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askSam Systems: US Governmental and legislative resources

<http://www.asksam.com/eBooks/>

Freely available online US Governmental and legislative resources via Ask Sam. Users can browse individual titles and/or search within the full text. It includes:

- State of the Union Addresses of the American Presidents from 1790-2006.
- USA Patriot Act as passed by Congress
- 9/11 Commission Report

Britannica Online vs. Wikipedia

<http://blogs.nature.com/wp/nascent/>

Nature magazine recently commissioned an investigation that compared Wikipedia (<http://en.wikipedia.org>) (a free online encyclopedia that anyone can edit) and Britannica Online's (<http://www.britannica.com>) coverage of science. Results showed that error rates were similar in both encyclopedias. The report, associated comments and link are available via Nascent - Nature's blog on web technology and science (under Recent Posts see Comparing Wikipedia and Britannica)

EBSCO: Free Access to LISTA

<http://www.libraryresearch.com>

EBSCO Publishing have provided free access to their LISTA (Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts) database. LISTA indexes more than 600 periodicals plus books, research reports, and proceedings in subjects such as librarianship, classification, cataloguing, online information retrieval and information management with coverage back to the mid-1960s.

Emerald and JISC: Table of Contents by Really Simple Syndication (TOCRoSS)

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com>

Emerald Group Publishing is leading a JISC (<http://www.jisc.ac.uk>) project to develop an RSS service that can feed e-journal table-of-content information automatically into library

catalogues. This will enable users to search for and locate article level information in e-journals via their library catalogue. The project aims to develop open-source software that will be made freely available to libraries, publishers and library management system developers.

JISC: Digital repositories programme wiki and discussion list

<http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/repositories/digirep/>

JISC have set up a discussion list, jisc-repositories, and UKOLN are hosting a wiki called DigiRep to share information on implementation and development of digital repositories in the UK. JISC's Digital Repositories Programme aims to coordinate development of digital repositories in the UK and share experience in this growing area.

National Geographic Map Machine

<http://mapmachine.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine>

The Map Machine provides access to a wide range of interactive online maps that can be searched and downloaded. Covers political, satellite (including a Satellite Map of Mars), environmental (such as the World Earthquake Map) and aerial photographic maps, as well as more standard geographical maps.

OpenDOAR - The Directory of Open Access Repositories

<http://www.opendoar.org/>

The OpenDOAR service aims to categorise and list open-access research collections held in digital repositories worldwide. The project is a collaboration between the University of Nottingham and University of Lund, Sweden. The service will cover institutional and subject-based repositories as well as archive collections of funding agencies such as the Wellcome Trust. As well as a means of monitoring the development and future trends of open access repositories, the service can be used by researchers to locate open-access research material as well as being a definitive source for service providers.

PubMedCentral: The Biochemical Journal – 100 years of content now available online

<http://www.biochemj.org/>

The entire back run (1906-2006) of content of the *Biochemical Journal* has been digitised thanks to funding from JISC and the Wellcome Trust. The archive, hosted by PubMedCentral, is freely available to all users in perpetuity. Access to the current year's content is restricted to subscribers. This online availability is part of the "Medical journals backfiles digitisation project", a partnership between JISC, the Wellcome Trust and the

US National Library of Medicine which aims to digitise complete backfiles from “important and historically significant” British and American medical journals.

RDN - Internet tutorial for Learners of English as a Second Language (ESOL)

<http://www.vts.rdn.ac.uk/fe/tutorial/esol>

The Resource Discovery Network (RDN) has launched a new eLearning tutorial for ESOL students designed to help them develop their Internet research skills (part of their Virtual Training Suite). The tutorial aims to show ESOL students how to access selected web resources successfully, which can help them learn English and find out more about the UK.

Reference Online: access for all (in England) to online reference resources

http://www.mla.gov.uk/website/programmes/online_initiatives/reference_online/Reference_Online/

The Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) has negotiated deals for 26 online resources covering general reference materials, online newspapers, and business and financial information resources for all public libraries in England. MLA's new service, Reference Online, will enable public libraries to provide their users access to a greater number of online resources that can be accessed from home or office.

Scottish Distributed Digital Library

<http://scone.strath.ac.uk/sddl/index.htm>

A database of freely available collections of digital texts, images, and sounds, with Scottish themes. There are 121 collections listed to date, which can be browsed individually by name or subject. This service also provides links to freely available Scottish interest e-books via the Scotland's Culture website <http://www.scotlandsculture.org/>.