

EEVL: The Internet Guide to Engineering, Mathematics and Computing. Access: <http://www.eevl.ac.uk>

Based at Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland, and partnered with several other U.K. universities, the Edinburgh Engineering Virtual Library (EEVL) is a subject gateway that was created in 1996 to provide free access to quality networked engineering resources. It was expanded in 2001 to include mathematics and computing. Although the focus is on the U.K., it also includes an extensive selection of non-U.K. resources.

What differentiates EEVL from other information services is that a team of information specialists in the U.K. runs it, it is editorially independent, and each site within the database is analyzed and described by subject experts. All sites and links are checked for currency, and new sites are added daily.

As stated in the FAQ, "EEVL's core service is the Internet Resource Catalogue, a collection of over 10,000 descriptions and links to quality Internet web sites." Another key feature includes an engineering electronic journal search engine (EESE), which searches the content of over 250 trade and scholarly journals. These electronic journals are chosen for their quality and are freely accessible in full text.

Other highlights of the site include RAM (Recent Advances in Manufacturing), a bibliographic database of 500 niche and mainstream journals and magazines. Additionally, users will find a link to the latest industry news, a job and recruitment link, and a subject-based tutorial for Internet skills training.

All searches within EEVL are conducted in the same way traditional search engines operate but with greater subject focus. The default search explores all areas of the site.

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The user also has the option to narrow the focus by choosing either the engineering, mathematics, or computing link at the top of the screen. Other search options include "Key Sites," which are especially important resources or those of outstanding quality. "Websites" provides the ability to search within sites for more concentrated and thorough searching.

EEVL's weakness lies in its Web page design and layout. The use of color makes the important links recede to the point of being unnoticed. It requires some experimentation to see how the links work, and there is duplication of several links on the homepage, which can be confusing. Despite these minor drawbacks, the EEVL Web site provides extensive information resources for the academic population of students, postgraduates, lecturers, researchers, professionals, and librarians and is highly recommended.—*Marquita Harnett, University of New Mexico, mharnett@unm.edu*

Veterinary Services. Access: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs>

Emerging infectious diseases that threaten our increasingly crowded world often originate in animal hosts. Now, more than ever,



health officials will need to coordinate disease surveillance and veterinary services. Veterinary Services, an arm of the U.S. Department

of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), fills this role by providing information to various audiences concerning the health, quality, and marketability of animals and animal products. Veterinary Services supports both the health and commercial interests of the U.S. and also partners with international health authorities to improve monitoring and information exchange.

The agency is broken up into numerous suborganizations and programs that have their own Web sites, a few with different design from the main page. Most upper-level sites link back to USDA and the APHIS departments, but some of the deeper pages do not. The elaborate departmental and programmatic structure of the site would be clearer with consistent links to the parent bodies. At the bottom of these departmental pages is a rich collection of reports, training materials, and regulations in PDF, HTML, and multimedia on all aspects of animal health and disease.

A search box on the homepage allows the user to mine this information, but, unfortunately, results cannot be sorted nor can specific fields be searched. Results are listed as document titles only, which are not always descriptive. Users will miss the relevancy ranking and highlighted terms that display with most Internet search engines. Searching “West Nile virus and horses,” for example, yields far more documents than a student could find useful. A more fruitful search might be done with a traditional search engine, limited to the aphis.usda.gov domain. Additionally, some results include pages that are out of date, including those containing “upcoming events” from 2003 and earlier.

This site includes information that agriculture, business, and veterinary students should not overlook including current fact sheets on animal diseases such as BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy), West Nile virus, and chronic wasting disease. Government documents librarians at agricultural schools should take note of this site as well. In short, quick facts on different animal health issues are useful and easily discovered, but the search and display for this site should be improved so that more detailed information can be found just as easily.—*Alvin Hutchinson, National Zoological Library, Smithsonian Institution, hutchinsona@si.edu*

Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom. Access: <http://www.wilpf.int.ch>



Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), the oldest women’s peace organization in the world, was originally organized in 1915 in the Hague by women from Europe and North America to protest the killing and destruction brought about by war. WILPF has continued to the present day with an expanded agenda and representation in 37 countries. A nongovernmental organization closely associated with the United Nations, WILPF’s goal is lofty: the social and economic transformation of the international community through nonviolent means.

