35-	Webliography 35. (100 Entries)
01	1637 Tulipmania
	These days no one trades tulips on the stock market. But when the tulip was first introduced to Europe in the early 17th century, speculation by Dutch commodities traders led to wildly inflated prices for this most beautiful of spring flowers. In fact, at the peak of the mania, some historians claim that a single tulip bulb could have sold for 10 times the annual salary of a skilled craftsman. The bubble subsequently popped, contributing in part to the decline of the Dutch Republic's Golden Age. Holland's Rijks Museum presents this site as one facet of its Timeline of Dutch History. The site features a number of beautiful illustrations, including a 1639 floral still life by Hans Bollongier, descriptions of the Dutch love for tulips, and images and annotations of the pamphlets that ridiculed the tulip craze. While some of the detailed information accompanying each item in the collection is in Dutch, the majority of the site is navigable in English. <i>I. S</i>
02	How about a free, e-book version of a 19th century chapbook edition of Little Red Riding Hood, with color illustrations, that you can read to your kids, grandkids, or just enjoy by yourself? The British Library makes this possible by providing this e-book in a page turning version that can be read online. Images of individual page spreads can be downloaded one at a time. The Little Red Riding Hood chapbook is part of a larger collection at the British Library, "Discovering Literature: Romantics and Victorians," which includes 1,200 digitized literary works dating between 1780 and 1901. Notable items include Romantic poetry by Blake, Shelley, and Keats, and the novels of Dickens, Eliot and the Bronte sisters. Warning - this edition of Little Red Riding Hood does not have the happy ending that is more familiar to modern readers, where Red Riding Hood and her grandmother are saved by a woodcutter; things end rather more sadly in this version. <i>I. S.</i>

03	The title of this website says it all. A feature of the iLibrarian blog from the Open Education Database (OEDb), readers will find here a list of over 250 excellent digital libraries and archives. The list is categorized by state; within each state, resources are alphabetized. For instance, the state of Arkansas is home to the Arkansas History Commission Archives, the Arkansas State Library, and the University of Arkansas Libraries Digital Collection. Each link is accompanied by a short annotation describing the resource – the Main State Archives boasts collections of "trademarks, Civil War 'Yarns,' and more." Readers will also find a list of Recent Posts and the Most Popular Posts from the iLibrarian blog, which often focuses its attention on free educational resources, such as open webinars, university courses, and informal learning sources. <i>I. S.</i>
04	A Portrait of "Generation Next": How Young People View Their Lives, Futures and Politics  Summary of findings from a January 2007 report "aimed at studying the lives of young people" ages 18-25 (born between 1981 and 1988). It looks at lifestyle and views in areas such as technology, family, religion, social issues, and politics. Includes a link to the full report and to questionnaire results. From the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press. LII
05	AACC: 21st Century Center  This excellent website from the American Association for Community Colleges (AACC) provides a range of thought provoking articles, discussions, and reports. Beyond scouting the homepage, which features some of the site's Latest Stories and Latest Opinions, readers may search by Topics, Recommendations, and Resources. Topics include relevant examinations of Completion (how to help students complete degrees and certificates), College Readiness, Opinions, and other topics. The Resources tab is also packed with helpful research, toolkits, videos, and webinars that can be read or watched online for free. The AACC 21st Century Center is a hub of information for educators, parents, and students interested in community college education. <i>I. S.</i>
06	Academy Award Winners  Contains "history and commentary on the Academy Awards from its early beginnings [1927] to the present." Features posters for the Best Picture winner of each year, lists of the most nominated people, best speeches, how to watch movies critically, and more.  LII

07	Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences  In addition to information about the Academy, find all the Oscars (Academy Awards) ever given (nominees as well as winners) from 1927 to the present, all the Scientific and Technical Awards from 1930 to the present, and history of the Oscar statuette. Searchable.  LII
08	Africa South of the Sahara: Zimbabwe  Annotated links to websites about this country in Africa. Includes government agencies, news, organizations, travel guides, history, academic papers, and more. Maintained by Karen Fung of the Stanford University Libraries. LII
09	Alabama History Online  The Alabama Department of Archives and History has a simple mission: they seek to "tell the story of the people of Alabama by preserving records and artifacts of historical value and promoting a better understanding of Alabama history." A tremendous amount of information is easily accessible on the website. For instance, readers may like to select the Alabama History Timeline, which navigates to a timeline spanning 10,000 BC to the present. Here readers can select any of the seven categories, such as 1901-1950, for links to interesting moments in Alabama history. For instance, Tallulah Bankhead, star of stage, screen, and radio, was born in Huntsville in 1901. There are many other avenues into the archives, such as Alabama Governors, African American Legislators in Reconstruction Alabama, and U.S. Census Statistics among others. <i>I. S.</i>
10	Alaska's Digital Archives: Alaska Native & Culture Pathway  As the site notes, the land now known as the state of Alaska has been continuously inhabited by Native peoples for thousands of years. To honor the unique history and culture of Alaska's indigenous people, this section of Alaska's Digital Archives presents a collection of photographs gathered from a number of Alaskan libraries. Readers may browse the materials here by category, region, or timeline. For instance, selecting Traditional Spiritual Practices displays 152 results documenting traditional ceremonial clothing, funereal rites, and other related spiritual practices. Additional categories include Religion and Church Leadership, Ceremonial Life, and Education. The Timelines are broken down into seven different periods, including 1741 and Before. Most photographs in the collection are accompanied by detailed Descriptions and Identifiers. <i>I. S.</i>

#### 11 American Archive of Public Broadcasting

The American Archive of Public Broadcasting is a truly exceptional site, representing 60 years of public broadcasting from every state and region of the nation. For an overview of what public broadcasting has meant to America, the About page pulls together a convincing case with a 5-minute video and a short essay replete with quotes from senators, academics, and members of the public broadcasting community. Before searching the site, readers may like to select Searching the Website (found under Research), which describes how to use the search bar, limit your search, tell if a resource has been digitized, filter the search results, and search by media type, genre, asset type, organization, and year. From there, readers can spend hours scouring the site for access to layers and layers of American history, including everything from addresses by Eleanor Roosevelt to interviews with Jamaica Kincaid to old episodes of "See it Now" with Edward R. Murrow. Few archives offer the range and depth of information that the American Archie of Public Broadcasting promises. I. S.

#### 12 Arabic Fiction

The International Prize for Arabic Fiction (IPAF) is considered by many to be the most prestigious literary prize in the Arab world. Modeled on the Man Booker Prize, each year five judges, drawn from the prominent ranks of Arabic literary critics, writers, and academics, read about 100 books and then decide on a long list, a short list, and a winner. In addition to the prize, IPAF commits a good deal of effort to translating and promoting contemporary Arabic fiction and poetry internationally. On the website, readers may peruse About the Prize to understand the ins-and-outs of this important literary institution. Readers may also like to browse Previous Years for an extended look at the books that were listed or won prizes going back to IPAF's founding in 2008. *I. S.* 

#### 13 Arkive: Birds

The mission of Arkive, a British nonprofit, is to educate readers about biodiversity and conservation. This section of the larger Arkive site focuses entirely on birds. Here readers may explore thousands of species listed in alphabetical order. Each record consists of a description, as well as photos, videos, and notes on biology, habitat, and threats. For example, the Arkive site tells us that the Abbot's booby (Papasula abbotti) is "a large slender-bodied, black-and-white seabird" that breeds on Christmas Island and lives on a number of islands in the Indian Ocean. In addition to scrolling alphabetically, readers may refine their searches to various conservation statuses and topics, including geographies, newly discovered species, and the effects of climate change. This is an excellent resource for educators teaching biology and conservation, as well as anyone interested in biodiversity. *I. S.* 

#### 14 Australia's National Portrait Gallery

Australia's National Portrait Gallery is often considered one of the world's greatest portrait museums. How lucky for readers, then, that most of what is on display on the modernist walls of the gallery in Canberra is also available for viewing on the museum's website. Readers may like to start with the Gallery's homepage, which is packed with information about exhibits, links to the organization's history, and articles about events. From there, The Portraits section is the logical next step. Here readers will find thousands of photographs, paintings, videos, and sculptures of Australians from across the decades. Of special interest, there are several excellent portraits of renowned actress, Cate Blanchett, and the Portrait Stories section features dozens of interviews and short documentaries concerning the artistic processes that lie behind some of the museum's most celebrated portraits *I. S.* 

