

SUBJECT GUIDE TO RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

BUSINESS

SBA.gov

<http://www.sba.gov/>

The official site of the U.S. Small Business Administration helps with information on starting a business, legal considerations, government services from federal, state and local agencies.

Entrepreneur

<http://www.entrepreneur.com/bizstartups/index.html>

Offers how-to guides for starting a business, sample business plans, success stories and more.

Inventor Resources

<http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/index.jsp>

This is the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's official site for independent inventors. It provides comprehensive information on intellectual property, patents, trademarks and copyrights.

Inventor's Handbook

<http://web.mit.edu/invent/h-main.html>

This web site is a handbook created by Lemelson-MIT Program to address the independent inventor's and aspiring entrepreneur's most frequently asked questions regarding U.S. patents.

CAREER/OCCUPATIONS/JOB SEARCH

Occupational Outlook Handbook

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Outlines hundreds of jobs including information about required training or education, earnings, expected job prospects, job responsibilities, and work environment

Indeed.com

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

This comprehensive job search engine is easy to navigate with thousands employment postings.

CareerOnestop: Pathways to Career and Success

<http://www.careeronestop.org/>

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, CareerOneStop assists in exploring careers, writing resumes, interviewing, and locating jobs. It also provides links to state job banks.

Jobhunters Bible

<http://www.jobhuntersbible.com/counseling/>

This site is an online job search tool.

JobWeb

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

JobWeb offers career and job-search advice for new college graduates. It is a service of the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

O*Net Online

<http://www.onetonline.org/>

This site contains information on hundreds of jobs. "The database, which is available to the public at no cost, is continually updated by surveying a broad range of workers from each occupation. Information from this database forms the heart of O*NET OnLine, an interactive application for exploring and searching occupations." The database also includes Career Exploration Tools.

CaliforniaColleges.edu

<http://www.californiacolleges.edu/career/career.asp>

Find career information, assessment tools, job lists, resume builders and more.

California Employment Development Department (EDD): Labor Market

www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/

Describes employment development in California

Job Seekers Advice

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

Free career advice for those seeking jobs.

Bay Area Jobs

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

Lists job information for the San Francisco Bay Area.

DICTIONARIES & THESAURI (see also: LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE)

American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language

<http://education.yahoo.com/reference/dictionary>

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/>

Roget's II: The New Thesaurus

<http://education.yahoo.com/reference/thesaurus>

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

EarlyChildhood.com – Teacher Quick Source

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

The IdeaBox.com

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

Many ideas for activities, music, crafts, recipes, games and more for pre-school children

ECONOMY – UNITED STATES

Economic Indicators

<http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/briefroom/BriefRm>

This site has information on current and historic economic indicators.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS, general

Columbia Encyclopedia

<http://education.yahoo.com/reference/encyclopedia>

Encyclopedia.com

<http://education.yahoo.com/reference/encyclopedia>

ENVIRONMENT

Earth Portal

www.earthportal.org

This is a global resource for science-based information about the environment. The site is governed by the Environmental Information Coalitions and consists of three components: *The Encyclopedia of Earth* (over 3500 articles); *Earth Forum* (commentary and discussion); and *Earth News* (news stories on environmental issues).

Ecycling

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/consERVE/materials/ecycling/index.htm>

This Environmental Protection Agency website offers statistics, regulations and standards, regional and state recycling information and more.

Ecology

www.ecology.com

Ecology and environmental portal from both a global and national perspective

FOOD, DIET and NUTRITION

The Food Timeline

<http://www.foodtimeline.org/>

This website was created by a reference librarian. It contains original material plus links to related sources. The timeline is two columns entitled "Beginnings" and "Recipes." Each column has links, beginning in 17,000BC, to food related topics.

Nutrition.gov

<http://www.nutrition.gov>

Government information on food and human nutrition for consumers

GAY AND LESBIAN

GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders)

<http://www.glad.org/>

Defends against media and other stereotypes of gays and lesbians

Human Rights Campaign

<http://www.hrc.org/>

Advocates for gay rights including gay marriage and gay adoptions

Matthew Shephard Foundation

<http://www.matthewshepard.org/>

Organization to end hatred and prejudice against gay people in memory of Matthew Shephard who was a victim of a hate crime

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

<http://www.thetaskforce.org/>

Legal organization that fights for gay rights by changing laws

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network

<http://www.sldn.org/>

Organization dedicated to protecting the rights of gay and lesbians in the military.