The homepage appears quite vital, including listings of upcoming programs as well as statements on current events. The clean arrangement and clearly stated purpose make it easy to navigate. Links along the left sidebar display the business and activities of the organization, including history, resolutions, events, publications, and opportunities to become involved.

“WILPF Around the World” leads to 37 individual country pages listing local activities, reports, and contact information. Most developed nations, such as Australia, U.S., and those in Europe, sponsor their own more extensive WILPF pages. Links to other resources are plentiful, especially via two of league’s more prominent international projects, “Reaching Critical Will” and “Peace Women.” Rarely does the site disappoint with dead links.

Seven categories across the top header represent the active arms of the league: “Peace,” “Disarmament,” “Economic Justice,” “Environment,” “Racial Justice,” “Human Rights,” and “United Nations.” The documents on these pages are not as current as the front page (latest dates to 2003), though they provide another organizational nexus for

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Brooklyn College Library has received an extensive collection of art books from alumnus Milton Esterow, editor and publisher of *ARTnews*, the world's largest-circulation art magazine. The Milton and Jacqueline Esterow collection of art books spans more than five decades. It consists of approximately 7,600 volumes encompassing art making from the Renaissance period to the present day. Included are catalogues raisonnés, monographs, historical surveys, criticism, biographies, and catalogues pertaining to private collections. Many of the volumes are scarce, out-of-print first editions that were published clothbound. The collection's top books include individual volumes ranging in value from several hundred dollars, such as Berenice Abbott's *Changing New York*, to those priced at several thousand dollars, such as the four-volume catalogue raisonné devoted to Jackson Pollock. The collection also includes the works of master painters, sculptors, draftsmen, print makers, photographers, and performance and conceptual artists.

Burlington College in Vermont has acquired a collection of nearly 6,000 books on cinema from film scholar Frank Manchel, one of the pioneers in the academic study of film. The collection includes complete and sometimes rare runs of several scholarly film journals. Manchel said he donated the collection "to make Burlington, Vermont a center for serious film study with a library that would be available to the entire community." The collection was built

over a period of 40 years. The Manchel Library serves as a resource to Burlington College's Cinema Studies and Film Production program, which offers a B.A. upon completion of a balance of coursework in both disciplines, or a Certificate in Film Production for those who focus their studies in production technique. Manchel, emeritus professor at the University of Vermont, has written several books on cinema, including *Film Study*, a four-volume analytical bibliography published in 1990.

Louisiana State University (LSU) Libraries Special Collections has acquired the Gurney/Norman Photograph Collection depicting 100 years of Natchez, Mississippi, from the estate of Natchez physician, Dr. Thomas H. Gandy. The collection photographically documents 100 years (1851-1951) of history. It contains approximately 20,000 images, including wet and dry collodion glass plate negatives, film negatives, ferrotypes, and historic and modern prints, plus nearly 100 pieces of photographic equipment, including a Norman Studio portrait camera and an array of late 19th- and early 20th-century cameras. Before coming to LSU, the photographs were exhibited in Great Britain, Canada, and across the United States. Gandy and his wife also edited and had published 6 books based on images from the collection. He chose LSU because its special collections division is an internationally known center for study of the region and has the staff and facilities to preserve the collection. *~*

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working papers, reports, conference notes, and statements of policy.

Not only does this site provide historical perspective on the women's international peace movement, but it also includes documentation for current-day activism. Obviously WILPF is biased by its antiwar mission, but it seems also to offer a measured, albeit idealistic, alternative to more media-oriented peace Web sites. In fact, WILPF links neither to nor from many sites dealing with similar subject matter, such as NonViolence.org, and does

not even show up on the first several pages of a Google search for peace.

Its deep historical and organizational roots, emphasis on women, and non-U.S. origins and viewpoints may set WILPF apart. This alone makes it a valuable stop for anyone studying peace or any aspects of the movement. Once there, users will discover enough research on peace and freedom activities worldwide, past and present, to satisfy any yen.—*Barbara Valentine, Linfield College, bvalen@linfield.edu ~*