# Bielefeld Academic Search Engine (BASE)

The Bielefeld Academic Search Engine (BASE) is freely accessible and accesses over 70 million documents to help find readers what they're looking for on the web. Simple yet powerful, BASE offers a few possibilities in its Basic Search, Advanced Search, and Browsing options. For instance, typing "Tibetan Buddhism" into Basic Search returns hundreds of documents, digital library exhibits, and websites in English and other languages. For readers who are looking for more specific sources, the Advanced Search option can be customized to search by title, author, subject headings, URL, as well as by over a dozen document types (books, articles, maps, software, etc.). BASE is an excellent resource for scholars scouring the web for new and better source documents. *I. S.* 

## 16 BlackPast.org: Remembered & Reclaimed

This site provides "reference materials to the general public on six centuries of African American history. It includes an online encyclopedia of hundreds of famous and lesser known figures in African America, full text primary documents and major speeches of black activists and leaders from the 18th Century to the present." Searchable, or browse encyclopedia articles about people, places, churches, events, and organizations. Directed by an African American history professor at the University of Washington. *LII* 

#### 17 <u>Brookings Institution YouTube</u>

The Brookings Institution, which conducts research in economics, urban policy, governance, foreign policy, and global economy and development, is often considered the most influential think tank in the world. Now readers can access the big ideas Brookings is famous for in digestible video installments on the Institution's YouTube channel. Recent topics have explored everything from girls' global education to race in America to how to bring back manufacturing in the U.S. Most videos are between one and three minutes long, though some films of speeches and panel discussions can go on for an hour or more. One particularly interesting episode features economist David Wessel's analysis of whether federal taxes reduce income inequality in the United States. The answer? Somewhat, but not much. *I. S.* 

#### 18 Brookings: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

The Brookings Institution publishes hundreds of studies and articles each year on a huge range of topics. This site on the Brookings page elucidates the ins, the outs, and the controversies of the American Affordable Care Act, popularly known as ObamaCare. Readers may peruse the site using the All tab, which includes everything from papers to articles to blog posts. There is a tremendous wealth of information here. One very interesting paper, published on January 27, 2014, examines The Potential Effects of the Affordable Care Act on Income Inequality, predicting that Obamacare should increase the real incomes of those in the bottom fifth of earners by about 6 percent. There are many other examples of equally fascinating arguments on this well-researched and comprehensive site. *I. S.* 

# Building a Land Ethic: A Blog for Our Thinking Community

Along with Rachel Carlson, Mardy Murie, and a few other pioneers, Aldo Leopold, the intrepid Wisconsinite and avid ecologist, is considered by many to be a founding thinker of the conservation movement. This blog by the Aldo Leopold Foundation continues Leopold's famous "land ethic" with frequent posts about everything from student education to photo contests to updates on conferences. Readers may also sign up for the Foundation's monthly e-newsletter, which covers such events as the translation of Leopold's classic A Sand County Almanac into Turkish and other tidbits. Of particular interest, readers may like to peruse wildlife ecologist Dain Ziegler's article, "Wielding All Tools: Connecting to the Land through Plans and Passion," in which he uses the Aldo Leopold Foundation property as a portal through which to view phenology (the study of cyclical and seasonal natural events) on a larger scale. *I. S.* 

# 20 <u>Campus Technology</u>

Campus Technology is one of higher education's top information sources — delivering valuable information via a daily site, monthly digital magazine, newsletters, webinars, online tools and in-person events. It's the go-to resource for campus professionals in-depth on the technologies providing coverage implementations influencing colleges and universities across the nation. You'll discover valuable hands-on articles, best practices, industry trends, expert advice and insightful articles to help administrators, campus executives, technologists and educators plan, develop and successfully launch effective IT initiatives. Our annual conferences showcase expert speakers, thought leaders and technology solution experts exchanging ideas on the latest technological innovations in use on campuses worldwide offering campus technology professionals opportunities collaborate, network and gain valuable information that helps them succeed. Website

#### 21 Career One Stop: Green Careers

Interest in green careers (those that promote the health of the environment) has been growing for decades. But students are not always clear about what the options are. This U.S. Department of Labor website can help. Readers can scout the site in a number of interesting ways. A first step might be the What Are Green Careers? section, which outlines how the Department of Labor defines green careers, as well as some of the terminology used throughout the site. Readers may then locate and explore more than 200 green careers, in categories such as Renewable Energy Generation, Transportation, Green Construction, and about a dozen others. The Find Education and Training section is also informative, as it links to options that run the gamut from short-term on-the-job training to master's degrees. This is an excellent resource for guidance counselors, advisers, or anyone who works with young people to help them clarify and pursue their careers. I. S.

# 22 <u>Caroline Dean Wildflower Collection</u>

The Caroline Dean Wildflower Collection at the Auburn University Digital Library offers a peak into the wonders of wildflowers native to the Southeastern United States. Here readers may find beautiful photographs of the Bearded Grass-Pink, the Black-Eyed Susan, and the Blackberry Lily, among many others. Most of the images are accompanied by both the common and scientific names, and many of the descriptions include information about seeds, habitats, and other information. For readers who draw inspiration from the beauty of flowers, and especially wildflowers of the South, this digital library collection will not disappoint. *I. S.* 

## 23 Cato Policy Report

The Cato Institute is a think tank that promotes "principles of individual liberty, limited government, free markets and peace." For those looking for a libertarian perspective on a wide range of issues, the Cato Policy Report, published six times a year, will not disappoint. Recent cover stories have included an examination of "Science, Reason, and Moral Progress," by Michael Shermer, the renowned science writer and founder of the Skeptics Society; a treatise on "Why Government Fails and Why Ideas Matter," by libertarian economist Donald J. Boudreaux; and questions an article by counterterrorism expert Christopher A. Preble entitled, "The Most Dangerous World Ever?" In addition to the current issue, readers will enjoy the plentiful archive of issues to browse, all available online and as a PDF. *I. S.* 

#### 24 Celebrating Nowruz: A Resource for Educators (PDF)

Nowruz, the Persian celebration of the new year, is celebrated in a number of countries, including Iran, Turkey, and Tajikistan. The spring ritual goes back at least to the 2nd century AD, though many historians agree it probably took root earlier. This free PDF, composed by the Outreach Center at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University, is designed as a resource for educators. However, anyone with even a passing interest in the cultures of the Middle East will find much to ponder in the 19 well-written pages of this colorful pamphlet. The Table of Contents includes an introduction to educators and suggestions on how to use the resource, as well as a six-section curriculum that covers the history, Persian roots, rituals, and special foods of Nowruz. Educators may also be interested in the Activities for the Classroom section, which includes creating a Nowruz greeting card and painting eggs among other possibilities. *I. S* 

#### 25 Chatham House: Social Movements and Civil Society

Ranked by the University of Pennsylvania's 2014 Global Go To Think Tanks Index Report as the second most influential think tank in the world (after the Brookings Institution), Chatham House has been contributing to expert thinking on international issues since its founding in 1922. The Social Movement section of the site concentrates its attention on everything from power struggles in Saudi Arabia to tribalism in South Sudan. Readers may scout the site by categories such as Latest, Expert Comment, Research & Publication, Past Events, and Video & Audio. There is a tremendous volume of content here. For instance, there are over 250 (and counting) research papers that are freely accessible, including reviews of democracy in Kuwait, Islam in Russia, and the legacy of France's colonialism as it plays out in Paris's suburbs. For readers fascinated by social movements, and looking for a reliable, informed source for in-depth information, Chatham House provides great resources. *I. S.* 

#### Cherry Blossom Festival

The National Park Service has assembled a useful overview of the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., including ways to plan a visit to the festival, maps and brochures, programs, and other resources. Their section on the history of the cherry trees themselves, however, really stands out. Before the trees were successfully planted in 1912, several blossom lovers had already spent 20 years attempting to plant cherry trees in the District of Columbia. Readers may find the story of Mrs. Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore and Dr. David Fairchild's efforts noteworthy, as they led to the donation of 2,000 cherry trees by Japan in 1910. However, those trees were found to be diseased, and so all but a handful of them had to be burned. The timeline then moves through a new Japanese gift of 3,020 new trees, their successful planting, and explains the development of the Cherry Blossom Festival as it slowly took shape over the following decades. Readers may also enjoy the Photos and Multimedia tab, which showcases the trees in videos, photographs, and a web cam. I. S.

