

Virtually Yours - Searching the Web

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The web can be both friend and foe to the information professionals. Many of us have favorite search engines and sites that help us find the information we need. Every week we learn about another great resource and add yet another bookmark. This roundtable presentation gathered favorite research and fire Web sources from inFIRE attendees.

General Search Engines

<http://www.aj.com> -- question/answer search engine
<http://www.mamma.com> -- meta search engine
<http://www.northernlight.com> -- research engine
<http://www.raging.com> -- relevant, fast search results
<http://www.altavista.com> -- search includes images, mp3s, video
<http://www.yahoo.com> -- search by keywords or topics
<http://www.metacrawler.com> -- search keywords or topics
<http://www.lycos.com> -- search keywords or topics
<http://www.webtop.com> -- key word search or text search (key concepts)
<http://www.alltheweb.com> -- search for ftps, mp3s, multimedia, bands, etc.
<http://www.google.com> -- search with different languages
<http://www.wombat.net> -- meta search engine
<http://www.cen.uiuc.eu/exploring.html> -- internet index for searching

Ready Reference

<http://www.libraryspot.com>
<http://www.searchenginewatch.com>
<http://www.librarylandindex.com>
<http://www.answers.com.au>
<http://www.infospace.com>
<http://www.nih.gov/health> -- National Library of Medicine

Fire News

<http://www.firehouse.com>
<http://www.startext.net/homes/trade/> -- exchange for fire, emergency medical services, and Hazmat training materials
<http://www.fire.org.uk> -- electronic pages for the British Fire Service
<http://www.fire-uk.org> -- official organization for principal fire officers in the UK
<http://www.siri.org/index.html> -- for MSDS sheets

General News

<http://www.washingtonpost.com>
<http://www.cnn.com>
<http://www.msnbc.com>
<http://www.eta.on.ca> -- list of Canadian news sources

<http://www.etsd.on.ca/canada-news.htm> -- links to news information for Canada

Book Sites

<http://www.bookfinder.com>

<http://www.hardtfindbooks.com>

Library Professional Development

<http://www.alia.org.au>

<http://www.sla.org>

<http://LibraryHQ.com> -- checklists, sample "request for proposal", articles, overviews, links

<http://www.ilsr.com> -- database of citations to articles/reviews related to integrated library systems

<http://www.biblio-tech.com> -- library automations, software, business, and reviews

<http://www.vala.org.au> -- papers of the 2000 VALA (Victorian Assoc. for Library Automation) conference

http://php.iupui.edu/~rsosborn/Scholars_Quest/Reference/Gathering/Reference_Tools/BibliographicSoftware.html#TableTop -- library software reviews/comparisons

<http://www.scholarsquest.com> -- resources about using reference sources

Company Information

Thomasregister.com

wsrn.com

Fire Journals (some of these sites provide full-text articles)

Fire Chief - <http://www.firechief.com>

Fire Safety Journal - <http://www.elsevier.com> (do a search on the journal's title)

Firehouse <http://www.firehouse.com>

Industrial Fire World <http://www.fireworld.com/magazine/magazine.html>

Journal of Loss Prevention in the Process Industries <http://www.elsevier.com> (do a search on the journal's title)

Emergency Medical Journals (some of these sites provide full-text articles)

Annals of Emergency Medicine <http://www.acep.org/ANNALS.TOC>

Prehospital immediate care <http://www.prehospimmediate.com>

Emergency Medical Services <http://www.emsmagazine.com/articles/articlenavo.htm>

Internet/database information

<http://www.bibliodata.com> -- guide to the internet

<http://www.ecmag.net> -- info on effective use of database and systems

<http://www.onlineinc.com/onlinemag> -- info about electronic information and products

<http://www.sofcom.com.au.olic> -- info on Australian, int'l online, and optical info industry

Other

<http://www.nih.gov/health> -- National Library of Medicine

<http://www.safetylink.com> -- electronic safety news

<http://www.scc.ca> -- Standards Council of Canada

<http://www.liszt.com> -- Mailing list directory