

## Weavers web



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# Doorway to e-journals...

The National Network of the United States Libraries of Medicine [<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/libinfo/ejournals/>] has created a wonderful resource page of information about and links to electronic journals. The page has everything from 'What is an e-journal?' to directories of e-journals in medicine alone and in science, technology and medicine. The top links on the page are mostly medical-related, but the page offers quite a lot to the non-medical searcher as well. There are directories of e-journal publishers and vendors, selected lists of free e-journals, information on collection development, licensing and consortia, and advice about e-journal publishing. There are links to discussion lists about e-journals and additional reading for those who want to bone up on the topic even more.

### Netting periodicals on the net

Periodicals.net [<http://www.periodicals.net/>] indexes 97 000 journal publications which have their content available online either directly or through online vendors. It is a quick way to find out how to get hold of journal articles online. You can search for items by title, subject, or ISSN, and limit your search, if you wish, to full text, abstract and index only or to a specific online vendor, for example Gale or EbscoHost. The search returns list the vendors, if any, that offer content from the journal, the dates of coverage (handy if you are desperate for full text), and a link to the vendors' websites. The Search E-journals section of the site indexes many free resources available online. Search returns in this category link to the publication's web pages.

### Staying in touch with remote users

The Electronic Library, IT and staff Education Project (ELITE) [<http://www.le.ac.uk/li/distance/eliteproject/index.htm>] at the University of Leicester was created to establish and develop the correct infrastructure and staff skills needed to deliver electronic library services to distance learners of the university.

The infrastructure involved the creation of interactive web pages, electronic delivery of documents, e-mail communications, net conferencing, video conferencing, MOOs and chat. The aim of these multiple educational technologies was to provide a richer library service. The ELITE site provides links to libraries using similar technologies, and also provides access to 'MyLibrary' initia-

tives. Other resources include articles about remote access.

### Get conCERNed

CERN was the birthplace of the World Wide Web, and the CERN library is now an e-journal publisher. The *High Energy Physics Libraries Webzine* is into its second issue. The journal 'aims to discuss issues relevant to high energy physics libraries from the point of view of both information workers and library clients. A secondary aim is to give librarians the opportunity to experience the world of electronic publishing from the inside'. Should you want to get involved, follow the link at the site [<http://library.cern.ch/HEPLW/>]. The material is not so much physics-based (which might put most people off) but rather informative about the issues surrounding electronic publishing and new models of publishing. A variety of viewpoints — the user, the librarian and the publisher — are catered for.

### No watermarks

The Catalogue Collectif de France is now available at <http://www.ccf.fr/bnf.fr/>. You will need to be familiar with French as all the navigation and help is in that language. Still, it is a one-stop place to find holdings of French libraries and French 'centres de documentation'. The Catalogue is in two parts — the first, a directory of participating organisations, and the second, a searchable catalogue of materials held there. Use the Répertoire des Bibliothèques to search almost four thousand institutions by name, location, and type of library. Use the Localisation de Documents section to search two million items by author, title, type of material, publisher, location, and date of publication. Many of the items have been added as a result of a huge national retrospective conversion project. Another eight million bibliographic records from university libraries and the national library's collections will also be progressively added. Whether any of them will be water-damaged after the Bibliothèque Nationale's recent flood is another matter.

### CNN in Europe

Keep up to date with European news and information at the new CNN site for Europe [<http://europe.cnn.com/>]. You can get headlines and news stories from the region in English as well as in a variety of other European languages such as Italian, Danish, Portuguese, Norwegian, and Spanish. There is weather information and sports and business

news, as well as analysis of issues currently in the news such as mad cow disease, the Kursk disaster and others.

### Fixing real books

In the digital age, it is refreshing to see a site about book repair being launched. All libraries still have books being loved or worked to death and this site will show staff how to fix the damage. Titled *A simple book repair manual*, the site [<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~preserve/repair/repairindex.htm>] is an online version of an existing print publication, but extra pictures and a movie have been added to spice up the content. The manual explains the principles of book repair, the tools required, and how you identify reparable materials. You can go directly to the kind of repair problem you have, for example torn pages, spine repair, corner repair, and so on. A glossary and bibliography are also included. For those who think a book consists of only the cover and inner pages, I have news for you — the site lists sixteen separate parts.

### For the virtual reference collection

Love 'em or hate 'em — *Guinness World Records* are online and available [<http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/>]. You can browse by specific world record or run a keyword search. For those who would like to have their own tilt at worm charming, ramp jumping or other feats, there is a Get Involved button to follow. You will need the Flash plug-in to get to see the Daily WOW.

### Endangered species

The World Conservation Union has released Red List 2000 [<http://www.redlist.org/>], an authoritative listing of the more than 11 000 species of the earth's plants and animals facing a high risk of extinction in the near future. The site offers a simple search and an expert search — you would do well to read some of the background to data organisation or categories and criteria before embarking on a search. You can search for a specific creature or plant by name, or simply search for all the endangered or vulnerable species from a specific country or region. Search returns provide scientific classification and common name, distribution (by country), and summary documentation.

### Science hits

Librarians who are struggling with the explosion of science on the web may welcome

the latest listing of the top fifty websites compiled by *Popular Science* [<http://www.popsci.com/features/bow00/index.html>]. The top sites are divided up into ten categories, including visual science, science learning, the universe, and earth and environment. Each site is briefly reviewed. Many of the sites include interactive games, video clips, animations, and pictures to make them attractive to users.

### Centenary of Federation

The National Library of Australia has just launched a new gateway to information on Federation which will be celebrated nationally in 2001 [<http://www.nla.gov.au/guides/federation/>]. The Library has printed, manuscript, pictorial, music and map material on Federation, and the new gateway contains digitised images of some of that material, such as photographs of the major people involved in the federation campaign, other pictures and invitations. There are also descriptions of the major personalities involved, quotes, a chronology of events, and a comprehensive guide to printed and web resources.

### No, you are not paranoid...

Privacy advocates are often accused of over-reaction, so it is nice to see a new report that backs up some of their advice. *Privacy and Human Rights 2000* [<http://www.privacyinternational.org/survey/>], a recently released report from by Privacy International and the Electronic Privacy Information Center, 'reviews current issues in privacy and the privacy laws and practices in over fifty countries around the world.' The report offers an overview of the state of privacy worldwide and details the existing threats to privacy. It also provides brief reports on the state of privacy in more than fifty nations (including Australia). The issues addressed include data protection, workplace privacy, cybercrime, video surveillance, genetic databases, and freedom of information laws.

### Weaver's web site

It was great to meet and talk to some Weaver's Web readers at the recent ALIA2000 conference. Thanks to all for your comments and feedback. For those who would like to visit my own web site, it is called *Guide to internet information sources for Australian journalists* [<http://www.uq.edu.au/jrn/ozguide/>]. The site aims to link you quickly to sources of net-based Australian information. ■

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