27	Civil War Studies  More Americans died in the four year conflict that we now know as the American Civil War than in World War I and World War II combined. The brutal melee not only shaped a generation; the battle lines that were drawn in 1861 can be seen to this day in the nation's social and political fabric. This site from the Smithsonian Associates offers a host of resources about the American Civil War,
	including articles, trivia, and online tours. For instance, a recent article traced the history of Civil War naval battles, an understudied but essential component of the military strategies of both the North and the South. In addition, an online tour traces the conspiracy to assassinate President Lincoln. <i>I. S.</i>
28	Discovering Literature: Romantics and Victorians  Discover 1,200 Romantic and Victorian literary treasures, new insights by 60 experts, 25 documentary films, 30 inspirational teachers' notes and more. Discovering Literature has been supported since its inception by Dr Naim Dangoor CBE, The Exilarch's Foundation. Website

The Digital Public Library of America brings together the riches of America's libraries, archives, and museums, and makes them freely available to the world. It strives to contain the full breadth of human expression, from the written word, to works of art and culture, to records of America's heritage, to the efforts and data of science. DPLA aims to expand this crucial realm of openly available materials, and make those riches more easily discovered and more widely usable and used, through its three main elements:

 A portal that delivers students, teachers, scholars, and the public to incredible resources, wherever they may be in America.

Far more than a search engine, the portal provides innovative ways to search and scan through the united collection of millions of items, including by timeline, map, virtual bookshelf, format, subject, and partner.

• A *platform* that enables new and transformative uses of our digitized cultural heritage.

With an application programming interface (API) and maximally open data, DPLA can be used by software developers, researchers, and others to create novel environments for learning, tools for discovery, and engaging apps.

• An advocate for a strong *public option* in the twenty-first century.

For most of American history, the ability to access materials for free through public libraries has been a central part of our culture, producing generations of avid readers and a knowledgeable, engaged citizenry. DPLA works, along with like-minded organizations and individuals, to ensure that this critical, open intellectual landscape remains vibrant and broad in the face of increasingly restrictive digital options. DPLA seeks to multiply openly accessible materials to strengthen the public option that libraries represent in their communities. (*Website*)

# 30 Drive by Jolicloud

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The ever-developing Paris-based tech company Jolicloud has been producing web-based desktop tools since 2009. So the Drive app, which allows users to consolidate various cloud storage services, is built on five years of designing, redesigning, and integrating as customers' needs have adapted to the shifting ecology of the Internet. Many people these days have stored music, documents, spreadsheets, photos, videos, and other files on web-based services like Dropbox, Google Drive, and Microsoft OneDrive. But what if you want to be able to access everything from a single, user-friendly platform? Enter Drive by Jolicloud. Drive allows 44GB of free storage (compare to the 2GB allowed on Dropbox) and provides a consistent, attractive interface where users can edit images, play music files, and watch videos. It connects with Evernote, Flickr, and other services for simple drag and drop functions. For users looking for a place to integrate all their web-based storage, Drive is a great program.

# Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home

For educators teaching about the life and presidency of Dwight Eisenhower, and for history buffs looking for more details about this fascinating figure, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home website offers a wealth of information. Readers might like to begin with the All About Ike section, which traces Eisenhower's legacy through categories, including such obvious highlights as his childhood in Abilene, Kansas and his service in the U.S. Army, to intimate details like his pets and siblings. The Education area also hosts a number of resources, including articles written by World War II veterans and excellent pages dedicated to both Student Resources and Teacher Resources, where educators can find links to manuscript collections, audiovisual archives, and online documents. *I. S.* 

#### **ENGL Professional Writing Program**

The ENGL Professional Writing Program at the University of Maryland library is jam-packed with resources for writers and teachers of writing. The Researching a Topic section is a great place to start. Here, students, instructors, and the general writing enthusiast can watch a short instructional video and learn how to develop a subject, formulate a research question, and think about possible sources. Finding Information provides an excellent drop down bar with links to outside resources. Annotated Bibliographies links to a separate University of Maryland site dedicated entirely to this important skill set. Other links include Conducting an Interview, Public Opinion Research, and Citing Tools. *I. S.* 

# 33 <u>Eurasia Outlook - Carnegie Moscow Center</u>

Geographically, Europe and Asia form a single, giant, populous landmass. While the bi-continental designation remains a political and cultural artifact, many commentators find it useful to look at "Eurasia" as a gestalt. The Carnegie Moscow Center's Eurasia Outlook blog features articles and insights from scholars, politicians, and commentators on the interpenetrating economies and politics of this unique region, with a special focus on Russia as a powerful, and sometimes destabilizing force. Readers may scout the site by Issues (Domestic Politics, Humanitarian Issues, Energy and Climate, and others), by Regions (Caucasus, Central Asia, Russia, and others), as well as by Contributors and Archives. *I. S.* 

#### 34 Fashion in Time

Part blog, part history book, this site by industry insiders covers a lot of ground, with articles on everything from the history of men's underwear to a biographical sketch of "The Accidental Fashion Mogul, Paul Smith." The site displays in two sections, Fashion History and Fashion Designers. While articles tend to be published sporadically, the content on the site is interesting and well written. For instance, Yvette Mahe's treatment of the History of Sleepwear teems with interesting details about the shifting moral principles surrounding what Victorian ladies wore to bed. In sum, Fashion in Time holds an active tension between chic sensibility and well-referenced research. *I. S.* 

#### Faultline: Earthquake History and Science | Exploratorium

First mentioned in the April 21, 2006 Scout Report, and significantly revised and updated since, Faultline provides the history and science of earthquakes in an accessible fashion that is appropriate for elementary through high school students and fun for adults. The broad sections of the site remain the same as they were in 2006: Live Eye on the Earth, Great Shakes, Quake Basics, Damage Control, and Active Zone. However, the content has been reorganized and more modern media added. In Active Zone, there's a whole slew of media, from seismic podcasts to earthquake songs. A 40-second video, the same length as the San Francisco Earth Quake in 1906, shows how the buildings on Telegraph Hill shake in an earthquake, using the fun medium of jello sculture. If the link at Faultline doesn't launch, an alternate 2-minute version is provided by the artist who created the sculpture, Liz Hickok, at <a href="http://www.lizhickok.com/467760/telegraph-hill-earthquake/">http://www.lizhickok.com/467760/telegraph-hill-earthquake/</a> I. S.

# 36 From Colonialism to Tourism: Maps in American Culture

This compelling exhibit from the Digital Public Library of America traces the history of maps in American culture, in the process making some very sophisticated arguments about how maps have shaped the history, economics, and psychology of the United States. Readers may explore maps and photos by theme, including Westward Expansion, The Rise and Fall of America's Forests, Depicting a Fractured Society: Civil War Maps, Travel and Tourism: Maps for Every American, and Moving Forward. There are a number of resources under each category, and each map or photograph is accompanied by a detailed textual explanation. This site is well worth a visit. *I. S.* 

#### 37 Grammar Girl: Quick and Dirty Tips

Making grammar fun is no easy task, but the Grammar Girl blog, penned by Mignon Fogarty, succeeds where some English teachers may have fallen short. Readers can scan the site by Most Recent Tips, Most Popular Tips, and the Grammar Girl's Archive, or they can simply scroll through the dozens of posts about transitive and intransitive verbs, hyperbole, 'if' versus 'whether,' and a phalanx of other grammatical concerns. The entertaining articles follow Einstein's dictum that "things should be as simple as possible, but not simpler." Each post clocks in at a few hundred words at most, but the author has a knack for clarifying difficult concepts in sparkling prose. A link to the Grammar Girl podcast is also available here. Anyone interested in a quick reference guide or an entertaining romp through the world of words might do well to find their way to Grammar Girl. *I. S.* 

