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ASKA SERVICES:

1. AskERIC

http://ericir.syr.edu/

A personalized Internet-based service that provides education information to teachers, librarians, counselors, administrators, and parents. Includes access to the ERIC database, lesson plans and a virtual library.

2. Internet Public Library

http://www.ipl.org/

Provides an online question and answer service and supplies resources and materials to support the professional development of librarians and information professionals.

3. Virtual Reference Desk Locator

http://www.vrd.org/locator/index.html

A database of high-quality "AskA" services designed to link students, teachers, parents and other K-12 community members with experts on the Internet.

ELECTRONIC DISCUSSION GROUPS:
1. Big6
   http://big6.com/
   A listserv that facilitates implementation of Big6(tm) information and technology literacy programs in all educational situations.

2. Child_Lit: http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~mjoseph/childlit/about.html
   A discussion group for the purpose of examining the theory and criticism of literature for children and young adults.

3. LM_NET
   http://ericir.syr.edu/lm_net/
   A professional listserv for over 13,000 school librarians worldwide covering topics relevant to school libraries.

4. OZ_TLNET
   http://www.csu.edu.au/research/cstl/oztl_net/
   A professional discussion list for information professionals primarily working in Australian schools.

**EVALUATION:**

1. Evaluating Web Resources
   http://www2.widener.edu/Wolfgram-Memorial-Library/webevaluation/webeval.htm
   Checklists for personal, advocacy, news, informational, and business sites.

2. Web Site Evaluations
   http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/eval.html
Evaluation surveys at the elementary, middle, and secondary school levels

INTERNET BASICS:

1. Bare Bones 101: A Basic Tutorial On Searching The Web
   http://www.sc.edu/beaufort/library/bones.html
   Short lessons on Web search engines, subject directories, search tips, and Boolean logic.

2. Boolean Searching on the Internet
   http://www.albany.edu/library/internet/boolean.html
   A primer on Boolean Searching and how to maximize efficient Web searching using the three logical operators: and, or, not.

3. Search Engine Showdown
   http://www.notess.com/search/
   Features, statistics, comparisons, search strategies, and analyses of specialized search engines including Usenet, subject guides, email lists, and meta-search engines.

KEEPING CURRENT:

1. Blue Web'n
   http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn/
   A searchable database of more than 1000 outstanding Internet learning sites categorized by subject area, audience, and type (lessons, activities, projects, resources, references, and tools).

2. Internet Scout Project
http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/addserv/weblio/index.htm

Webliographies are geared toward children, teens, parents, and older adults.

3. Kids Report

http://kids.library.wisc.edu/

An annotated library of curriculum-related Internet sites produced by K-12 students as resources for other K-12 students and teachers, based on selection criteria.

INFORMATION LITERACY:

1. Big6 eNewsletter

http://big6.com/enewsletter/

Features articles, Big6 in action, and lessons for teaching information problem-solving.

2. From Now On (Jamie McKenzie)

http://www.fno.org/

Articles about assessment, information literacy, questioning, Internet policies, and staff development from an innovative educator.

3. WebQuest Page

http://edweb.sdsu.edu/webquest/

Describes and provides resources for WebQuests, an inquiry-oriented activity in which most or all of the information used by learners is drawn from the Web.

LESSON PLANS:

1. GEM (Gateway to Educational Materials)
http://www.thegateway.org/

The key to one-stop, any-stop access to high quality lesson plans, curriculum units and other education resources on the Internet.

ONLINE JOURNALS AND BOOK REVIEWS:

   http://www.alala.org/BookLinks/
   Site includes sample articles from the recent issue, an archive of past articles and cumulative indices from 1990-present.

2. Booklist
   http://www.alala.org/booklist/index.html
   Provides sample reviews for adult, youth, and reference books and electronic reference tools. Editor's Choice lists top book and video picks for the year. Search the reviews for specific books.

   http://www.linworth.com/ Read selected articles from the current issue as well as some reviews of books and software from Book Report (secondary) and Library Talk (elementary).

   Find online texts, book reviews, reading lists, author and publisher information, and events.

5. The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books
   http://www.lis.uiuc.edu/puboff/bccb/
   Includes feature articles and archives, book reviews, award winners and The Bulletin
Dozen, a monthly theme-based list of titles available only online.