GENEALOGY

Genealogy Sites

<http://genealogy-websites.no1reviews.com/>

Paid site that offers a huge amount of genealogy materials and research records

National Archives

<http://www.archives.gov/>

A national research site

HEALTH/MEDICAL

General Medicine and Health: Centers for Disease Control

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

This government site provides a valuable source for credible health information. Use the A-Z Index or the Search box to find information on health issues from Autism to Zoster (Shingles). This site also provides information on Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Health, Life Stages, Healthy Living, Injury, Violence and Safety, Traveler's Health and Workplace Safety and Health.

Health.gov

<http://health.gov/>

A variety of health topics including preventative medicine from the National Health Clearinghouse

Mayo Clinic

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

Medical information on a variety of diseases including treatment and diagnosis

Medline Plus

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/>

Consumer information on a variety of health topics, contains a medical dictionary, a drug section and videos/cool tools. There are a variety of resources on the site including interactive health tutorials and audiovisual materials.

National Institutes of Health

<http://www.nih.gov/>

This government site provides links to hundreds of sites with information on all types of diseases and health concerns. Use the drop down screen under the *Health Information* tab to search for Health Topics from A-Z or by using the keyword health topics and clinical trials search boxes. The drop down screen under the *Institutes* tab also provides links to institutes that provide specialized information such as the NIAMS (National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases)

National Library of Medicine

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

The world's largest medical library has a portal to a variety of health and science related databases including general health databases such as PubMed, Medline Plus and specialized ones such as Tox Town. There are also many different types of information available including media, newspapers and reference books and interactive tutorials.

Pub Med

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>

Research comes from Medline and biomedical research journals. The focus is for researchers and physicians. There is an advanced search function that allows the user to search various fields such as human and animal studies and various languages.

Womenshealth.gov

<http://www.womenshealth.gov/>

Created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health; it offers a variety of topics affecting the health of women.

Evaluating Health Web Sites

<http://nnlm.gov/outreach/consumer/evalsite.html>

Site for evaluating medical web sites

Specific Diseases and Disorders:**Alzheimer's Disease****Alzheimer's Association**

<http://www.alz.org/>

Find facts and figures about Alzheimer's disease and links to information on living with the disease and finding support for caregivers and patients.

Autism

Healing Thresholds: Connecting Community and Science to Heal Autism

<http://autism.healingthresholds.com/>

Provides information on various autism therapies and serves as treatments, offers a broad coverage of research, news, and developments in autism treatment. It is an extensive directory of medical, educational, psychological, and nutritional specialists.

Autism Society

<http://www.autism-society.org/>

This site provides information for learning about autism and living with autism. It also tracks research and statistical information for families and professionals concerned with autism.

Autism Speaks

www.autismspeaks.org

News, services and support info on autism

Cancer

American Cancer Society

<http://www.cancer.org/>

Learn about various types of cancer from breast cancer to skin cancer. Learn ways to stay healthy and reduce your risk of cancer, find support and treatment options, and explore research being done.

MD Anderson Center/University of Texas

<http://www.mdanderson.org/>

Cancer medical center in Houston considered one of the finest treatment centers for cancer in the world. The site contains cancer information including resources and research.

National Cancer Institute

<http://www.cancer.gov/>

Information is presented on all types of cancer including information on clinical trials. There is the latest news on cancer and popular resources.

Diabetes

American Diabetes Association

<http://www.diabetes.org/>

Under the *Diabetes Basics* tab links to sites with information describing the various forms of the disease. The *Living with Diabetes* tab provides links to care and treatment strategies and the *Food and Fitness* tab has resources like "My Food Advisor which is an online calorie and carbohydrate counting tool.

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

<http://www2.niddk.nih.gov/>

This National Institutes of Health website provides extensive information on Diabetes as well as liver, kidney, urologic and digestive diseases. Spanish language information is available as well.

Hypertension and Heart Disease

American Heart Association

<http://www.heart.org>

Click on the *Conditions* tab to find topics on a wide variety of conditions such as arrhythmia, cholesterol, congenital heart defects, heart attacks, strokes and high blood pressure. Look for multimedia presentations such as the “animation of the normal heart’s electrical system.”