#### Grand Teton National Park

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If you are in the mood for gorgeous photographs of wide-open spaces, the Grand Teton National Park website will be a welcome find. Selecting the Photos & Videos tab navigates readers to several categories where they can view the Grand Tetons wilderness, including the National Park's Flickr galleries and its Facebook page. However, the real jewel can be located under the Videos tab, where readers will discover a number of beautifully produced films. Each four to five minute clip exhibits a different side of the Grand Teton experience, including weather, lakes, rivers, and other topics. In addition to providing fodder for a family trip to the park, these films can easily be integrated into lesson plans and other educational venues. In addition, tabs to Our Work and News & Events provide an overview of the history and current missions of the park, with its emphasis on education, tourism, and research. *I. S.* 

# 39 Hammett's 'Maltese Falcon,' 75 Years Later

Audio appreciation from 2005 celebrating the 75th anniversary of the publication of Dashiell Hammett's novel "The Maltese Falcon." Also includes links to a related story about this book that has been "hailed as one of the greatest detective novels of all time," and to an excerpt from the novel. From National Public Radio (NPR). *LII* 

#### 40 Harvard Art Museums

This website displays art and ideas from all three of Harvard University's stunning art museums: the Fogg Museum, the Busch-Reisinger Museum, and the Arthur M. Sackler Museum. The Browse Our Collections tab, which links to 224,935 works of art from every conceivable epoch and geography, offers many hours of edifying entertainment. The collection can be searched by keyword, title, artist, object number, or gallery number. Alternately, readers browse by category (Classification, Work Technique/Medium, Period, Place, and others). While the site boasts many exceptional aspects, one particularly notable strength is the beauty and clarity of the photographs. Looking at a 10th century Chinese vase on the site is, exceptionally, a close approximation of encountering such a masterpiece in person. *I. S.* 

## 41 Harvard University Press

The Harvard University Press (HUP) website is more than just a listing of brilliant academic books. It is also a hub from which to explore big ideas. Readers may like to start by browsing HUP's listings by subject, author, or seasonal catalog. From there, the Recent News column makes for an excellent read, as it links to interviews, articles, and profiles of HUP authors from around the web. In addition, the HUP blog, which is updated weekly, features sneak peeks into various HUP books, and the multimedia page, which can be located under the Stay Posted section, offers 15 to 20 minute interviews with authors on a huge range of fascinating topics. The HUP site can be a real help for readers who want to stay up on the burgeoning ideas of the international intelligentsia, but don't have the time to read every book that comes to press. *I. S.* 

# 42 <u>Higher Education Recruitment Consortium</u>

Finding the right job in higher education, whether as an educator, a researcher, or an administrator, can be a challenge. The Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC) is a non-profit consortium of "over 600 colleges, universities, hospitals, research labs, government agencies, and related non- and for-profit organizations." The website offers a database of higher education jobs, as well as tips on job hunting, webinars, and the ability to search the site by state and by keyword. Readers may create an account in order to post their CVs, receive job alerts, and design their own attractive profile. The site also works for administrators and faculty who are looking for well matched candidates for available positions. Perhaps most notably, this is a wonderful resource for dual-career couples providing dual-career search options to help both sides of the academic couple find job placement. *I. S.* 

## 43 Hirshhorn: Current Exhibitions

The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden was established on the edge of the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in 1974, primarily with works drawn from the personal collection of the Latvian-born financier Joseph Hirshhorn. Considered one of the "big five" modern art museums in the U.S., the Hirshhorn boasts impressive permanent collections and is known for innovative exhibitions. The museum also has a stunning website, where readers can peruse a continually updated array of current exhibitions. For instance, at the time of this writing, exhibitions featured on the site included Speculative Forms, which "reconsiders the historical development of sculpture since the early twentieth century and its critiques of the autonomy of the object." Photographs of items from the collection can viewed here along with a brief description of the object; the Exhibition Checklist highlights items on display that should not be missed. *I. S.* 

# 44 Holi Festival 2015

The Hindu spring festival of Holi is often referred to as "the festival of colors" and "the festival of love." Celebrations begin with a bonfire celebrating the death of Holika, the devil. The next morning, men, women, and children, young and old, strangers and friends, color one another with dried powder from head to toe, and share food, song, and dance in the streets. While the website is a bit dated in appearance and ads are visible throughout, it explains Holi in all its marvelous guises, with tabs dedicated to the history, rituals, significance, tradition, and other aspects of the festival. In fact, there is an entire section dedicated to the Legends of Holi, where readers may peruse the stories that form the backbone of this magnificent festival. Other tabs include Holi Greetings, Holi Songs, and Holi Recipes. *I. S.* 

# How Millenials today compare with their grandparents 50 years ago

This fascinating comparison by Eileen Patten and Ricard Fry of the Pew Research Center elucidates the differences between today's young people (age 18 to 33) and their counterparts in 1963. The numbers are illuminating. For instance, in terms of simple demographics, nearly 80 percent of "Silents" (those born between 1928 and 1945) were White. That number is down to 57 percent for Millenials. In addition, the study indicates that Millenials - especially women - are far more educated than their predecessors, are far more likely to have never married, and are much less likely to be veterans. These are just a few of the interesting tidbits from this timely report. *I. S.* 

#### 46 Humans of New York

Perhaps what is so stunning about Humans of New York (HONY) is its celebration of humanness. The website is built around two very basic premises: photographs and short quotes. For example, a portrait of a young, well-dressed woman sitting on a bench is paired with the quote, "I'm afraid if I don't choose a path soon, life will choose one for me." Another photo, of a happy-looking young girl, is paired with the conversation, "What was the happiest moment of your life?" "I don't think I have one yet but it's probably coming up and it's going to be a surprise." The photoblog was started by Brandon Stanton, a former bond trader who decided in 2010 to pursue his dream of being a photographer. Since then, HONY has garnered huge national attention, including raising money for schools and community centers and taking trips to the White House. *I. S.* 

#### 47 Images from the History of Medicine

The History of Medicine Division at the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) presents this collection of over 70,000 digitized historical images, all culled from a number of archives. For example, from the Lasker Award Archives, there's an image of Jonas Salk receiving the Lasker Award for his oral polio vaccine, which was widely administered on sugar cubes in the early 1960s. There are also images from businesses such as Fisher Scientific, and organizations such as the American Lung Association, primarily posters in these two cases. NLM allows users to narrow the collection by What, Where, and Who, and the Advanced Search function provides even more detailed search facets, including geographical locations and formats. There's also a Tips & Tricks page with search tips. Visitors who sign up for a free account can create media groups, sets of images that can be downloaded to a PowerPoint presentation, and that will have a unique, shareable URL. *I. S.* 

# 48 Infotopia

Infotopia is an academic search engine designed for "students, teachers, and especially homeschoolers." Created by Dr. Michael Bell (former chair of the Texas Association of School Librarians) and Carole Bell (former middle school librarian and director of libraries), Infotopia uses a Google custom search to provide accesses to previously vetted websites selected by librarians, teachers, and educational professionals. Rounding out this powerful search feature, Infotopia provides tabs on a series of different topics, from Arts to Biography to Games to Health. Each tab opens up to more subject links, for instance Biography features Biography, Hispanic Bios, and African American Bios. Selecting any of these sub-topics navigates to a page of related external resources, such as African-American Odyssey, Time for Kids: Black History Month, and The Franklin Institute. Readers will also pleased to find an excellent blog elaborating teacher-recommended resources. I. S.

