Internet Sites of Librarian's Interest

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ABSTRACT

This article provides a wealth of information present in Internet in various sites. The author has selected twenty seven topics of interest to a librarian. It includes several Indian sites also.

1. INTRODUCTION

Among the myriad of sites in Internet, twenty-seven topics have been selected for this paper ranging from Business Information to library related sites to science and weather.

This article is an extract from the course material called: '101 Sites to see on the Web: A Handout'. Items not of interest to Indian librarians have been deleted. A few Indian sites have been added to show that India is fast catching up with the West. Such Additions are indicated by (*).

2. SITES OF INTEREST

2.1 Business Information

Hoover's *Online Home Page*

Free access to the MasterList Plus of more than 8,000 companies. Stock quotes, SEC filings and company profiles.

Standard Industrial Classification Search

This site provides the ability to search the alphabetic index of the manual (1987 version) by keywords; access detailed information for a specified Standard Industrial Classification (SIC), division, or major group; and browse through the manual structure.

http://www.osha.gov/oshstats/sicser.html

SICOD-96 (Southern India Commercial Directory, 1966)

This is a good directory of 1,20,000 companies in South India. The print version is about 600 pages. Electronic searchable Web version is available through Metro Information Services Private Limited, Madras.

http://www.metroindia.com/

The BusinessLine Front Page Briefs(*)

On a daily basis one could obtain front page briefs of important news items from *The Hindu*, and *Business Line*, free of charge. The weekly round up is found at:

http://www.indiaserver.com/news/bline/bline.html

IndiaWorld(*)

IndiaWorld is a comprehensive service on the Net for India related news, business trade and commerce, art, books, travel besides a somewhat scanty business directory. Electronic version of Indian periodicals : *Dataquest, Voice and Data, Express Computer, Film Magazine 'G'* are also available here. Part of the services are free and some are fee based.

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Homewood Public Library, 17917 Dixie Highway
Illinois, 60430, USA
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http://www.indiaworld.com:1500/open.iworld/index.html

2.2 Celebrity Addresses

Celebrity Addresses

Find the e-mail, snail mail, and/or home page addresses for celebrities arranged by category. This site includes pointers for finding addresses not listed (including checking with a librarian at the local library!)

http://www2.islandnet.com/~luree/fanmail.html

The World Factbook 1995

Detailed summary information on countries published by the CIA for the use of American officials. Topics covered on each country include: people, geography, government, economy, transportation, defence, and communications.

http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/95fact/index.html

2.3 Defence

Pointers to Military Sources

Some interesting sites including Gophers, WWW, mailing lists and usenet groups are described by Tanya Mazarowski in *INTERNET WORLD* December 1995 issue : Softcopy locatable at:

http://www.iw.com/

DOD Information Sources Locator Guide

This site was started in December 1995, and under construction. Intended to cover comprehensively all information sources of Department of Defence, USA.

http://www.dtic.mil/defenselink/locator/

Defence Technical Information Web

US Dept of Defence information including those like: Scientific and Technical Info Network (STINET); Info Analysis Centers (IAC) DTIW locator, news and current events, defence acquisition programs. Several links to specialised collections are given.

http://www.dtic.dla.mil/dtiw/

2.4 Employment

America's Job Bank

Database of available job listings throughout the United States. It is operated through the cooperative efforts of the 53 State Employment Security Agencies and the United States Department of Labour. Approximately 115,000 job listings are available on the bank.

http://www.ajb.dni.us/

Career Magazine

This online magazine features searchable listings of current job openings, resumes on file, employer profiles, as well as links to career information.

http://www.careermag.com/careermag/

CareerPath

This free service claims to offer the USA's most complete employment database. CareerPath is searchable and is updated daily from job listings from the *Boston Globe, The Chicago Tribune, The Los Angeles Times,* and *The New York Times, The San Jose Mercury News* and *The Washington Post.*

http://www.careerpath.com/

2.5 Genealogy

Genealogy in the United States

State by state, as well as comprehensive general genealogical information. Each state entry features a county map, a research outline, a Library of Congress (LC) bibliography, and a listing of the addresses of family history centers.

