

More Cool Internet Tools: Best Free Websites Class Rockaway Township Library (10/08)

1) How to find the best websites

Time magazine's annual "50 Best Websites" award –Link to 2008 list below

<http://www.time.com/time/specials/2007/0,28757,1809858,00.html>

The Webby Awards-Annual awards since 1996 for the best sites on the Internet in many categories, with direct links to winners. Also includes People's Choice selections

<http://www.webbyawards.com/about/>

101 Most Useful Websites (*From 2008 London Telegraph article*) Highlights best sites in sports, music, travel , technology, entertainment, social, advice

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/connected/main.jhtml?xml=/connected/2008/03/30/sv_101websites.xml

Forbes magazine Best of the Web (Good but not updated for last 3 years)

<http://www.forbes.com/bow/>

OR, do Google keyword search beginning "Best" or "top 10" (name of category) websites EG "best health websites" or "best job hunting websites"

2) Alternative Search Engine to Google

Search Me –Browse visual screen shots of webpages from search results, as well as get ranked results list in text and links <http://searchme.com>

3) Unbiased Information

Fact Check (Annenberg Non-Profit Foundation) Monitors the factual accuracy of what is said by major political leaders on TV, in debates, speeches, news releases

<http://www.factcheck.org>

Snopes Evaluates urban legends, scams, email forwards-Find out if it's true here

<http://www.snopes.com>

4) Finance/Investment Information and Tracking

Yahoo! Finance Free stock quotes, financial news, company and investment research and links to stories on WSJ, TheStreet.com <http://finance.yahoo.com>

5) News websites

National Public Radio Noncommercial international coverage of news, music, podcasts, interviews, radio programs and searchable archives <http://www.npr.org>

Time The magazine's news archive is full-text searchable, and articles can be printed, emailed or linked to RSS sites lik Technorati <http://www.time.com>

6) Consumer Advice

Yelp Free service featuring reviews of local businesses by local residents
<http://www.yelp.com> (paid alternative is <http://www.angieslist.com>)

Retail Me Not Free current discount coupons or codes from thousands of retailers
<http://www.retailmenot.com>

7) For Readers

What Should I Read Next Makes suggestions of authors and books you might like based on what you've been reading <http://www.whatshouldireadnext.com>

Library Thing Catalog your own library, get suggestions on books to read, search for books in different themes <http://www.librarything.com>

8) Education

Live Mocha Learn a Language online free and track your progress Many language options. <http://www.livemocha.com>

Free Rice Increase your vocabulary and learn new things while helping to feed the world Every correct answer you provide in online quizzes earns 1 grain of rice to feed the hungry <http://www.freerice.com>

9) Entertainment

Rotten Tomatoes Resource for reviews and ratings of movies and DVDs with entertainment news and links to celebrity information <http://www.rottentomatoes.com>

Hulu offers free, ad-supported streaming video of TV shows and movies from NBC, FOX, and many other networks. offers full episodes and segments from over 400 different TV shows <http://www.hulu.com/>

10) Social networking

Meetup Find local groups who share your interests <http://www.meetup.com>

Mobaganda Fast, simple way to send email info for party and meeting planning and track attendance. Unlike, Evite, this site doesn't require login or registration
<http://www.mobaganda.com>

11) Get Organized

When Is Religious and civil holiday dates around the world <http://www.when-is.com>

43 Things Make a list, work on your goals, cheer others on <http://www.43things.com>