# 49 <u>International Women's Day (IWD)</u>

Material about the celebration of this March 8 day that "has been observed since ... the early 1900's" and is an official holiday in several countries. Features a brief history of the holiday, a calendar of IWD events throughout the world, and news with links to related sites. The site is provided by Aurora, a company that connects business and professional women." *LII* 

50	It's Our Environment: EPA's Blog About Our World  Interested in what EPA employees have to say about the work they do, the environmental issues they care about, and the programs they support? This blog will not disappoint. Most posts feature a short article, as well as photographs, graphs, tables, or some other visual representation of a topic near and dear to the hearts of the U.S. EPA. Readers may search the site by Recent Posts, or scroll through the many categories. For instance, at the time of this writing, the blog had featured 437 articles about Air, 70 about Earth Day, 306 about Communities, and many others on a variety of topics. Via the blog's Archives, readers can also browse articles chronologically, going all the way back to 2008. One particularly interesting post, by a former ORISE Fellow in the EPA Climate Change Division, examines the peak bloom dates of cherry blossoms in Washington, D.C., and finds possible evidence for climate change.  I. S.
51	Jamestown 2007: America's 400th Anniversary  Official site for the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, Virginia, "settled in 1607, [it] was the first permanent English settlement in the Americas." The site features tourist information, an events calendar, a link to educational material, activities and games for children, and descriptions of prior commemorations in 1807, 1857, 1907, and 1957. LII
52	Jewish Book Week  Website for this UK literary festival (late February/early March) promoting Jewish books and writing. In addition to details about current and past events, the site contains reviews of fiction nonfiction, and children's books with Jewish themes. From the Jewish Book Council, a group "promot[ing] the reading of books on all aspects of Jewish thought and culture." LII

# 53 <u>Landscape Architecture</u>

This website is loaded with information about landscape architecture projects from around the world. Readers may meander from one project to another by clicking the images for such projects as the Leyteire Square at the Bordeaux University; the Yellow Garden at the Mesa Arts Center in Mesa, Arizona; and links to other parks, malls, streets, and even a rooftop farm. Interesting links can also be found by selecting the Links tab (under Resources), where readers can explore Urban Design Links, New Transportation, Urbanism, Smart and Transit Oriented Development, among others. The Crosswaters Ecolodge, which can be located under the Projects tab, is another fascinating find, as it blends landscape and architecture in the Nankun Mountain Reserve in Guangdon Province, China. I. S.

# 54 <u>MacArthur Foundation: What We're Learning</u>

In its more than 30 year history, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation has given more than \$5 billion to "defend human rights, advance global conservation and security, make cities better places, and understand how technology is affecting children and society." Along the way the foundation has helped produce a tremendous amount of knowledge in a range of fields. The What We're Learning section of the Foundation's website offers reports, articles, and summaries of some of that knowledge. On the site, readers may scout the resources, which are published about once a week. Articles include treatments of such topics as aging successfully, state spending on substance use disorders, police treatment of Nigerian widows, protecting journalists in Mexico, and many more. *I. S.* 

# 55 <u>May Day Celebrations</u>

The earliest May Day celebrations predate Christianity's introduction to Europe. What is left of them now are the unbridled celebration of the end of winter, dancing around a Maypole, and crowning the Queen of May. This collection from Western Oregon University's Hamersly Library & Archives consists of a selection of photographs and postcards related to May Day events between 1916 and 1947. The site provides a short explanation of how the May Day Celebration began at what was then the Oregon State Normal School. It then follows the development of the celebration and how it eventually transformed into the fall Homecoming celebration, one of the school's most popular social events. The dozens of vintage black and white photographs chronicle long-ago celebrations of spring and can be viewed as a slideshow or individually with associated information such as Date, Location, and Description. *I. S.* 

#### MIT Center for Civic Media

According to the MIT Center for Civic Media website, civic media is "any form of communication that strengthens the social bonds within a community or creates a strong sense of civic engagement among its residents." With funding from the Ford Foundation and other major donors, and with collaborators from around the country and around the world, the Center for Civic Media website has a good deal to offer. Readers may like to peruse the blogs, which are updated regularly and often feature video presentations, lively graphics, and other ways of bringing civilly minded information to life. They may also like to check up on the Center's continually expanding list of Projects and Tools, both of which are designed to help civic organizers reach out to audiences and to each other. For anyone interested in how digital technology can help energize grassroots democracy, the MIT Center for Civic Media site will pay dividends. *I. S.* 

# 57 <u>Moorea Coral Reef LTER</u>

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Coral reefs are enormously complex ecosystems, teeming with biodiversity. However, due to overfishing, coastal development, and factors associated with global climate change, the world's coral reefs are dying off at staggering rates. In fact, researchers estimate that we've already lost 20% of our reefs worldwide, and we're set to lose another 35% by 2050 if the global community doesn't act quickly. The Moorea Coral Reef Long-Term Ecological Research Site (MCR LTER), a National Science Foundation-funded project intended to study and protect reefs in Moorea, French Polynesia, boasts a particularly informative web site. Under General Information, readers may browse sections on News, What We Do, Locality, and Habitats Studied for information about the project, as well as beautiful pictures of this tropical paradise. The Research link takes readers to glosses of long-term trends process-oriented studies. Educators may be particularly interested in the Education & Outreach link, which navigates to a separate website designed for teachers. I. S.

#### NASA's Secret Relationships with U.S. Defense and Intelligence Agencies

Declassified Records Trace the Many Hidden Interactions Between the U.S. Civilian and National Security Space Programs. Secret Cooperation Punctuated by Disputes over Budgets, Encryption of Scientific Data, and Fallout from the Challenger Tragedy

National Security Archive Electronic Briefing Book No. 509

#### National Science Foundation YouTube Channel

Nearly 13,000 viewers have subscribed to the National Science Foundation's YouTube channel. It's not a secret why. These well-produced and often poignant presentations have managed to pack so much into such a small space. Nearly all the videos clock in at less than four minutes. Many of the clips are just two or three minutes long so readers can easily learn about the birth of planets, the details of the tropospheric ozone, and the wonders of biomedical engineering - all within the timespan of a quick coffee break. The hundreds of available videos are broken into categories such as Computer Science, Brain Research, and Education, among others. Whether you are looking for an interesting tidbit to add to your lecture on Geoscience or you are simply curious about conservation efforts in Central Africa, there is much to enjoy here. *I. S.* 

# 60 National Poetry Month

Previously covered by the Scout Report way back in 2008, the website dedicated to the promulgation of National Poetry Month has come a long way. In honor of this month of poets and poetry, readers may like to look into a number of interesting tabs, including About the Celebration, which provides an overview of this literary tribute, along with links to poets, poems, and books and a list of "30 ways to celebrate national poetry month." In addition, News & Updates features event spotlights from around the country, stories of classroom poetry, the Miami Poetry Festival, and other tidbits. Perhaps best of all, readers may order the free National Poetry Month poster for free, designed by New Yorker cartoonist Roz Chast. *I. S.* 

#### 61 Nature Outlook: Cancer

This special supplement to the international weekly science journal, Nature, tackles the latest advancements and findings on the medical treatment of cancer. Are we closer than ever to finding a cure for cancer? Will it come from nanotechnology or bioinformatics or some other field entirely? This special issue is divided into two equally fascinating sections, Outlook and Collection. For readers looking for a quick but learned look at what cancer is and how it functions, Herb Brody's excellent introduction can provide some orientation to the special section. From there, the Outlook section hosts a number of readable articles that broadly examine the topic from a range of angles, such as the contribution of statistics to our understanding of cancer, the role of prevention in treating cancer, and a look at cancer in the developing world. The Collection section then offers rigorous peer-reviewed literature on cancer treatment. *I. S.* 

# 62 Next City

Next City is a nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire social, economic and environmental change in cities by creating media and events around the world.

Our vision is for a world in which cities are not in crisis and are instead, leading the way towards a more sustainable, equitable future.

Next City provides daily online coverage of the leaders, policies and innovations driving progress in metropolitan regions across the world. In an age when original, on-the-ground reporting is increasingly rare, we send our writers into urban communities around the world to produce our award-winning longform content. In addition to our online journalism, we produce events including an annual urban leadership conference, Vanguard.

Originally named The Next American City, the organization began publishing a quarterly magazine in 2003. What started as a black-and-white printed publication staffed by volunteers ultimately grew into a popular and influential magazine that reached 1 million people over the course of its 31 issues.

Next City deeply appreciates its current funders: Ford Foundation, The Rockefeller Foundation, Surdna Foundation, The Knight Foundation, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, The Kresge Foundation, as well as our many other generous donors across the country. (*Website*)

#### 63 NIMH: Recent Science News

Science News from the National Institute of Mental Health is a fantastic resource for teachers, psychologists, and others who want to keep abreast of the latest research on a range of mental health concerns. Readers can scout the site by Recent News, which appears automatically on the homepage. They can also delve into the hundreds of past reports by searching News by Year and News by Topic. Topics include a wide range of disorders, populations, research, and other categories. For instance, there are 22 articles available about psychotherapy, 91 articles on medications, and 26 articles about diversity and ethnic groups. *I. S.* 

#### NPR: Code Switch: Frontiers of Race, Culture and Ethnicity

The NPR blog, Code Switch, is a mashup in the best sense of the word. Code Switch combines different types of media - audio, video, text and images - with content based on lots of loosely-related topics and perspectives in a way that inspires the visitor to see things differently. Blog host Gene Demby says, "We're hop-scotching between different cultural and linguistic spaces and different parts of our own identities — sometimes within a single interaction." The most recent three posts as of April 14, 2015 are on the Korean pop music sensation, K-Pop; key facts on recent police shootings; and an art exhibition currently on view at New York's Museum of Modern Art, "One-Way Ticket: Jacob Lawrence's Migration Series and Other Visions of the Great Movement North." There are also posts about food, including what turns up on seder plates, and even Mr. Spock. A post from February 27th reproduces a letter from Mr. Spock to a biracial girl, published in the now defunct teen magazine FaVE! in 1968.