Lung Disease

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology

<http://www.aaaai.org/>

This site contains a wealth of information for patients and consumers, including comprehensive coverage of asthma management in adults and children, clinical trials, research, and publications.

American Lung Association

<http://www.lungusa.org/>

This association’s website provides information on various lung diseases such as asthma, COPD, lung cancer, smoking related illness and more. It also provides access to publications containing valuable statistical data related to lung disease.

Mental Health

National Institute of Mental Health

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

This National Institutes of Health website covers diagnosis, symptoms and treatment of mental illnesses from anxiety to schizophrenia and provides links to resources for people of all ages.

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/>

This National Institutes of Health covers a wide variety of disorders. Check the A-Z listing of disorders.

Obesity

<http://www.cdc.gov/obesity/>

This Centers for Disease Control site provides overweight and obesity information including definitions of overweight and obesity, causes and consequences, data and statistics as well as interactive tools, videos and podcasts.

Encyclopedia of Psychology

<http://www.psychology.org/>

General information about psychology topics

HISTORY – AMERICAN

Abraham Lincoln Historical Digitization Project

<http://lincoln.lib.niu.edu/>

Lincoln/Net presents historical materials from Abraham Lincoln's Illinois years (1830-1861), including Lincoln's writings and speeches. You can also view vignettes of his life through text, images, and videos. This is a collaborative project based at Northern Illinois University.

Documenting the American South

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

This collection of primary resources focuses on the culture, literature and history of the American South. Read first-person narratives of women, slaves and soldiers; discover Southern literary works dating from the Colonial period; and listen to interviews on topics such as civil rights and politics.

Du Bois Central: Resources on the Life and Legacy of W.E.B. Du Bois

<http://www.library.umass.edu/spcoll/dubois/>

One of the largest free repositories of primary materials for the study of African American history and culture, focusing on the books, correspondence, essays, lectures and notes of W.E.B. Du Bois. Also included are hundreds of photographs from Du Bois' personal collection, and his biography.

Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/index.html>

National library containing primary and secondary resources of American History

National Civil Rights Museum

<http://www.civilrights museum.org/>

Site is at the Lorraine Motel where Dr. Martin Luther King was killed. Museum is a historical representation of the civil rights movement.

Smithsonian National Museum of History

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/>

National museum on American history

ushistory.org

<http://www.ushistory.org/>

Located in Philadelphia, this site contains links to a virtual tour of the historical sites of the Revolutionary War and the founding of the United States.

HOMELESSNESS**U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development – Hud.com**

<http://www.hud.gov/homeless/index.cfm>

Information on housing, food, health care, etc.

National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty

<http://www.nlchp.org>

Information on causes and solutions, housing options, health, and substance abuse

National Coalition for the Homeless

<http://www.nationalhomeless.org/>

Focuses on housing justice, health care justice and civil rights

LANGUAGE and LITERATURE

Dictionaries

Your Dictionary

<http://sentence.yourdictionary.com>

This online dictionary is based on *Webster's New World College Dictionary*. In addition to word definitions, tabs are provided for finding synonyms and use of word in sentences. An aural pronunciation feature is also available to hear the word and its definition.

Dictionary.com

<http://dictionary.reference.com/>

This online dictionary is based on a variety of dictionaries. The site includes ads, but does provide a simple search box and well as a Thesaurus tab for finding synonyms, a Quotes tab for finding the word used in a variety of sentences, and a Flashcard time with an aural pronunciation feature.

Urban Dictionary

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

"Slanguage and pop culture are what the Urban Dictionary web site is all about." (LJ 6/1/09) This dictionary is built wiki style, but is a valuable tool for keeping up with the fluidity of slang. It was started in 1999 by Aaron Peckham, at Cal Tech and contains millions of definitions.