http://everton.com/usa.html

2.6 Government—US

Census Bureau Home Page

A wealth of information including census statistics, projections, employment opportunities, and genealogy links.

http://www.census.gov/

Government Information Resources

Government information arranged by the structure of the Federal government. This is the source for the US Budget, the US Code, patent

Information, the US Department of State Travel Warnings and more.

http://www.caltech.edu/~libraries/collections/govdoc.html
http://cpl.lib.uic.edu/004illinois/004illinois.html

Thomas: *Legislative Information on the Internet*

'In the spirit of Thomas Jefferson, a service of the US Congress through its Library'. Full-text legislation, bill summaries, congressional record, the Constitution, and links to the C-SPAN Web Server and to LOCIS, the Library of Congress databases.

http://thomas.loc.gov/

Indian Census Data(*)

This site gives annual crop and production data; Panel census data 1961, 1971, 1981. Joint project with ICSSR, New Delhi.

ftp://cwmills.umd.edu/pub/india

2.7 Health and Medicine

CDC *Home Page*

Information on diseases, health risks, prevention guidelines and strategies.

http://www.cdc.gov/

Internet Resources in the Health Sciences

Comprehensive site for health-related topics. Click on 'Consumer Resources', then 'Internet Resources' for links on individual diseases, support groups, toll-free numbers, and UCBerkeley's Wellness Letter.

http://www.dml.georgetown.edu/places/inet.html

'Virtual' Public Health Center –Martindale's Health Science Guide

A complete, easy-to-navigate site for public health. Includes medical dictionaries and glossaries, international information, centers for medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, law and veterinary medicine.

http://www-sci.lib.uci.edu/HSG/PHealth.html

World Health Organisation WWW Home Page

From this site you can access WHO press releases and newsletters, information on outbreaks of diseases around the world as well as health-related travel requirements.

http://www.who.org/

2.8 Indian Web Servers(*)

Educational and Research Institutes

Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay (BARC)

Bioinformatics Distributed Information Centre, Pune

Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore

Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (IISc):

- —Aerospace Engineering Department
- —Center for Ecological Sciences (CES)
- —Chemical Engineering Department
- —Computer Science and Automation Department
- —Instrumentation and Service Unit
- —Department of Management Studies
- —Mechanical Engineering Department
- —National Center for Science Information (NCSI)
- —Supercomputer Education and Research Centre (SERC)

Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IITB):

- —Department of Aerospace Engineering
- —Department of Civil Engineering
- —Department of Computer Science and Engineering
- —Educational Technology Cell
- —Department of Earth Sciences
- —Department of Electrical Engineering
- —Department of Mathematics
- —Department of Mechanical Engineering

Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IITD)

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK)

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IITM)

Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Madras (IMSc)

Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune (IUCAA)

Jawaharlal Nehru Center for Advance Scientific Research, Bangalore (JNC)

Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad (PRL) (Coming up shortly)

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay (TIFR):

- —School of Mathematics

- —Theoretical Computer Sciences Group

- —Theoretical Physics Group

University of Pune, Department of Physics, Pune

Indian Web Servers—Others

Center for Monitoring the Indian Economy, Bombay (CMIE)

Computer Bookshop, Bombay

Cyber Club, New Delhi

Department of Electronics, New Delhi (DOE)

Education and Research Network, Bangalore (ERNET)

HCL Consulting Ltd., Gurgaon (HCLC)

Infosys Technologies Limited, Bangalore

Infotech Enterprises, Hyderabad

The Internet Gateway to India, New Delhi

LiveWire BBS, Calcutta

Mafatlal, Bombay

Mindware, Bangalore

National Centre for Software Technology, Bombay (NCST)