#### NPR Ed: How Learning Happens

This blog from NPR gathers stories of teachers and teaching, education, and other school-related topics. The site can be scouted by category (k-12, higher ed, learning & tech, and common core), or readers may like to simply skim the latest on the well-designed landing page. Recent stories have included articles and podcasts about a possible hiring bias that, for once, favors women; the current debates about No Child Left Behind; and the rising costs of room and board at universities. For inspiration - and perhaps to counter other, less positive portrayals of teachers in the media - some readers may be especially interested in the 50 Great Teachers tab, which hosts stories about teachers who have gone above and beyond for their students. *I. S.* 

# 66 Oklahoma Humanities Magazine

While the Oklahoma Humanities Council (OHC) organizes a number of local, innovative educational venues, readers living out-of-state will perhaps find the Oklahoma Humanities Magazine to be the highlight of the OHC website. The periodical is chock-full of beautiful images, interesting articles, and educational interviews, often organized around a single theme. For instance, the most recent issue (Winter 2015) focused on the theme of romance in honor of Valentine's Day, and examined the Second-Oldest Profession (matchmaking), kissing in the movies, and love lessons from contemporary female poets. With archives dating back to 2008, this freely-accessible magazine can be a boon to teachers looking to spice up their humanities lesson plans, to those interested in the blossoming culture of the arts in Oklahoma, or to anyone just looking for a good read. *I. S.* 

## 67 On Being with Krista Tippett

As the website for the project notes, "On Being is a social enterprise with a radio show at its heart." Winner of a Peabody Award and Webby Award (among others), the podcasts, articles, blogs, videos, and conversations on this site explore the deepest questions of what it means to be human from a diversity of perspectives. Krista Tippett, who hosts most of the podcasts, functions as a warm and incisive interlocutor, an educated interviewer, and a co-inquisitor. The award winning podcast Episodes, which can be downloaded or played from the website, shouldn't be missed. Recent topics have confronted The Grandeur and Limits of Science, explored The Future of Marriage, and explored The Body after Cancer. In addition, the blog features reflections by poets. journalists, and others, including world-renowned meditation teacher, Sharon Salzberg.

# 68 On Broadway

On Broadway is an epic contemporary art project inspired by classic representations of urban life - from Renoir's paintings of Paris streets to Spider-Man comic books to Edward Ruscha's enormous photography project, "Every Building on the Sunset Strip." But On Broadway is also a unique 21st century creation. Curators collected all of the social media posts related to this narrow 13.5-mile slice of Manhattan over a period of 158 days in 2014, and mashed them together to create an interactive digital installation. What emerged is truly a "people's art" project, a montage of "data layers" composed of Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and other posts and images related to Broadway's buildings, restaurants, theaters, and streets. The one-minute introductory video is a great place to start, while the Images section includes photos of people interacting with the installation, currently on display at the Public Eye exhibition at the New York Public Library. Fortunately for readers outside of New York, the Application serves as a companion to the in situ exhibit, where readers may interact with the actual art installation in its online, digitized version. I. S.

#### 69 Otto Frank File Found at YIVO

This February 2007 press release describes the discovery of documents written by Anne Frank's father, Otto Frank. "The bulk of the file, which consists of personal correspondence and official records, spans dates from April 30, 1941 ... to December 11, 1941" and covers how Otto "tried to get his family out of the Nazi-occupied Netherlands." Also includes an Otto Frank timeline and two associated essays. From the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. *LII* 

#### 70 PandoDaily

Launched in early 2012, PandoDaily covers the "unique startup ecosystem" of Silicon Valley and its many offshoots around the world. Several key pieces make this online magazine interesting. First, in a tech world that is largely run by men, the founder and editor-in-chief of PandoDaily is Sarah Lacy, an award-winning journalist and veteran of the tech scene. She has written two interesting books about tech entrepreneurship and was a senior editor at TechCrunch. Under her leadership, the coverage at PandoDaily takes on a subtle but important FemTech edge that sheds new light on well-trodden issues like online harassment and the abysmal racial and gender demographics in Silicon Valley startups. *I. S.* 

# 71 Place, Evolution, and Rock Art Heritage Unit

The Place, Evolution, and Rock Art Heritage Unit (PERAHU) at Australia's Griffith University is dedicated to the research and preservation of Australian rock art, as well as rock art and human evolution research internationally. As the site mentions, there are approximately 100,000 individual rock art sites in Australia, but no national database has ever been established, and there is, of yet, no coordinated approach to documentation. After perusing the homepage, readers may like to select the Protect Australia's Spirit section and watch a short but engaging video that reviews the state of the nation's rock art and PERAHU's mission. Beautiful images of rock art adorn the page. There are also fascinating stories of the researchers and community members involved in protecting these sacred cultural artifacts. *I. S.* 

# 72 Poetry Foundation: Spring Poems

This page on the Poetry Foundation website provides readers with 31 poems about spring. Divided into sections (Flowers, Spring in Love, Joy in Spring, Spiritual, Melancholy, Youth in Spring), the poets run the historical timeline from Shakespeare and Dryden to Delmore Schwartz and Tony Hoagland. The poems remind us that "gardens are also good places to sulk" (Amy Gerstler), that spring days can be so perfect that "you want to throw/open all the windows in the house" (Billy Collins), and that it is possible to "mourn with ever-returning spring" (Walt Whitman). Each poem is accompanied by Related Content, featuring a Biography of the poet along with some select other poems, audio, and articles. For readers who are looking for celebrations, condemnations, contemplations, and all the thoughts, feelings, and intuitions of spring, this page will be a welcome find. *I. S.* 

#### 73 Psych Central

Psych Central is the Internet's largest and oldest independent mental health social network. Since 1995, our award-winning website has been run by mental health professionals offering reliable, trusted information and over 200 support groups to consumers.

We are today's modern voice for mental health information, emotional support and advocacy. With the broadest online reach and recognition of any mental health network today, we touch the lives of over 7 million people around the world every month.1 We're also proud to represent the interests of our membership of over 400,000 people whose lives have been touched by a mental health concern. (*Website*)

#### Research News at Vanderbilt

While Research News at Vanderbilt is dedicated to all of the ground-breaking work that goes on at this Research I university, the website is not just for Vanderbilt community members. In fact, for anyone who is interested in the latest developments in a huge range of fields - from business, to education, to psychology, to astrophysics - this site functions as a window into many worlds. One wonderful way to scout the site is by category, including Health & Medicine, Education & Psychology, and Law, Business & Politics among others. For instance, one current article under Health & Medicine reviews a new study on pathologic cardiac hypertrophy. For readers who are looking for targeted searches, the site also features an excellent search function. *I. S.* 

#### 75 Smithsonian Libraries: Butterflies and Moths

In many regions around the United States and Europe, one of the sure signs that spring has finally come is the appearance of butterflies. These 446 images of butterflies and moths, presented by the Smithsonian Libraries, offer an uplifting glimpse into the variegated world of these winged creatures. Each image can enlarged. Most images are partnered with a short description, and often a link to more detailed analysis. For instance, a drawing by Georg Wolfgang Franz Panzer features two gorgeous butterflies, composed between 1796 and 1813. Readers may even link to Full Details from the Smithsonian Libraries' Catalog to find information about the book from which the image was scanned, including the publisher and other details. The simple beauty of these images will surely enthrall all readers. *I. S.* 

