Subject Areas.

OAISTER: for digitized articles in full text format, research studies, theses, photos/postcards/resources etc: <http://oaister.umd.umich.edu>

STUDY and RESEARCH GUIDES:
www.bibliomania.com

V. DISTANCE EDUCATION AND FREE COURSE MATERIALS:

All the below resources offer syllabi and lecture notes and classes in Literature and the Humanities, as well as Science, Education, Technology, Medicine, Dentistry, Public Health, and the full range of the Social Sciences.

The OCW CONSORTIUM at <http://ocwconsortium.org> has a listing of universities all over the world offering free lecture notes, syllabi, student projects, and audio and video of classes.

Most prominent among these are MIT [Massachusetts Institute of Technology] (<http://ocw.mit.edu>),

Yale University (<http://open.yale.edu/courses/>)

Utah State University: <http://ocw.usu.edu>

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health:
<http://ocw.jhsph.edu/>

Tufts University, especially excellent for their Colleges of Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry as well as other fields, including the Fletcher School of Diplomacy: <http://ocw.tufts.edu>

and Videos of UC Berkeley classes (<http://youtube.com/ucberkeley>)

Also see:

Open Educational Resources: <http://www.oercommons.org/>

A clearinghouse of free teaching and learning resources: from K-12 lesson plans to college curriculum.

Open Culture

<http://www.oculture.com/2007/07/freeonlinecourses.html>

A listing of free, on-line courses from U.S. universities.

VI. FREE PUBLICATIONS

FREE ONLINE PUBLICATIONS (all full text):

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

THE BROOKINGS THINK TANK: www.brookings.edu

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN'S LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER AND DOCUMENTS CENTER: www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs

VII. BOOKS

FREE ONLINE BOOKS: www.bartleby.com

THE ON-LINE BOOKS PAGE

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books>

FREE BOOK SITES FROM IPL [Internet Public Library]:

<http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/hum60.60.00/>

DIGITAL BOOK INDEX: <http://www.digitalbookindex.com/about.htm>

THE CLASSIC READER: <http://www.classicreader.com/>

Classic Books Of Literature, All Online For Free!

OPEN DEMO LIBRARY: <http://demo.openlibrary.org>

UNIVERSAL DIGITAL LIBRARY: <http://www.ulib.org>

FREE SCHOLARSHIP AND ACADEMIC BOOKS FROM U OF CALIFORNIA PRESS: <http://content.cdlib.org/escholarship/>

The eScholarship Editions collection includes almost 2000 books from academic presses on a range of topics, including art, science, history, music, religion, and fiction. Extraordinary resource that lets you search, read, print full-texts of many high-quality scholarly books – many of these books offers quality scholarly literary criticism.

**Subject Listing of all Public titles from the University of California
Press E-Scholarship Editions:**

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

VIII. REPORTS

FREE RESEARCH REPORTS, especially excellent for the fields of
Politics, International Relations, Diplomatic Relations, Economics, and
Current Events Located at: <http://fpc.state.gov>

IX. FREE ONLINE ARTICLES AND FREE DATABASES:

FREE, FULL-TEXT ARTICLES: www.findarticles.com

DIRECTORY OF ONLINE ACCESS JOURNALS:

Find articles by topic and by journal title <http://www.doaj.org>
(over 4600 journals covered, can browse by Journal title and click on articles for full text retrieval!)

FREE E-JOURNALS ARRANGED BY SUBJECT AND THEMES:

<http://ejw.i8.com/>

Includes access to the best web sites and free E-Journals in over 40 different academic disciplines

OAISTER: AN INDEX TO DIGITAL LIBRARIES WORLDWIDE:

Covers international theses, research studies and highly specific studies.
OAister currently provides access to 15,622,344 records from 950
contributors. More records are being added all the time.

<http://www.oaister.org>

OTHER FREE ONLINE RESOURCES:

<http://eprints.rclis.org/archive/00006597/01/OADeveloping.pdf>

OTHER OPEN ACCESS REPOSITORIES:

http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla72/papers/151-Oliver_Swain-en.pdf

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH NETWORK: SSRN:

www.ssrn.com

One needs to register at SSRN first at this address (<http://hq.ssrn.com/Participant.cfm?rectype=add&funct=new>), but registration is free.

Once one has registered, one can navigate to this website: <http://hq.ssrn.com> This database covers the Social Sciences, Medicine, Health, Business, Finance, Legal Issues, Law, and many other ancillary topics. An amazing, free database of quality articles and international conference presentations, all in full text.

Many more databases are listed at this site: **SECRETS OF RESEARCHING FREE MATERIALS ON THE INTERNET:** <http://www.suffolk.edu/sawlib/webcollect.htm#other>

X. FREE VIDEOS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:

NEW FREE VIDEOS FROM ANNENBERG MEDIA:

<http://www.learner.org> (free access to educational and documentary films) (one must register first to see the films, but registration is free)

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WEBCASTS IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS:

ALL FREE: <http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/>

Webcasts are available for Literature, Poetry, Science, Technology, Biography, History, Foreign Affairs and International Relations, Religion and Culture and Performing Arts.

XI. DIGITIZED PROJECTS:

AMERICAN MEMORY PROJECT for the digitized works and manuscripts in full text from the Library of Congress

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS from the Library of Congress at:

<http://www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html>

THE MAKING OF AMERICA: <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moa/>

SUBJECT BROWSING OF THE MAKING OF AMERICA:

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?page=browse;cc=moa;c=moa;key=subject>

WRIGHT'S AMERICAN FICTION: (1851-1875)

<http://www.lettrs.indiana.edu/web/w/wright2/>

DOCUMENTING THE AMERICAN SOUTH:

The [University Library](#) of the [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#) sponsors *Documenting the American South*, and the texts and materials come primarily from its southern holdings.

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

XII. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RESOURCES:

ALCOVE 9 - from the Library of Congress:

www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9

VIRTUAL REFERENCE SHELF from the Library of Congress:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/virtualref.html>

BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND GUIDES from the Library of Congress:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/bibguide.html>

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS:

<http://www.loc.gov/experience>

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: BROWSE RESOURCES BY TOPIC:

<http://www.loc.gov/topics/>

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: FREE WEBCASTS OF PUBLIC LECTURES ON MANY DIFFERENT TOPICS:

<http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/>

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For other similar research sites, please refer to this Web Site that is continuously updated, with new resources:

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

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A revision of CAIRO [Egypt] IRC Suzy Metry's earlier bibliography on this topic, updated for 2009.