National Informatics Center, New Delhi (NIC)

Software Technology Parks of India (STP):

- —Hyderabad

- —Bangalore, (STPB)

Tata Elxsi Ltd., Bangalore

Tata Information Systems Ltd., Bangalore (TISL)

UUNET India Limited, Hyderabad

Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited, Bombay (VSNL)

All the above Indian Web servers are reachable via links provided by the Web site of Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Madras, at:

http://www.imsc.ernet.in/servers.html

2.9 Just for Fun
The Electric Postcard

Customise a postcard by picking a picture and writing a message, then e-mail it to a friend.

http://postcards.www.media.mit.edu/Postcards/

2.10 Law
Frequently Asked Questions About Patents and Trademarks

The basics of patents and trademarks are explained with links to additional Internet resources.

http://saliz.lib.washington.edu/libinfo/libunits/sciences/engineering/patents/faq.html

Legal Information Institute

Sponsored by Cornell Law School's Legal Information Institute (LII), this site includes recent Supreme Court decisions (under project Hermes), recent decisions of the New York Court of Appeals, the full US Code and other important legal documents.

http://www.law.cornell.edu/lii.table.html

2.11 Libraries on the Web
Chicago Public Library

This Chicago Public Library (CPL) experimental World Wide Web server was created as part of a LSCA grant for building public access to the Internet. It is available at the Harold Washington Library Center's Government Publications Department and six neighbourhood libraries.

http://cpl.lib.uic.edu/

IPL The Internet Public Library

The School of Information and Library Studies at the University of Michigan created this experimental library of and for the Internet community. Be sure to 'visit' this unique library.

http://ipl.sils.umich.edu/

Library Information Servers via WWW

Comprehensive links to libraries and library information on the Web.

http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/Libweb/

North Suburban Library System's WWW Home Page

Check out what our northern counterparts are up to! The home pages of their member libraries are linked here—be sure to see Morton Grove, Ela Area and the others.

http://www.nslsilus.org/

St. Joseph County Public Library Home Page

An outstanding public library home page with links to library, community and state information, to unusual reference questions and answers, to outstanding web sites, and to libraries worldwide on the Internet.

http://sjcpl.lib.in.us/

University of Virginia Internet Library

An excellent example of a university library home page. From the 'Service Desk' students can read materials held on reserve and take short courses on Internet topics. The 'Reference Room' has links to electronic encyclopaedias and to the reference collection, which is arranged by subject.

http://www.lib.virginia.edu/

Utah State Library Division Home Page

Information organised the same way that it would appear in a public library.

http://www.state.lib.ut.us/

Note: Refer to sites under Indian web servers for Indian information centers.

3. LIBRARY-RELATED SITES

American Library Association

The ALA Home Page provides ALA members and the public with information from and about ALA, as well as information about libraries and librarianship from other sources.

http://www.ala.org/

Censorship on the Internet

A site devoted to resources which provide information about child safety, censorship, privacy and personal freedom on the Internet.

http://www.voicenet.com/~cranmer/censorship html

The Copyright Website

'This site endeavours to provide real world, practical and relevant copyright information of interest to infonauts, netsurfers, webspinners, content providers, musicians, appropriationists, activists, infringers, outlaws, and law abiding citizens.'

http://www.benedict.com/index.html

Innovative Internet Applications in Libraries

This WWW site provides a convenient place to explore how libraries are using the Internet to improve service.

http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/libweb/innovate.html

Jenny's Cybrary to the Stars

Created by a librarian, for the librarians, this site features such goodies as 'Librarian's Site du Jour', advice on how to stay current in cyberspace and links to Internet resources to help persuade your board of trustees to get Internet access or a library web site.

http://sashimi.wwa.com/~jayhawk/index.html

Karen's Kitchen: The Librarians' Menu

Featured entrees' include subject guides to the Internet created by library students and librarians, 'Internet Reference Success Stories',

and the 'Freedom Page', with sample policies and lists of banned books.

