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# “BLOGS, BLOGGERS & BLOGGING”

## Selected Bibliography of Articles & Websites:

Bell, Steven. “Where the Readers Are” Library Journal 130.17 15 Oct. 2005: 8-13. Online: <<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6269278.html>>

“Since there are currently large numbers of Weblogs (blogs) to choose from the difficulty facing libraries is how to provide the means by which library users can be directed to the most appropriate blogs for their purposes. Proposes that one possible solution for academic libraries might lie in the use of courseware, such as Blackboard, WebCT, Angel and Moodle, plus technology specifically developed to feed blog postings directly into courseware sites. Illustrates this approach with particular reference to the project undertaken at the Paul J. Gutman Library, Philadelphia University, which involved using Real Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds to HyperText Markup Language (HTML) pages, using JavaScript Converter. The results from a user survey revealed that the majority of students (75%) found the library postings to be useful and indicated that the library should continue to provide this content to the course sites.”

Crawford, Walt. “Investigating the Biblioblogosphere” Cites & Insights 5.10 Sept. 2005. Online: <<http://cites.boisestate.edu/v5i10b.htm>>

Fialkoff, Francine. “The Power of Blogs” Library Journal 130.6 1 April 2005: 8. Online: <<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA512180.html>>

“Editorial comments on reader response to an article, “Revenge of the Blog People!” in BackTalk, LJ 2/15/05, p. 44. Michael Gorman's article unleashed an avalanche of outrage from librarians, the blogging community, and technophiles generally. The consensus among readers was about 99-1 against Gorman--and very few seemed to find the piece humorous, as he said he intended.”

Goans, Doug, and Teri M. Vogel. “Building a Home for Library News with a Blog” Computers in Libraries 23.10 Nov. 2003: 20. Online: <[http://www.infotoday.com/cilmag/nov03/goans\\_vogel.shtml](http://www.infotoday.com/cilmag/nov03/goans_vogel.shtml)>

“Since Web logs (or “blogs”) and the activity of web logging (or “blogging”) are becoming very popular with many people, including librarians, the Library at Georgia State University undertook an experiment to develop a blog for delivering news to science faculty and students in a way that would be faster than the production of a traditional newsletter. A major decision was whether to rent, buy or build a blog and the issues involved in the decision are set out, including: setup and administration; customization; content and archives; challenges; costs (money and time); and examples of sellers. A recent evaluation of the blog-based newsletter indicated that: the number of people blogging in the library has doubled; the blog is driving the main News and Events page ... and increasing numbers of librarians have expressed interest in learning about the Library's blog and blogging in general.”

Gorman, Michael. “Revenge of the Blog People!” Library Journal 130.3 15 Feb. 2005: 44. Online: <<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA502009.html>>

“The article that started all the controversy... Gorman offers observations on blogs, defined by him as a species of interactive electronic diary by means of which the unpublishable, untrammled by editors or the rules of grammar, can communicate their thoughts via the web.”

Herring, Susan C., et. al. “Weblogs as a Bridging Genre” Information Technology & People 18.2 (2005): 142-171. Online:

<<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/Insight/ViewContentServlet?Filename=Published/EmeraldFullTextArticle/Articles/1610180204.html>>

“Aims to describe systematically the characteristics of weblogs (blogs) - frequently modified web pages in which dated entries are listed in reverse chronological sequence and which are the latest genre of internet communication to attain widespread popularity. Design / methodology / approach: This paper presents the results of a quantitative content analysis of 203 randomly selected blogs, comparing the empirically observable features of the corpus with popular claims about the nature of blogs, and finding them to differ in a number of respects.”

Herzog, Susan. BlogBib: An Annotated Bibliography on Weblogs and Blogging, with a Focus on Library/Librarian Blogs... 17 Jan. 2006 <<http://blog-bib.blogspot.com/>>

From the Author's Introduction to this website: "The blogosphere, the worldwide community of blogs, has rapidly evolved into a phenomenon to be taken seriously, with many librarians at the forefront of this publishing revolution. Blogs are an easy, cost-effective PR tool for savvy librarians and have been implemented, for various purposes, in every type of library. This annotated bibliography includes definitions, articles about blogging and about library blogs, books, studies, links to samples of the myriad library blogs, tools for creating and using blogs, and links to presentations on blogging. An update of my first blog, BlogBib, presented as a poster session at the American Library Association Annual Conference in 2002, the bibliography is organized by categories, then alphabetically within categories, and is available online at <http://blog-bib.blogspot.com/>. While most entries are from the United States of America, BlogBib includes blogs and commentary from Canada, Europe, and Australia as well. Coverage includes academic, public, school, and special libraries. Due to the scope and size of the bibliography, articles focusing on RSS have deliberately been ignored."

Kenney, Brian and Michael Stephens. "Talkin' Blogs" Library Journal Online 1 Oct. 2005.

Online: <<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6261414.html>>

"Librarians have been quick to realize the potential of Weblogs (blogs) for their work, using them for communicating information, comparing facts, and citing sources. Reports the conversations between a number of bloggers that took place at a meeting held at the American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, 2005, at which they discussed the impact of blogging on library practice."

McBride, Matthew. "Open Source Weblog and Content Management Systems for the Information Professional" Searcher 12.9 Oct. 2004: 24-29.

"Reviews the current range of Weblog (blog) and content management software tools available for use by people who wish to create Web sites but do not have a high degree of expertise in Web site development. While not being a comprehensive listing of all the tools available and not being a detailed review of the subject, the article aims to provide a starting point to assist in the selection of a Weblog, content management system or related tool."

McDermott, Irene E. "The Passion of the Blog" Searcher 13.5 (2005): 8-13.

"Discusses the some of the opinions expressed by librarians and information professionals on the subject of Weblogs (blogs) and considers their usefulness in everyday life. Reviews some of the Web sites providing information about Weblogs and the means of tracing specific Weblogs or ones covering specific subjects, including: political Weblogs; search engines for searching Weblogs; aggregator sites; and librarian Weblogs."

Notess, Greg R. "RSS, Aggregators, and Reading the Blog Fantastic" Online 26, Nov./Dec. 2002: 52-64.

Online: <<http://www.infotoday.com/online/nov02/OnTheNet.htm>>

"With the explosion of Weblogs, or 'blogs', come new ways of reading them. Rich Site Summaries (RSS) is a way of creating a broadcast version of a blog or news page. News aggregators are used for searching blogs, to summarize new content, combine multiple sources and link to the full text. Looks at online aggregators such as Syndic8 and NewsFree, and software packages to download onto a PC, such as AmphetaDesk and FeedReader."

Vogel, Teri M. and Doug Goans. "Delivering the News with Blogs: The Georgia State University Library Experience" Internet Reference Services Quarterly 10.1 (2005): 5-27.

"To deliver information about library news, services and resources to the science faculty and students at Georgia State University, several librarians developed a blog, Science News. This article summarizes the librarians' rationale for moving to this dynamic format, how the technology was balanced with the needs of the librarians and patrons, and the issues and challenges that are being addressed to ensure that this will be a viable and successful news-delivery system. The experience with Science News is already serving as the model for the additional subject-specific blogs that have been developed to meet the informational needs of other patron groups."

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