Directory of Open Access Repositories

OpenDOAR is a searchable directory for full-text materials held in open access repositories worldwide. Currently, 828 repositories are included. Each of the open access repositories has been assessed by OpenDOAR staff. The site claims, “this quality controlled approach will minimise (but not eliminate) spurious or junk results, and lead more directly to useful and relevant information.” Users can use OpenDOAR to find repositories or groups of repositories that fit particular needs.


Networked books

Networked books are online forums where authors, publishers, and readers congregate to discuss and annotate a “book” in progress. With the advent of blogging and Web 2.0-style Web sites, users and authors become collaborators, and the resulting networked book becomes searchable and mutable. Some authors invite comments on drafts and then incorporate the suggestions into final printed versions. Others treat the book as an ongoing collaborative work.


Bibliography tools in Word 2007

The upcoming 2007 version of Microsoft Office will include citation and bibliography tools built into the program. These features will help you create citations and bibliographies via a fill-in template. Sources can be easily shared with colleagues via e-mail or shared lists. While not yet as sophisticated as other bibliographic management software such as EndNote or RefWorks, it will perform many of the same functions.


Implications of mass digitization

As a result of recent large-scale digitization projects, the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science has identified nine issues that will potentially impact national information policy. These include copyright, content quality, roles for libraries, preservation, standardization, publishing, bookselling, information literacy, and assessment.


International students

In 2005–06, the number of international students enrolled in U.S. higher education institutions remained steady at 564,766, within a fraction of a percent of the previous year’s totals, according to Open Doors 2006, the annual report on international academic mobility published by the Institute of International Education. India remains the largest country of origin, with 76,503 students, followed by China with 62,582. The overall international student numbers have stabilized, following a two-year decline.


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