http://www.intac.com/~kgs/libpalate.html

The Library Technician's Toolbox

An excellent resource for library support staff, this site comes complete with AACR2 and a bottle of aspirin!

http://www.eskimo.com/~rainbird/

Library-Oriented Lists and Electronic Serials

A compilation by the University of Houston Libraries of electronic discussion lists, distribution lists and electronic serials of interest to library professionals and staff.

http://info.lib.uh.edu/liblists/home.html

[Editor's Comment: This source is very relevant to us in India as most have only e-mail access to Internet and a lot can be had on e-mail only! The topics are very diverse ranging from 'Library Security' to 'Gay Librarians']

3.1 Public Service Librarian's Guide to Internet Resources

This thorough site has links to many professional resources for librarians including links to library schools, book vendors, reviews, Internet lessons, library catalogues, and a section called 'Pass the Buck', which features links to online experts available for referral of tough reference questions.

http://k12.oit.umass.edu/libguide.html

3.2 Movies

Internet Movie Database

The most comprehensive free source of movie information on the Internet. If you visit this site, take the tour and be prepared to be impressed.

http://www.cs.cf.ac.uk/Movies/

Mr Showbiz

Hot scoops from Hollywood.

http://web3.starwave.com/showbiz/

3.3 Museums

The Smithsonian Institution Home Page

The Electronic Smithsonian provides links to its various museums with tours and slide shows of select exhibits. This site has a searchable Encyclopaedia Smithsonian (answers to frequently asked questions about the Smithsonian and other topics) as well as tourist information.

http://www.si.edu/

WebMuseum, Paris

This extraordinary collection has its quick-loading artworks grouped by categories, such as 'Art of the Twentieth Century', 'Medieval Art' and 'Famous Paintings' (including Monalisa). The accompanying text provides historical and technical insights. Additional links to a glossary, WebMuseum, Network and even to tours of Paris.

http://www.emf.net/wm/

3.4 Music

The Newbie's Guide to Music

This beginner's guide is an excellent starting point for any type of music. Links include classical, jazz and blues, rock/pop, country, folk, instruments and more!

http://ug.cs.dal.ca:3400/music.html

3.5 News and Current Events

CNN Interactive

Divided into sections just like its cable TV counterpart, this site gives up-to-the-minute reports with both pictures and words of latest news stories and features.

http://www.cnn.com/

NewsLink

'The Web's most comprehensive on-line news resource featuring 558 newspaper, 420 broadcast, 572 magazine and 531 special links, surveys and top ten list'.

http://www.newslink.org/

Pathfinder

Time Warner says Pathfinder 'is the future home to the largest collection of news and

entertainment producers, among them TIME, Warner Brothers, Sports Illustrated, HBO, Fortune, People, Elektra Records, Southern Living, Entertainment Weekly, and dozens of others'.

http://www.pathfinder.com/

USA TODAY

Much like its print version, this is an excellent resource for current news and it contains current weather information for places all around the world.

http://www.usatoday.com/

3.6 Reference Collections—Using Dewey Classification

CyberDewey

This comprehensive site includes an alphabetical index to Dewey divisions.

http://ivory.lm.com/~mundie/DDHC/CyberDewey.html

The Reference Collection—Utah State

An outstanding collection.

http://www.state.lib.ut.us/dewey/referenc.html

3.7 Reference Collections—Using Subject and other Classification Schemes

Berkeley Public Library Online Reference

A truly awesome collection of resources.

http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/bpl/bkmk/ref.html

Internet Public Library's Reference Center

As this site is a graphical representation of a library, you begin at the picture of the reference section. Click on the desk to 'Ask a Reference Question', or on a book to browse a specific section of the 'Ready Reference Collection'. Unique!

http://ipl.sils.umich.edu/ref/

Ready Reference using the Internet

Alphabetic listing of a full-text sources/data suitable for ready reference.

