

**NEW SEARCH ENGINES, DISTANCE EDUCATION  
RESOURCES AND DIGITIZED PROJECTS:**  
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**I. NEW GENERATION SEARCH ENGINES:**

**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>

**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/>

**SIX TECHNIQUES TO GET MORE FROM THE WEB THAN  
GOOGLE WILL TELL YOU (DEC 2007 article)**

<http://www.cio.com/article/print/156900>

**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:**

**SCHOLARPEDIA:** [www.scholarpedia.org](http://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.umdl.umich.edu>

**STUDY and RESEARCH GUIDES:**

[www.bibliomania.com](http://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](http://www.brookings.edu)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN'S LIBRARY INFORMATION  
CENTER AND DOCUMENTS CENTER: [www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs](http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs)

## **VII. BOOKS**

FREE ONLINE BOOKS: [www.bartleby.com](http://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](http://www.findarticles.com)

**FULL-TEXT ARTICLES FINDER:** [www.openjgate.org](http://www.openjgate.org)

**DIRECTORY OF ONLINE ACCESS JOURNALS:**

**Find articles by topic and by journal title** <http://www.doaj.org>  
(over 3800 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](http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla72/papers/151-Oliver_Swain-en.pdf)

**SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH NETWORK: SSRN:**

[www.ssrn.com](http://www.ssrn.com)

One needs to register at SSRN first at this address

(<http://hq.ssrn.com/Participant.cfm?rectype=add&func=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:****ALCOVE 9 - from the Library of Congress:**[www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9](http://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: FREE WEBCASTS OF PUBLIC LECTURES ON MANY DIFFERENT TOPICS:**

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

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For other similar research sites, check out this Web Site that is continuously updated with new resources: <http://tinyurl.com/6dfaxn>

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