## 76 Society for the Teaching of Psychology

The Society for the Teaching of Psychology is a great find for anyone teaching this essential social science in high school, community college, or four year higher educational institutions - or for anyone with a passion for the topic. From the homepage, readers may survey the presidential welcome, or explore sections such as STP News and the GSTA (Graduate Student Teaching Association) Blog as ways to stay connected on the cutting edge practices currently used in psychology education. The Resources tab covers topics that range from diversity to teaching competencies. The Teaching Resources section is especially helpful, as it links to presentations, PDFs, and documents about a range of topics, all with the idea of informing educators. Date of publications vary from 1990 to present day, and cover topics like "Educating Students about Plagiarism" and "Psychology of Peace and Mass Violence -- Instructional Resources." *I. S.* 

# 77 Spatial History Project

The Spatial History Project at Stanford University is one of the sweeping, brilliant, amorphous ideas that so exhilarate and perplex interested bystanders. Projects at the institute encompass a dizzying array of topics, from Chinese Railroad Workers to Nineteenth Century Crowdsourcing to a Spatial History and Geology of Desert Ant Colonies. What holds the reader's interest is the sheer energy and wit of the projects, and their underlying commitment to a Humanities-inspired view of the world. After getting to know the Project through reading About Us and Our Team, readers may like to begin scouting the projects themselves. For instance, the Chinese Railroad Workers project, on which 16 lead researchers, research assistants, lab staff, and lab affiliates worked, links out to the full project page. Here readers will find beautiful photographs, an informative timeline, and even a contact form where site visitors may provide information on descendants of railroad workers or any suggestions for revisions or additions to the site. I. S.

# Spring Cleaning: Surprising Strategies for Finally Organizing Your Space

Psych Central, which was founded as a web-based mental health social network two decades ago, now functions as a one-stop-shop for information about all things psychology - from the travails of bullying to tips on how to recognize a psychopath. This blog post by Margarita Tartakovsky presents four surprising strategies for your spring cleaning resolutions. Drawn from Japanese cleaning consultant Marie Kondo's new book, The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing, tips range from understanding why you're tidying up to tidying up by category to having a place for everything. For readers who are looking for inspiration in their spring cleaning projects, this post is a welcome find. And, of course, there are hundreds of blog posts on Psych Central to explore. *I. S* 

# 79 <u>Syriaca.org:</u>

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Syriaca.org: The Syriac Reference Portal is a collaborative research project publishling online reference works concerning the culture, history, and literature of Syriac communities from antiquity to the present. The online publications of Syriaca.org serve a broad scholarly audience including students of Middle Eastern studies, classics, medieval history, religious studies, biblical studies, and linguistics. In addition, Syriaca.org exists to provide Syriac heritage communities and the interested general public with access to scholarly information about Syriac cultures and their histories. (Website)

## 80 Syriaca.org: The Syriac Gazetteer

Created with support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities, among others, the Syriac Gazetteer is a collaboratively built "geographical reference work... for places relevant to Syriac studies." Originally published with 2,000 places, the Syriac Gazetteer is growing continually. To get started, the Gazetteer offers both an A-Z listing of place names and an interactive browse maps feature within the Index section. The About and Help pages also provide support and documentation. The Syriac Gazetteer is published under a Creative Commons license, and its data can be downloaded in several XML formats for those who wish to build additional applications with it. The Gazetteer links to Pleiades (a similar resource for places in the ancient world), Wikipedia, and Google Maps. *I. S.* 

# TED Talks: Mental health for all by involving all

Time magazine recently named psychiatrist and "well-being warrior" Vikram Patel one of The 100 Most Influential People in the world. In this TED talk from June 2012, readers will discover the brilliance, charm, and knowledge that have made him famous. Dr. Patel begins his presentation by outlining the very real health effects of depression, anxiety, and other mental health disorders. In fact, he informs his audience, people suffering from mental illness live, on average, 20 years shorter than their mentally healthy counterparts. He then outlines how severe the problem is in so-called developing countries, where an estimated 90 percent of sufferers don't receive the care they need. From there, Dr. Patel outlines his program, which trains everyday people to administer mental health services, apparently to a very effective degree. This talk is well worth watching for anyone interested in mental health, psychotherapy interventions, and the health policies of developing nations. An interactive transcript of the talk is also available, along with suggested Related talks. I. S.

# 82 The Artist Project

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As the website of the Artist Project notes, artists have been coming to the Metropolitan Museum of Art for well over one hundred years to garner inspiration. The Artist Project is an online series that films this process, following various artists as they tour their favorite masterpieces in the hallowed halls of the Met. The recently initiated project seeks to follow 100 artists between March 2015 and March 2016, posting the videos, audio, and quotes online for all to see. Featured artists include conceptual artist John Baldessari, printmaker Xu Bing, and fabric sculptor and performance artist Nick Cave, among many others. Selecting any of the artists listed on the homepage will take readers to individual features, consisting of a brief video, a bio About the Artist, and a neat section called As Seen in the Episode, where site visitors can explore in closer detail the items that catch each artist's attention. *I. S.* 

#### The Walt Whitman Archive: Published Works

Walt Whitman - poet, essayist, journalist, and lover of spring - created a true Victorian scandal when he self-published Leaves of Grass, with its wildly free verse and its sometimes erotic sentiments. While the public swooned and scorned, Whitman dutifully revised the collection over the next three decades, only stopping when a stroke made it impossible for him to work. This site from the excellent Walt Whitman Archive provides a window into that epic editing process. Readers may begin with the 1855 edition of Leaves of Grass, featuring an about section, the complete text, and page images. Subsequent editions (1856, 1860, 1867,1871, 1881, and 1891) are also available, making analysis of the development of this classic American epic available to anyone. *I. S* 

#### 84 The Big Snoop: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Terrorists

The first thing a visitor sees when arriving at the title page to the Brookings Essay, "The Big Snoop," are six chilling words: "Some data we see about you." Beneath that, the site lists your ip address, hostname, city, region, postal code, the browser you're using, your time on the page, scroll depth, and what operating system you're running on what kind of computer. That's a good introduction to this six part essay by Brookings Fellow Stuart S. Taylor, Jr., which elucidates the views of four very different experts of varying political backgrounds on the topic of national security vs. individual privacy. For those of us who enjoy in-depth analysis of complex, hot-button topics, this interactive page should not be missed. *I. S.* 

#### 85 The Center for Ray Bradbury Studies

The Center for Ray Bradbury Studies, which is housed at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)'s School of Liberal Arts, was founded in 2007, and remains one of the best Ray Bradbury resources in the world. For those readers who can't make it to the physical archives in Indianapolis, the website has plenty to offer, including a well-maintained news page that often features links to lectures, articles about new studies of Bradbury's work, and notes on the continuing legacy of this great science fiction writer and humanist. The External Resources tab is also worth a good look, as it links out to resources around the web, including a short story finder from the University of Wolverhampton, an unofficial Russian site dedicated to the author's work, and an unofficial Ray Bradbury YouTube channel. *I. S.* 

## The Atlantic: Health: Family

For readers fascinated by the intricacies and ins and outs of domestic life in 21st century America, the Atlantic has gathered together its articles on family in a handy, easily accessible - and free - webpage. The articles run from serious investigations of How Nurses Can Help Low-Income Mothers and Kids to entertaining ones exploring The Psychological Reason 'Billie Jean' Kills at Weddings. Along the way, readers may explore the pros and cons of apps that help parents track their baby's napping cycles, why it is that pretending to understand what a baby says can help it learn, and the research-confirmed importance of making deliberate choices in love relationships. *I. S.* 

#### 87 The Bread and Roses Strike of 1912

When thousands of mill workers went on strike in Lawrence, Massachusetts in the early winter of 1912 to protest wage cuts, no one knew that the slogans, songs, and peaceful protests of these mostly immigrant strikers would inspire generations of labor organizers. This online Exhibition from the Digital Public Library of America commemorates the bravery and boldness of the strikers with well researched text and compelling photographs. Readers may start by selecting one of six themes: Lawrence: An Industrial City, A Worker's Life, The Strike, The Strikers and their Allies and Adversaries, Mobilizing Beyond Lawrence, and The Strike Ends, A Legacy is Born. Each section is packed with photographs and historical facts. For educators teaching labor history, or for anyone interested in the discourses and actions that led to improved working conditions in the United States, this exhibition will delight and edify. *I. S.* 

