



Can Your American Corner Host Independent Learners?

Here are some digital resources available worldwide for your visitors who can work independently to view or listen to lectures, work on college-level courses, or learn specific skills needed in the workplace or for personal interest.

Locating Accredited Degree Programs Offering Distance Learning

Accredited Distance Learning Degrees supplies the latest information on accredited online colleges that offer the best degree programs on the Web today. <http://www.accrediteddldegrees.com>

Peterson's is one of the standard reference works in higher education. <http://www.petersons.com/distancelearning/code/search.asp?sponsor>

Locating Distance Learning in Library and Information Studies Topics

American Library Association Distance Learning – Current workshops include: reference, children's issues, management issues, and copyright. Fee-based workshops. <http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=eventsdist&Template=/Conference/ConferenceList.cfm&ConferenceTypeCode=D>

Association of College and Research Libraries - Current courses include designing websites, creating plans for information literacy, virtual reference, leading change, and Web 2.0. Fee-based: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/index.cfm>

Bibliographical Center for Research - Workshops pertaining to OCLC, Internet, Web design, cataloging and ILL topics. Free (Free Friday Forum) and fee-based. <http://www.bcr.org/training/index.html>

LEAD - Lifelong Education @ Desktop - Fee-based, two-hour long courses on a wide variety of library topics, including budgeting, volunteers, and information ethics. <http://leadonline.info/>

WebJunction – Online community and clearinghouse for resources and distance learning opportunities for library staff. Most resources are free, whereas distance education courses tend to be fee-based. Many courses on new technologies. <http://www.webjunction.org/do/Home>

Southeastern Library Information Network (SOLINET) - Web-based instruction including such topics as: information literacy, creating digital objects, trends in technology. http://www.solinet.net/workshops/workshop_templ.cfm?doc_id=730

UC Berkeley School of Information has audio and video material available to all. <http://www.ischool.berkeley.edu/newsandevents/audiovideo>.

Library of Congress

- *Videoconferences*. Interactive, distance learning programs; excellent for professional development, programming and training. <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/educators/video/index.html>
- *Webcasts* on topics, including Zotero, LibraryThing, the National Digital Newspaper Program, etc. <http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/results.php?cat=2&mode=a>
- *Self-Serve Workshops*. Free online modules on a variety of topics including search skills, primary sources, basic technology, etc. <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/learn/educators/workshop/ssindex.html>

InfoSpeak Interviews with Library Leaders - Free podcasts by leaders in the U.S. Library and Information Fields discussing Google, new technology, leadership, embracing change, etc.

<http://www.webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=19396>

Librarian Live - Free podcasts on topics such as social networking, library services for youth, resource sharing, etc. <http://www.ntrls2.org/default.asp?action=article&ID=263>

SirsiDynix Institute - Free live online seminars by library industry leaders on timely topics; also features free archive of past seminars: http://www.sirsidynixinstitute.com/seminar_page.php?sid=101

Shaping Outcomes - Evaluation techniques using the Outcomes Based Planning and Evaluation (OBPE) method. Online course to learn how to better evaluate effectiveness of services and programming.

<http://www.shapingoutcomes.com/>

How-to Guides for Library Operations

Alternative Basic Library Education (ABLE) – Designed to help those who have no formal education in library science acquire the basic knowledge and skills needed to work in a library. The online courses provide "just-in-time" training. Free and anyone who wishes may enroll. <http://libraries.idaho.gov/able>

Supplemental Alternative Basic Library Education (SABLE) - Designed to provide additional resources to help those who have no formal education in library science acquire the basic knowledge and skills needed to operate or work in a library. This program is a supplement to the above ABLE courses and provides training on specialized services, including children and youth services.

<http://libraries.idaho.gov/sable>

Locating Distance Learning Courses at Major American Universities

Academic Earth is an organization founded with the goal of giving everyone on earth access to a world-class education. <http://academicearth.org/>

For a ranking of OpenCourseWare offerings at universities

http://degreedirectory.org/articles/25_Colleges_and_Universities_Ranked_by_Their_OpenCourseWare.html

More than 200 institutions joined forces to create the OCW Consortium to share courses worldwide

<http://www.ocwconsortium.org/use/use-dynamic.html>

Notre Dame OCW is a free and open educational resource for faculty, students, and self-learners throughout the world. <http://ocw.nd.edu/>

Open Yale Courses provides free and open access to a selection of introductory courses taught by distinguished teachers and scholars at Yale University. <http://oyc.yale.edu/>

OpenCourseWare is a site where the Massachusetts Institute of Technology offers free and open access to anyone to more than 1,500 course. <http://ocw.mit.edu>

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's OpenCourseWare (OCW) project provides access to content of the School's most popular courses. <http://ocw.jhsph.edu/>

Tufts' course offerings demonstrate the University's strength in the life sciences in addition to its multidisciplinary approach, international perspective and underlying ethic of service to its local, national and international communities. <http://ocw.tufts.edu/>

University of California at Berkeley has video lecture offerings at its YouTube site.

<http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=UCBerkeley>

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