Acronyms and Abbreviations

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

Look up acronyms and abbreviations

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<http://www.gutenberg.org>

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<http://www.archive.org/details/texts>

http://www.freebyte.com/free_ebooks/

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

<http://www.free-ebooks.net/> free registration

<http://manybooks.net/>

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

<http://freecomputerbooks.com/> Computer topics

<http://www.freetechbooks.com/> Computer and technology topics

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

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

<http://knowfree.net/>

<http://www.onlinefreebooks.net/>

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

<http://www.asksam.com/ebooks/>

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

<http://www.doaj.org/doaj?func=home&uiLanguage=en> Full text Journals

<http://books.google.com/> search, or <http://books.google.com/books> by subject

<http://www.hathitrust.org/> search, or <http://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/mb> by subject

<http://www.nap.edu/>

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

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/book/browse?type=subject> by subject

Poetry

Poetry Foundation

<http://www.poetryfoundation.org>

Site is published by *Poetry* magazine to share the discovery and celebration of poetry. The full-text of the magazine is available from 1998, as is a historical index that dates to 1912. Use this site to search for information about poets or for poems by title, author, first line, or occasion.

Quotations

Bartlett's Familiar Quotations

<http://bartleby.com/100/>

LAW

Thomas Legislative Information

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Includes bills or resolutions, public law, activity in congress, congressional record and more

Official California Legislative Information

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>

The official site for California Legislature – it includes information on bills, laws, pending legislation, legislative publications and processes, and information on legislators.

PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts Encyclopedia

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

The *Performing Arts Encyclopedia* (PAE) is a guide to performing arts resources at the Library of Congress. Users can find digitized items from the collections; special Web presentations on topics and collections; articles and biographical essays and more.

Dance

American Ballet Theatre (ABT) Online Ballet Dictionary

<http://www.abt.org/education/dictionary/index.html>

This is an interactive site providing an introduction to the art of ballet in small video clips illustrating 170 technical terms.

Cyber Dance

<http://www.cyberdance.org/index.html>

This site provides thousands of links to ballet and modern-dance companies, schools, services, products, organizations and other dance Web sites.

Voice of Dance

<http://www.voiceofdance.com>

This site provides links to information about dance companies, famous dancers and more. It also provides news, reviews and dance-related directories.

Theatre

TheatreCrafts.com

<http://theatrecrafts.com>

This site provides practical information and advice for theatre technicians. Links to resources and suppliers are provided, as well as interesting essays on a variety of theatre research topics such as, "The history and fashion of shoes", found under the *Costumes* link.

TheatreHistory.com

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

This site includes articles about theater around the world, an online script archive, and other topics.

Film

American Film Institute

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

Information about American films

Glossary of Film Terms

http://homepage.newschool.edu/~schlemoj/film_courses/glossary_of_film_terms/

This site provides definitions for hundreds of film terms indexed alphabetically.

MRQE: Movie Review Query Engine

<http://www.mrqe.com>

This site is the largest online database of movie reviews

The Greatest Films

<http://www.filmsite.org/>

This is an award-winning site offering a variety of “best lists,” lengthy plot synopses, and feature articles.

Internet Moving Images Archive: Movie Collection

<http://www.archive.org/details/movies>

This site includes more than 200,000 free digital films, including animation and cartoons, cultural, academic and ephemeral films, news and public affairs, full-length movies, and more.

Internet Movie Database

www.imdb.com

News, reviews, and other information about movies and television

Music**Allmusic.com**

<http://allmusic.com/>

A comprehensive, descriptive, critical, and discographic information site for all genres and styles of music; included are biographies and images of thousands of artists, including smaller local artists and obscure bands.

Television and Radio**Hulu**

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

This site includes episodes of complete television shows and excerpts of others from a variety of networks, selected full-length movies, and trailers.

Museum of Broadcast Communications

<http://www.museum.tv/>

This site provides free access to more than 7,000 hours of digitized radio and television content and a searchable archive of thousands of programs. The archive search requires a free online registration.

The Paley Center for Media

<http://www.paleycenter.org/>

This site contains a searchable database of thousands of television and radio programs and advertisements available for viewing in person in New York or Los Angeles. The online database offers synopses and production credits for the programs.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

C-SPAN Video Library

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/videoLibrary/>

Central video library of C-SPAN shows on authors and government information.

CA.gov – State of California

<http://www.ca.gov/About/Government/index.html>

Includes links to a wide variety of California government information sites.

CIA World Factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>

Information on history, people, government, etc. of all the countries of the world

Government Information Web Directory

<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-lib/govdoc/govinfo.cfm>

Directory of a huge amount of government information

IRS.gov

<http://www.irs.gov>

Provides over 1000 downloadable tax forms and publications, tax laws for current and past years, online services, filing and payments, special-interest topics, general news items as well as a search window for searching by form number, publication term or topic

Maplight.Org: Money and Politics: Illuminating the Connection

<http://maplight.org/>

This site explores the connections between campaign donations and Congressional voting. It matches interest groups with legislators and their voting records.