# 88 The Muse

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The Muse is a free job hunting service. But it's also much more than that. Since its inception in 2012, the Muse has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Mashable, CNN, Bloomberg Television, PBS, and other media outlets. What makes the Muse fresh and interesting? On the website, readers can browse over 2,500 open jobs at companies like Facebook, Zappos, Petplus, and many others. However, the site goes way beyond the ordinary listing service. It also features colorful profiles of each company, which include video interviews with employees, photographs of offices, and rich descriptions of the company culture. In addition, the website provides free training on everything from designing the perfect CV to interview skills to tips on how to choose a career in the first place. *I. S.* 

## The official website of the British Monarchy

For educators teaching the past and present of the British monarchy - and for readers fascinated by the House of Windsor and its forebears - this site will provide hours of edifying reading and reams of resources. Tabs to explore include over a dozen pages dedicated to Queen Elizabeth, as well as many more focused on the rest of the Current Royal Family, The Royal Household, Charities and Patronages, and many others. In addition, Virtual Rooms, which can be located under the Quick Links menu, is particularly spellbinding, as it provides virtual access to some of the most hallowed halls, grandest rooms, staircases, and venues of Buckingham Palace and other royal residences. *I. S.* 

# 90 <u>U.S. Supreme Court Media</u>

The Oyez Project at Chicago-Kent is a phenomenal resource for anyone who wants to understand the workings of the United States Supreme Court. In fact, as multimedia archive, the site "aims to be a complete and authoritative source for all audio recorded in the Court since the installation of a recording system in October 1955." The site can be scouted in a number of convenient ways. First, readers may simply explore the Latest Stories, which include Weekly Roundups, articles, and analyses of goings on at the Court. For more focused searches, readers may prefer to select Cases and Justices. The Cases tab navigates to every case that has been argued in the Supreme Court, along with a summary and, often, audio files of the oral arguments. The Justices section, on the other hand, provides summaries and rulings of every justice that has served on the Court. In addition, the excellent Tour function provides a DIY tour of the Supreme Court, complete with peaks into the Exterior, the Great Hall, the Courtroom, and the offices of select justices. I. S.

## 91 United Nations Development Programme: Zimbabwe

Background and news about United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) activities in Zimbabwe in areas such as poverty reduction, HIV/AIDS, democratic governance, and gender equality. Includes a document outlining goals for the country, project fact sheets, other publications, photos, and related material. From the UNDP. *LII* 

#### 92 United States Botanic Garden

This website from the United States Botanic Gardens in Washington, D.C. inspires and delights in any season - but it's especially uplifting in spring. Readers may like to browse the upcoming programs, which cover topics such as the health benefits of chocolate and a celebration of spring cooking. There are also listings on the site for What's in Bloom, and exhibits on orchids and the secret life of roots. In addition, the Learn tab links to educational resources such as the Landscape for Life website, where educators may find lesson plans for sustainable home gardening. A Virtual Tour offers gorgeous 360 degree interactive views of several sections of the Gardens, including the Jungle Room, the Orchid Room, and the National Garden - Rose Garden. An autorotate option makes for easy meandering through the tour and information blurbs provide specific details about each section. Readers inspired to start their own gardens will also enjoy the Gardening Fact Sheets with tips on subjects such as Soils and Insects & Other Organisms. I. S.

# 93 Van Gogh Museum

The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam provides the world's largest collection of works by the talented Vincent Van Gogh. On its website, readers may directly travel to inspiring works of art like Almond Blossom and The Bedroom, or they may search the 852-item archives by selecting Collection. One of the more visually inspired offerings of the website, however, comes from selecting Read Full Story under Meet Vincent. From there, readers may scroll through several biographical pages that link out to a letter written in Van Gogh's scrawling cursive, a treatment of the variegated mental associations in his prose, and other tidbits. The Van Gogh seems to set the standard for innovative museum websites with this beautiful and interactive example. *I. S.* 

# 94 Visualising China

This incredible resource from the University of Bristol provides access to over 9,000 historical photographs of China from the years 1850 to 1950. Readers may want to start with the blog that accompanies the digitized collection for a number of fascinating articles on the rapidly transforming China of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. But the pictures themselves are the real magic of this website. Readers may select any photo to start. Below the photo a series of keywords, locations, and other related information will appear. Each of these related tags will take readers to other photos and groups of photos. For instance, selecting a street scene from the homepage will reveal that the photograph was taken in 1920s Shanghai. Readers will also find suggested related material tagged as "Bicycle," "Crowded Street," "Shanghai Municipal Police," and others. The result is a fascinating, elegiac tour of a world now long past. *I. S.* 

#### 95 Wet with Blood: The Investigation of Mary Todd Lincoln's Cloak

The Chicago Historical Society has published this online exploration of Abraham Lincoln's assassination in the form of a 19th century sensationalist book, complete with a table of contents that traces the events on the night of the murder and the artifacts related to that night and the days after. The investigation centers on Mary Todd Lincoln's cloak, which was said to be "wet with blood" from her husband's last moment. But was it? The website explores this and other questions. Readers may scout primary documents such as newspaper reports, letters written by witnesses, drawings, and photographs. For teachers looking for primary sources and a powerful narrative, as well as anyone fascinated by the Civil War years and the life and death of President Lincoln, this interactive site brings a bygone era to vivid life again. *I. S.* 

# What is the Price of College? Total, Net, and Out-of-Pocket Prices by Type of Institution in 2011-12

This March 2015 report from the National Center for Education Statistics asks the highly relevant question: What is the Price of College? Using data from a nationally representative study of students enrolled in postsecondary institutions in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, the findings are highly reliable and worth a thorough read. There are many interesting facts in the report, and the data are presented in convenient tables and graphs. For instance, the researchers found that private nonprofit 4-year institutions are nearly twice as expensive as public 4-year universities, and public 4-year tuition is, on average, more than three times the tuition of community colleges. These are just an example of the many fine details made available by this federal entity. The report is available online or as a downloadable PDF and a provided list of keywords will take interested readers to related reports from the NCES. *I. S.* 

# William Blake's Songs of Innocence and Experience

William Blake completed the Songs of Innocence, a collection of 19 poems with accompanying woodblock prints, in 1789. Five years later, he completed Songs of Experience, and subsequently published the two collections in a single volume. Themes of the work echo with springtime and renewal, discussing the natural innocence of childhood and the fall from grace that accompanies life in an adult world with its concerns of money, status, and power. This digital collection from the British Library includes a brief overview of the poet and his poems. However, the beautifully photographed wood prints themselves are what make this site a must see. The collection, digitized from an edition originally published in Liverpool in 1923, immerses readers in the poetry and artwork of this Romantic visionary through such poems as "The Echoing Green," "The Lamb," and "The Tyger." *I. S* 

98	Women in Science  This radio series is produced with the express purpose of getting women involved in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields. As the site notes, it's a great resource for students, teachers, parents, guidance counselors, organizational leaders, researchers, professors, or anyone interested in helping women pursue careers in technical fields. Readers will find much of interest in features such as Her-Story: Then & Now, which profiles both historical and present-day female STEM pioneers. The Sounds of Progress, another feature, offers an eight-part documentary-style series that covers groundbreaking research, great women in science, and other topics. And this is just the beginning of what this fantastic site has to offer. <i>I. S.</i>
99	Wu Han Plays Tchaikovsky, Month by Month  Tchaikovsky composed his 12-part piano cycle, The Seasons, between December 1875 and May 1876. In the hands of master pianist Wu Han, these classic pieces stand as extraordinarily vivid and elegant compositions, performed with tenderness and bravado. While the pieces and accompanying article were first posted to NPR's website in early 2008, they are no less extraordinary today. Here readers may listen to Wu Han's maestro performance of "March: Song of the Lark," "April: Snowdrop," and "May: May Nights," one at a time, or they may choose to hear the entire 12-month cycle played straight through for 45 minutes. The lovingly composed accompanying article by Fred Child introduces readers to the composer, the performer, and the synergy that come alive when the composer and performer come together. I. S.
100	Zimbabwe: Shadows and Lies  Companion website to a June 2006 program that "goes undercover in Zimbabwe to reveal what has happened to a country once regarded as a beacon of democracy and prosperity in Africa." It examines hunger and poverty, government and political changes, and other issues facing the country. Features video clips, a timeline, interviews, and links to related resources. From PBS Frontline/World. LII

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