http://k12.oit.umass.edu/rref.html

Reference Sources on the Net: Your Questions Answered Here

Ready reference page arranged by type of question. The categories include: 'How much, how many—Statistical Sources on the Net', 'How to say it: English Usage Guide', and 'Is it any good: Consumer Information and Reviews'. Part of 'Where the Wild Things are—Librarian's Guide to the Best Information on the Net'.

http://www.sau.edu/CWIS/Internet/Wild/Refdesk/refindex.html

University of Virginia Internet Library Reference Shelf

This is an index of Internet reference resources arranged by subject.

http://www.lib.virginia.edu/refshelf.html

3.8 Research and Writing

Hot Paper Topics

An alphabetical listing of suggested paper topics, and each topic is linked to sites on the Web where information on the topic can be found.

http://www.sau.edu/CWIS/Internet/Wild/Hot/hotindex.html

Info Zone: Research Skills Area

This site explains the process of doing research through, each step and providing link is along the way. Not to be missed—the 'Topics by the Ton' list, with links to diverse subjects such as the solar system, frogs, superman, juggling and the weekly idiom.

http://www.mbnet.mb.ca/~mstimson/

Purdue On-Line Writing Lab

Through this site, Purdue has made available handouts on topics such as commas, resumes, formats for citing sources (such as MLA or APA), nonsexist language, and other information. There are additional links to sources of information for research papers and writing.

http://owl.trc.purdue.edu/

SIRS: The Knowledge Source

Knowledge Source is a list of links to sites on the Web organised according to the topics

included on the SIRS CD-ROM databases. There are also links to research and writing tools here as well. (Note: this is not the SIRS full-text product)

http://www.sirs.com/tree/tree.html

3.9 Science

The NASA Homepage

This is the home page for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Click on 'Gallery' and you can see photos taken from space.

http://www.fsfc.nasa.gov/NASA_homepage.html

Science Clearinghouse

The University of Michigan has a number of subject guides to Internet resources. This is their science guide. It is comprehensive and well done.

http://www.lib.umich.edu/chouse/tree/sci.html

ScienceWeb

This is a Canadian guide to a spectrum of science and technology activities.

http://scienceweb.dao.nrc.ca/

VolcanoWorld

VolcanoWorld brings modern and near real-time volcano information to the Internet using remote sensing images and other data collections. Check on the current status of volcanoes around the world and learn how volcanoes work.

http://volcano.und.nodak.edu/vw.html

3.10 Sports

The Sports Network

Scores, headlines, and information about a wide range of sports including golf, tennis, soccer, boxing, horse racing, NASCAR, and the '96 Olympics.

http://www.sportsnetwork.com/

3.11 Statistics

Statistical Abstract

The 1995 Statistical Abstract contains a collection of statistics (over 1400 tables and graphs) on social, economic, and international subjects.

http://www.census.gov/stat_abstract/

3.12 Toll-Free Directory

AT&T Internet Toll Free 800 Directory

Search the contents of this online Yellow Pages by company name or browse the category listings.

http://www.tollfree.att.net:80/index.html

3.13 Travel

Lonely Planet Online

Under 'Destinations' click on the map of the world and then follow the links to travel information, slides showing the country's sights, and advice from fellow travellers.

http://www.lonelyplanet.com/

Virtual Tourist 2

VT2, the companion to the Virtual Tourist, features the Web's most extensive library of community maps. Here you can find general information, tourist guides, and pictures and maps for thousands of places.

http://www.vtourist.com/vt/

Xenon Labs: The Universal Currency Converter

Pick which currencies to convert from and into, enter the amount you are starting with, and Xenon will reference current exchange rates to give you an exact conversion.

http://www.xe.net/currency/

3.14 Weather

INTELLiCast: International Weather

Online guide to weather, ski and ocean conditions around the world with images and movies to download.

http://www.intellicast.com/weather/intl/