

Worthy of Bookmarking

The following is a highly subjective list of favorite Web sites in no particular order. Some of these sites I consult almost daily in the course of my work; some I've visited only on rare occasions but found to be of particular value because of the specific information they contained; their looks, search engine, or ease of navigation; or useful links to other sites. My thanks to all the friends and colleagues who contributed their bookmarks to this eclectic mixture. If you have a favorite URL you would like to share with our readers in future issues of *Science Editor*, please e-mail me at darlingg@airmail.net.

PubMed—www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

This is old news, you say. Trust me: If you gave up in disgust on the old PubMed and renewed your subscription to Ovid Online, you will be pleasantly surprised by the new PubMed. Still gives you access to the MEDLINE and PreMEDLINE bibliographic databases of more than 10 million citations from 1966 to the present, but now has easily adjustable search limits, a clipboard for storing and sorting up to 500 citations (with or without abstracts), direct links to full-text journals, a journal browser to look up title abbreviations and ISSNs, and other things. This improved version of the old standby is worth a second look. And it's still free.

Martindale's The Reference Desk—www.sci.lib.uci.edu/HSG/Ref.html

This site contains an extensive index to online references, including links to more than 6,700 online calculators and thousands of teaching files, multimedia tutorials, and databases. Divided into information centers dealing with the arts, science, sports, technology, and many others. If it doesn't have a link directly to what you're looking for, it can probably give you ideas about where to look.

Learn the Net—www.learnthenet.com

Great online tutorials for Web novices. Teaches beginners how to navigate the Internet, configure e-mail, perform search-

es, and so on. In English, Spanish, French, German, and Italian.

Really Big—reallybig.com

For those building their own Web pages, this is the place to look. More than 1,000 links to site-building resources, from domain registration to Web-page design elements. Lots of freeware and shareware fonts in www.fontpool.com. A companion site, www.webhostlist.com, evaluates pros and cons of potential hosts for that Web site you've worked so hard on.

The Medical Terminology Desk—www.mtdesk.com

Keep up with new drugs, surgical and medical equipment, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, and much more. When dictionaries and style guides are not current enough—and how can they be?—you will find the answer here. With capsule descriptions and links to manufacturers' Web sites.

Web of Online Dictionaries—www.facstaff.bucknell.edu/rbeard/diction.html

Looking for that elusive definition to prove your point? An amazing site with over 600 online dictionaries in more than 150 languages, including some I never heard of (Chamorro?). The linked online grammar pages are a bit dated and geared to British users, though.

Grammar Guides—webster.comnet.edu/HP/pages/darling/grammar.htm

Your best bet for an answer to that niggling grammar question you are too embarrassed to ask coworkers. An Ask Grammar page guarantees confidentiality ("We promise not to divulge your name or e-mail address to anyone else, ever, absolutely"); just make sure you do your homework first ("We assume . . . that you have consulted the Guide's Index or the Guide's Search Engine and that your answer couldn't be found in a dictionary"). And be prepared to wait a couple of days: "If you need an answer faster than that, you're

asking the wrong person.” Loads of fun.

**Weather Underground—
www.wunderground.com**

Access to state, national, and international weather conditions and forecasts. Detailed weather information includes temperature, wind chill, heat index, humidity, visibility, sunrise and sunset, and radar maps. With historical records to 1994.

**Internet Public Library—
www.ipl.org**

Structured like a traditional library, it lets you browse through almost 10,000 online publications and 2,300 magazines and journals. With links to newspapers from around the world.

**Los Angeles Audubon
Society bookstore— [http://
pw1.netcom.com/~laas/
bookstore.html](http://pw1.netcom.com/~laas/bookstore.html)**

Promoted as “one of the finest nature bookstores in the world”, the LAAS lists over 2,000 natural-history titles and sells books, CD-ROMs, audio and video recordings, computer programs, checklists, optical equipment, and other merchandise. Experienced staff will search for out-of-print publications and offer great service.

**The Encyclopaedia Britannica—
www.britannica.com**

Why pay \$1,250 for the 32-volume print set when you can search the entire database gratis? And the online version is

continually updated. (If only *PDR* and *Bowker's Books in Print* followed suit!)

**Resources for Journalists—
powerreporting.com**

Well-organized site includes great links for research into government agencies, finding people and companies, the low-down on nonprofit organizations, fact-checking, general reference, and much more. The science-beat links are both varied and comprehensive.

**Web Style Guide—
www.uncle-netword.com**

Home page or homepage? E mail or e-mail? When you don't know how to write it, Uncle Netword will point you in the right direction. His style guide “is intended to augment, not replace, standard style and usage manuals. . . . More than a set of guidelines, it's an attitude.” Full of sound, well-reasoned advice and very nicely written. Check it out.

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