6. Horn Book Magazine
   http://www.hbook.com/mag.shtml

Offers book reviews, Virtual History Exhibit, excerpts from articles, interviews, editorials, columns, news, and obituaries.

7. MultiMedia Schools Magazine
   http://www.infotoday.com/MMSchools/

A free online version of selected articles and columns with reviews of Web sites, software and other networking resources for K-12 products and services.

8. School Library Journal
   http://www.slj.com/

A free online version of SLJ offers top Web sites, library news, selected articles from past issues, CD-ROM evaluations, conference calendar, and job postings.

9. Teacher Librarian
   http://www.teacherlibrarian.com/

Find full text and excerpts from columns about Web sites, professional reading, K-12 bestsellers, technology and new products for school librarians.

POLICY:

1. Crash Course in Copyright
   http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectualproperty/cprtindx.htm
Copyright basics including fair use, multimedia, licensing, and management.

2. Kidz Privacy

http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/kidzprivacy/index.html

Rules and resources about the 1998 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION WEB SITES:

1. American Association of School Librarians

http://www.ala.org/aasl/

Resources for school librarians ranging from research, continuing education, awards and grants to position statements. The resource guide includes intellectual freedom, collaboration, flexible scheduling and information literacy.

2. American Library Association

http://www.ala.org/

Provides resources for the ALA divisions, Public Information Office, library promotional events, conferences, and specific areas of interest including literacy, outreach, employment, research, standards and guidelines.

3. Association for Library Service to Children

http://www.ala.org/alsc/

Promotes improvement and extension of library services to children in all types of libraries and includes collections of award winning books and evaluated Web sites for children.

4. International Association of School Librarianship
http://www.hi.is/~anne/iasl.html

Provides an international forum for people interested in promoting effective school library media programs.

5. Young Adult Library Services Association

http://www.ala.org/yalsa/

The site highlights award winning books for young adults, including reluctant readers, provides ideas for Teen Read Week, and other resources for librarians serving young adults.

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE LINKS:

1. The Cyberlibrarians' Rest Stop

http://www.thelearningsite.net/cyberlibrarian/reststop.html

Search tutorials, keeping current with Web resources, and online collection development tools.

2. Internet School Library Media Center (ISLMC) school libraries page

http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/libraries.htm

Information on selection, cataloging and classification, management, assessment, and standards.

3. Learning@Web.Sites Library Media Center

http://www.ecnet.net/users/gdlevin/library.html

Collection of links pertinent to school librarians, relating to curriculum, technology, planning, and support.

4. Librarian’s Index to the Internet
http://lii.org/

A searchable, annotated subject directory of more than 7,000 Internet resources selected and evaluated by librarians for their usefulness to users of public libraries.

5. LibraryHQ

http://www.libraryhq.com/

Resources for the "wired librarian" including technology, hot topics, and automation systems.

6. LibrarySpot

http://www.libraryspot.com/

A virtual library resource center for educators and students, librarians and their patrons.

7. LION- Librarians Information Online Network

http://www.libertynet.org/lion/lion.html

An online resource focusing on the needs of K-12 school librarians

8. Nueva Library Page (Debbie Abilock)

http://nuevaschool.org/~debbie/library/overview.html

Library policies, research, citations, outreach, and professional development.

9. The Public Service Librarian's Professional Guide to Internet Resources

http://www.winsor.edu/library/libguide.htm
Links for standards, online experts, classification systems, copyright, censorship, and evaluation.

10. Refdesk

http://www.refdesk.com/

Ready reference, fact sources and subject specific resources.

11. School-Libraries.Org (Peter Milbury)

http://www.school-libraries.org/resources/

A collection of online materials to assist school librarians make effective use of the resources of the Web.

RESEARCH:

1. ERIC/IT

http://ericir.syr.edu/ithome/

The ERIC Clearinghouse that specializes in library and information science and educational technology. Includes digests and other publications.

2. Library Research Service

http://www.lrs.org/

Provides research, statistics, "fast facts" and the "Colorado Report" with its 1999 update giving evidence that academic achievement is directly related to school libraries.

TECHNOLOGY:

1. Doug Johnson's Homepage
http://www.doug-johnson.com/

A collection of articles on school technology and library issues, rubrics, journal columns from a leader in educational technology.

2. Symantec's AntiVirus Research Center

http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/

Find risks, threats, hoaxes, and fixes to computer viruses.

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