

## WEBSITES FOR JANUARY 2008

### BUSINESS

#### Business Plans and Profiles Index

[www.carnegielibrary.org/subject/business/bplansindex.html](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/subject/business/bplansindex.html)

The Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh has created an extensive site for developing business plans for new and small business owners. There is a large alphabetical subject index of business types with links to online publications, the Small Business Administration (SBA), and additional sites such as Bplans.com. A bibliography is provided for materials that are available at the Carnegie Library.

#### TradeAgreements.gov

[www.tradeagreements.gov](http://www.tradeagreements.gov)

An interagency effort among the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, State, Treasury, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to provide the public with the latest information on America's trade agreements. There are links to those departments as well as press releases, fact sheets, pending and existing Foreign Trade Agreements (FTAs). A state-by-state link will show the user how much exporting one of our states does with a country who has signed a FTA.

### EDUCATION

#### National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

[www.nctm.org](http://www.nctm.org)

A site for future and current teachers of mathematics at all levels the NCTM has links to over 500 lesson plans for preK-12. News on grants, conferences, jobs, and other math sites can be found. Three features are a Family Resources section which offers advice to parents helping their children in Spanish, French and English; Illuminations describes real-life situations where mathematics can be used; Curriculum Focal Points lists the most important math topics and skills for each grade level.

#### Child Welfare Information Gateway

[www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov)

This is a clearinghouse for topical information on family services with an emphasis on child welfare. The subjects covered are child abuse (preventing, reporting, responding) adoption, child care, laws, cultural diversity, statistics and more. There are links to state-by-state information, conferences, a library, and organizations all pertaining to the welfare of children.

### HUMANITIES

#### Geoffrey Chaucer

[www.courses.fas.harvard.edu/~chaucer](http://www.courses.fas.harvard.edu/~chaucer)

This site is used in Harvard's Chaucer classes. It is updated on an on-going basis and permission for its use (non-commercial) is encouraged. Subjects covered are Life and Manners, Medieval Science, Literary Subjects, Middle English, Translations, and of course, The Canterbury Tales.

Papal Encyclicals Online

[www.papalencyclicals.net](http://www.papalencyclicals.net)

This is not a Vatican site. The author describes himself as "a Catholic layman...trying to keep these Church documents widely available." The encyclicals were scanned from a five-volume work covering 1740-1981. Additional church documents have been added with on-going solicitations for more. Among the documents are Bulls and Briefs beginning with Honorius III (1216-1227) through the current Pope.

## NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table

[www.chem1.com/acad/webtext/atoms](http://www.chem1.com/acad/webtext/atoms)

Self-described as an "online textbook," this site is divided into six "lesson titles" with headings such as Quanta: a new view of the world; Light, particles and waves; Periodic properties of the elements. Within these six chapters are subsets that go into further detail with a concept map which illustrates and ties together the entire lesson. The graphics are very good. It has been designed for first year college students and advanced high school students.

Climate Change: The Discovery of Global Warming

[www.aip.org/history/climate](http://www.aip.org/history/climate)

A series of linked essays covering the history of the discovery of climate change from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present. It was last updated in July 2007. Theories of climate change, influences on climate, public opinion, government involvement, and international cooperation are among the topics discussed.

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

PsychScholar

<http://psych.hanover.edu/Krantz>

Its subtitle is A Collection of Web Resources for Psychological Scholars and Budding Psychological Scholars. The site is the creation of Dr. John Krantz of the Psychology Department of Hanover College in Ohio. For the Psychological Scholars (faculty) are links to research resources, teaching resources, general psychology links, conferences, and other academic psychology departments. For the Budding Scholar, the user will find tutorials, study aids, reference resources, and links to psychological career resources.

METAVID

<http://metavid.ucsc.edu>

Created by graduate students and supported by UC Santa Cruz, METAVID is an archived collection of televised proceedings of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Video footage is provided by C-Span. The archive starts in 2005. Searches can be limited to a particular legislative day or subjects such as “people.” There is a METAVID wiki or blog at the site which can help searchers.

With this issue of Thoma the Loughheed Library is submitting ten web sites because of the January break. On a monthly basis the library will offer a web site for each academic division. In the current group are sites for future mathematics and biology teachers (also useful for students of those subjects), a site created at Harvard University on Geoffrey Chaucer, a site on climate change, a site that would-be psychologists should find informative, and a site on developing business plans for business majors.