

Gateways to Internet Resources - Selected Websites

The following portals provide organized lists--often annotated, and usually carefully reviewed--of useful free resources on the web. For additional links to general web resources oriented towards providing full-text materials, please see our [Full Text Web Collections](#) page.

Academic Resources

[BUBL LINK](#)

<http://bubl.ac.uk/link/>

BUBL LINK describes itself as a catalogue of "selected Internet resources covering all academic subject areas." This website, hosted by the Centre for Digital Library Research, Strathclyde University in Glasgow, Scotland, gets high marks for its ease of use and its clear, uniform presentation of information. Each of the over 11,000 resources in the BUBL LINK database is described, evaluated, and cataloged. Since you can search by keyword in combination with the cataloged fields (author, subject, Dewey Decimal classification, resource type, location), you are able to construct focused searches that result in more relevant search results. You may also browse the internet resources by subject category.

[INFOMINE](#)

<http://lib-www.ucr.edu>

INFOMINE, a "virtual library of Internet resources" was created in 1994 by librarians at the University of California, Riverside, with librarians from other academic institutions contributing to its development. Like BUBL LINK, INFOMINE catalogs each website entry as well as annotating it so you have the option of constructing searches using the descriptive fields. You can also browse the website links by keyword, author, title, and Library of Congress subject headings.

[The Internet Scout Project](#)

<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/>

The University of Wisconsin-Madison's Internet Scout Project has been evaluating websites for the academic and research communities since 1994. The Project's main publication, the Scout Report, is published weekly and includes resources selected and reviewed by librarians and subject experts. These critical evaluations can be browsed by subject or searched by keyword. As of 2007, the Scout Report and its archive consist of over 23,000 evaluations of mostly free internet sites. This project also includes the National Science Foundation's National Science Digital Library (NSDL) for the sciences, social sciences, and humanities (formerly the NSDL's

Scout Reports).

[College & Research Libraries News Internet Resources](#)

<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlpubs/crlnews/internetresources.htm>

Internet Resources from *College & Research Libraries News*, a publication of the Association of College & Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, are available on the web from December 1998 to the present. Each concise guide, accessible by topic or date, and written by a librarian who is a subject specialist, begins with a brief overview of the topic and the websites selected for inclusion in the guide. Each website in the guide is annotated. Highly recommended for university students, faculty and researchers.

[Intute](#)

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/>

Intute is the successor, since July 2006, to the Resource Discovery Network (RDN) run by the University of Bath and Kings College London. Intute is "a free online service providing ... access to the very best Web resources for education and research." It is a network of over seventy educational and research organisations, including the Natural History Museum and the British Library. Each website selected for inclusion is cataloged and evaluated by subject specialists. This "database" contains over 15,000 records (as of February 2007) that are searchable by keyword or subject and organized by four subject groups: Arts & Humanities, Health & Life Sciences, Science Engineering & Technology, and Social Sciences.

[InfoSurf](#)

<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subjects/>

This page of academic subject guides is produced by the Libraries of the University of California, Santa Barbara. The guides were created primarily for UCSB students so the library resources listed are available only to UCSB students. However, the internet resources guides link to sites that are available to anyone.

[Academic Info](#)

<http://www.academicinfo.net>

This website of over 25,000 "educational resources" is produced by Mike Madin, formerly a librarian at the University of Washington's Gallagher Law Library. One section of the site is devoted to subject directories "covering each academic discipline." Topics may be browsed or searched by keyword. Coverage of each topic is very good and many of the links to websites are annotated, but the advertisements on Academic Info's web pages are distracting.

[OAister](#)

<http://oaister.umdl.umich.edu/o/oaister>

OAister, a "project of the University of Michigan Digital Library Production Service," is a "union catalog" of "difficult-to-access, academically-oriented digital resources." As of January 2007, there were almost 10 million records "harvested" by OAister from over 700 institutions. These resources are multidisciplinary and international in scope.

General Resources

[Librarians' Internet Index](#)

<http://www.lii.org>

The State Library of California sponsors this excellent website which does indeed "provide a well-organized point of access for reliable, trustworthy, librarian-selected Internet resources" chosen for their usefulness to public library users but also useful for "academic library users." All entries are selected and evaluated by librarians and each entry is peer-reviewed before it is included in the Index. Entries are annotated and assigned subject headings. A useful feature is the ability to click on an entry's subject heading to link to other entries on the same subject. Keyword search and subject browsing are both supported.

[WWW Virtual Library](#)

<http://vlib.org>

The Virtual Library, the "oldest catalog of the web," founded in 1991 by Tim Berners-Lee, "creator" of the Web and HTML, at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland, is now "run by a loose confederation of volunteers, who compile pages of key links for particular areas in which they are expert." The Virtual Library has a more informal presentation and organization than the [Librarians' Internet Index](#) and not all entries are annotated but it is a useful general directory to the web because of the range of topics it covers and the sheer number of entries. As might be expected, the depth of topic coverage and the quality of selected sites vary. Searchable by keyword as well as browsable by subject category.

[Internet Public Library](#)

<http://www.ipl.org>

The Internet Public Library, founded by students at the University of Michigan School of Information, and now part of the IPL consortium of 14 "schools of information," has been hosted by Drexel University's College of Information Science and Technology since January, 2007. It includes a section of "subject collections" consisting of briefly annotated links to internet websites. Some subjects are represented by a few popular sites appropriate for the general public (e.g. [Humor](#)) while other subjects are covered in more depth and include sites appropriate for an academic audience (e.g. [Chemistry](#)). Its "Reference Center" includes almanacs, dictionaries, and encyclopedias.

[Digital Librarian](#)

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

Librarian Margaret Vail Anderson compiles and maintains this "librarian's choice of best of the Web" with lists of websites organized by subject. The subject lists, which are not keyword searchable, contain links to many websites and some of the links are briefly annotated. Subjects range from [Activism](#) to [Yurts, Tipis & Tents](#).

