



Internet/Web/Electronic Collections  
Collection Development Profile  
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Description:

The Glendora Public Library website directs users to reliable informational resources and electronic databases and collections on the Internet. This enables the library to provide information which compliments, enhances and sometimes parallels the current print collection. Remote access to this information creates an *Internet Branch*, available 24/7, for maximum flexibility in responding to our patrons' needs. Accuracy, quality, currency and ease-of-use are deciding factors in the selection of websites.

The Library's website leads to other fully developed and specialized subject sites that aim at comprehensive topical coverage, and does not attempt to parallel them in breadth. Although a particular emphasis is made on selecting sites created by governmental, educational, and non-profit entities, links are also made to sites created by for-profit organizations when they meet selection criteria and informational needs.

Providing selected websites to the public is in response to the library's key service roles: self-directed personal growth for all ages, and the demand for current information about popular culture, social trends and resources of interest to local residents.

Selection Plan:

The goal is to provide a highly selective list of quality, current, websites which are evaluated on a regular basis to ensure usefulness. Selectors in each Dewey subject area will be responsible for the review, recommendation and ongoing evaluation and monitoring of websites. Professional resources such as *Library Journal*, *Booklist*, *School Library Journal* and general interest magazines and newspapers have regular articles featuring best Internet resources. Since other Internet subject extensive subject directories, this web collection will focus on providing a sampling of sites of interest to the community.

Criteria for the selection and maintenance of the Web Collection include authority, coverage, accuracy, relevance, quality of information, organization (ease of use), currency, and the following guidelines:

- Websites should have a positive review or recommendation;
- Websites should be maintained by responsible institutions and organizations;

- Material should be current, timely and have contact information;
- Websites of a commercial nature will be continuously reviewed and evaluated for appropriateness and value to the library;
- When dealing with controversial topics, sites with differing points of view should be provided;
- Websites should be examined and evaluated regularly for quality, currency and validity of content. Links to sites will be deleted or removed when they are outdated or superseded by newly identified sites;
- Subject categories may include but are not limited to:  
local Glendora information; Tax, California Libraries Catalog, Biography & History, Reader's Advisory, Business, Career, Consumer, Education, HealthComputers, Science, Kids Page, Teens and Electronic Resources

#### Retention and Weeding:

Assigned selectors will evaluate each website before inclusion into the weblinks collection. Websites will be reviewed periodically according to the assigned selector's schedule to ensure working websites. As links become inactive, or out-of-date, or no longer meet library criteria and guidelines they will be removed from the web collection. Final decision on website recommendations for inclusion in the library's collection will be made by the Senior Librarian under the guidance of the Library Director.