USA.Gov: Government Made Easy

<http://www.usa.gov/index.shtml>

Includes links to a wide variety of United States government information sites.

United Nations

<http://www.un.org>

Gateway to information on global issues, maps, UN charter & organization, etc.

United States Government Manual

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/index.html>

The *United States Government Manual* provides comprehensive information on the agencies of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches. It also includes information on quasi-official agencies and international organizations in which the United States participates; also, boards, commissions, and committees.

US Government Printing Office

<http://www.gpo.gov/>

Site for government publications

League of Women Voters of California

<http://ca.lwv.org/>

Non-partisan political, election, and government information

POLLS AND SURVEYS

Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research Data Archive

<http://www.ciser.cornell.edu/info/polls.shtml>

List of polls and surveys compiled by Cornell University

RELIGION

Religion, general

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

Facts and descriptions of religions around the world

Specific religions/denominations, (includes information about religion or spiritual tradition):

American Baptist Churches

<http://www.abc-usa.org/>

Anglican

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/>

Buddhism

<http://www.buddhawebsite.org/>

Catholic Church

<http://www.catholic.org/>

Christian Science

<http://christianscience.com/>

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons)

<http://lds.org/?lang=eng>

Episcopal

<http://ecusa.anglican.org/>

Evangelical

<http://ueca.org/>

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

<http://www.elca.org/>

Focus on the Family

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

Hinduism

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

Jehovah's Witness

<http://www.watchtower.org/>

Judaism, Conservative

<http://www.uscj.org>

Judaism, Reform

<http://www.urj.org>

Metropolitan Community Church

<http://mccchurch.org/>

Muslim

<http://islamworld.net/>

Pentecostal

<http://www.pcg.org/>

Scientology

<http://www.scientology.org/>

Self Realization Fellowship

<http://www.yogananda-srf.org/>

Sikhs

<http://www.sikhs.org/>

United Methodist Church

<http://www.umc.org/>

United Presbyterian Church

<http://www.pcusa.org/>

SCIENCE

General

Science 360

<http://science360.gov/files>

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the site includes videos on a variety of scientific topics that were submitted by "scientists, colleges and universities, science and engineering centers and more.

SCIRUS

<http://scirus.com/>

"Comprehensive scientific research tool with millions of scientific items; an index allows researchers to search for journal content, scientists' homepages, courseware, pre-print server material, patents and institutional repository and website information."

Complete Works of Charles Darwin

<http://darwin-online.org.uk/>

This site, directed by John van Wyhe at the University of Cambridge, began in 2002 to assemble all of Darwin's published and unpublished writings. The largest Darwin resource ever created with thousands of pages of searchable text and images.

Science Daily

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

Science Research News

SCIENCE

Specific Disciplines

Anatomy

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

An exploration of human anatomy with descriptions, graphics and animation

Biology

<http://biologywebsites.com/>

Links to biology websites

Chemistry

<http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content>

American Chemical Society

World of Chemistry

<http://www.learner.org/resources/series61.html>

Provides a series of instructional videos on chemistry

Physical/Earth Sciences

<http://www.physics.org/>

Physics.org

Site for physics news, careers, exploration and discovery

U.S. Geological Survey

<http://www.usgs.gov/>

U.S. government site on geology

SPEECH and COMMUNICATION**Americanrehetoric**

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

This is a speech bank with thousands of holdings providing access to formal speeches, including public and legal oratories, lectures, debates, interviews, and various high-profile media events.

Famous Speeches in History

<http://www.history.com/speeches>

Audios and videos of famous speeches

STATISTICS**California Statistical Abstract**

http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/FS_DATA/STAT-ABS/Statistical_Abstract.php

Tables from the California Statistical Abstracts date back to 2000.

Statistical Abstracts of the United States

<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>

The *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, published since 1878, is the authoritative and comprehensive summary of statistics on social, political, and economic issues in the U.S.

State and County Quick Facts

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/index.html>

U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/>

Provides tables and other information collected from the 2010 census

UNdata

<http://data.un.org>

Search more than 55 million records from the databases of the United Nations. It includes international statistical information on employment, population, refugees and much more.

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