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TOP PICKS

The sites listed in this issue are a selection of new resources and a reminder about a couple of 'old' research sites which my clients have found useful over the last few months.

Reference Materials – Miscellaneous Stuff

A Simple Book Repair Manual. A useful easy-to-read set of procedures

http://www.dartmouth.edu/~preserve/repair/repairindex. htm

National Library of Australia's Federation Gateway. An invaluable resource as the centenary of federation approaches. It includes the records of the Australasian Federation Conference of 1890 and the Australasian Federal Conventions of 1891 and 1897/8 which are among the most significant founding documents of the Australian nation.

http://www.nla.gov.au/guides/federation/index.html

CIA World Factbook 2000. Latest edition

http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/

Current Awareness for Law Librarians. 'The Law Librarian's Current Awareness column provides a classified list of newly published books and journals of specific interest to law library and legal information professionals. Full bibliographic details are given for all items listed'. Produced by Jill Newell and David Gee at the IALS Library in the UK. Provides a listing of the latest articles law librarian journals, including *Australian Law Librarian*.

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/Caindex.htm

Database of Best Practices Available.

Epicenter, a database of 'best practices' related to 'education, environment, public safety, and other human needs, along with service-learning and common program management topics (such as recruiting, volunteer management, sustainability)'.

http://www.nationalservice.org/resources/epicenter/inde x.html

Dictionary of Science and Technology from Harcourt and Academic Press. 130,000 terms defined in 130 fields of science. Very impressive coverage.

http://www.harcourt.com/dictionary/

Exploding Dictionary and Technojargon Dictionary. Results are in two listings, the first

text-like, the second hypertext linked to further definitions. A companion site, the 'technojargon dictionary' is useful for translating the web and other computer technology into plain (or relatively plain) English

http://projects.ghostwheel.com/dictionary/
http://projects.ghostwheel.com/technojargon/

Foreignword.com 168 online dictionaries for 61 languages, machine translation for 19 languages, 1001 glossary links and a directory of over 1800 translators. Worth trying. Our test indicated that searches in European languages were more effective than those for Asian languages

http://www.foreignword.com/

Guinness World Records. Just what you would expect – bizarre, remarkable and strange information. Both menus and search engines are effective but heavy use of graphics and plug-ins can make pages very slow to load, so be warned.

http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com

International Calendar of conferences from the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) web site.

http://www.iall.org/calendar.htm

International Child Abduction Database Established by the Permanent Bureau of The Hague convention of 25 October 1980, *Civil*

Aspects of International Child Abduction, it provides an index to decisions relevant to the convention. The database is easy to use with a simple and advanced search as well as a keyword menu. Index entries provide a focused summary of the cases. The 'full summary' is available to subscribers.

http://212.206.44.26/

The Law Reform Database at the British Columbia Law Institute 'The law reform database, current to August 31 2000, indexes more than 6600 law reform materials from common law jurisdictions around the world.' This is great index to resources and also provides document delivery service for items you cannot access locally.

http://www.lawreform.gov.bc.ca/

National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information Publications, databases and links. While the *child abuse and neglect database* results are difficult to follow (it is unclear where the title displayed can be located) *the organisations database* is easy to use for identifying relevant organisations.

http://www.calib.com/nccanch/

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The home page reflects the diverse interests of the Organisation. Extensive documentation and links in specialist areas as well as

interdisciplinary topics such as biotechnology, food safety and sustainable development.
http://www.oecd.org/

Project Diana: Online human rights archive at Yale Law School Both search and index entry makes this an easy database to use with good results
http://diana.law.yale.edu/

TRIS (Transport Information Research Services) from the Transport Research Board (USA) 'contains more than 425,000 records of published transportation research and has been updated through 9/30/00'. This database is an invaluable source for legal issues in the maritime and transport area. The information provided is a detailed abstract plus source information.
http://206.205.49.52/sundev/search.cfm

Statistics

AusStats. Easy access to all the data! Worth investigating; both free and subscription available.
http://www.abs.gov.au/

US Quickfacts. USA Census Bureau information for frequently asked questions.
http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/index.html

Search Engines and Internet Tools

FindSame allows you to enter either a URL or a chunk of text and retrieve a list of URLs that have similar chunks of text within their Web pages.
http://www.findsame.com

MagPortal.com is a tool to find articles on the web. Categories make browsing easy and effective. Results are displayed in reverse chronological order. The search engine looks for frequency of words used; repeating your critical term can increase the chance of meaningful results. Use the 'Help' button for more information.
http://www.magportal.com
http://www.magportal.com/c/soc/law/

Research Finder – Search Australian research sites. Research Finder is an Internet search engine which searches exclusively the web sites of Australia's research organisations including Australia's 41 universities. The index is updated on a 2-3 week cycle.
http://panoptic.act.cmis.csiro.au/research-finder/