

# IAT INFOBITS

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## About INFOBITS

*Infobits* is an electronic service of the Institute for Academic Technology's Information Resources Group. Each month we monitor and select from a number of information technology and instruction technology sources that come to our attention and provide brief notes for electronic dissemination to educators.

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## WILL THIS COUNT TOWARD MY TENURE?

The role of computer technologies in the humanities is increasing, and raises some questions among faculty. Will I be compensated for my work in this new area? Will my research using computer technologies help or hinder my promotion? Are these activities given the same weight as traditional publishing in tenure evaluations?

"Evaluating Computer-Related Work in the Modern Languages: Draft Guidelines Prepared by the MLA Committee on Computers and Emerging Technologies in Teaching and Research" is a supplement to the Statement on Computer Support, adopted by the Modern Language Association in 1993, and addresses the "means of evaluating the research, teaching, and service of faculty members who study, develop, and use electronic technologies in their work." A copy of the guidelines is available at URL <http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/mla.guidelines.html>

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## ELECTRONIC TEXT PROJECTS ON THE INTERNET

Project Runeberg, founded in December 1992, is an open and voluntary initiative to create and collect free electronic editions of classic Nordic literature and art. For more information go to URL <http://www.lysator.liu.se:7500/runeberg/>

The same server also provides a list of other major electronic text projects and pointers to their catalogs at URL <http://www.lysator.liu.se:7500/runeberg/foreign.html>

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## EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH CURRENT AWARENESS

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's Education Information Center (EIC) maintains Current Awareness, a monthly bibliography of the most recent educational research from an extensive collection of journals. The service covers over 200 educational topics. Once you find citations that interest you, contact either your school system professional library or a local community college/university library for the full text of the article. The URL for Current Awareness is <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/Crrntawrnss.form.html>

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## ONLINE CIVICS LESSONS

The National Budget Simulation, a project of University of California-Berkeley's Center for Community Economic Research, was created by Anders Schneiderman and Nathan Newman to give participants a feel for the trade-offs which citizens and policy makers will need to make to balance the U.S. budget. The National Budget Simulation is on the World Wide Web at URL <http://garnet.berkeley.edu:3333/budget/budget.html>

The Center for Community Economic Research (CCER) acts as a bridge between researchers and community groups throughout the Bay Area and California, providing community groups with the opportunity to draw on academic knowledge around economic issues, ranging from the role of immigrants in California's economy to analyzing the state budget crisis. For more information, connect to URL <http://garnet.berkeley.edu:3333/aboutccer.html>

The American Communication Association (ACA), a national not-for-profit professional organization of scholars, students, and practitioners in the field of communication studies, was "organized to promote study, research, knowledge, criticism, teaching and the application of the principles of communication." The ACA's World Wide Web site includes information about the ACA, a collection of materials on communication law and First Amendment issues, resources for teaching and research in communication studies, and an extensive reference resource page for scholars and activists. The site is located at URL <http://www.uark.edu/depts/comminfo/www/ACA.html>

The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) maintains a list of international, national, regional, and local governmental and government-related servers on the Internet. The site contains pointers to United Nations servers, multinational organizations (African National Congress, G7 Summit, European Union, World Bank); and national/state governmental sites. Connect to URL <http://www.eff.org/govt.html>

The EFF (URL <http://www.eff.org/>) is "a non-profit civil liberties organization working in the public interest to protect privacy, free expression, and access to online resources and information." The EFF publishes an electronic newsletter, *EFFector Online*, which is located at URL <http://www.eff.org/pub/EFF/Newsletters/EFFector/>

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## NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS

The Swedish Page (URL <http://www.algonet.se:80/~nikos/swedish.html>) contains selected links to Internet resources, mainly WWW pages, in Sweden and also other related information. The site contains links to information on the Nobel Prize winners announced this month. The Nobel Prize page is at URL <http://www.algonet.se:80/~nikos/wwwreg/nobel.html>

The 1995 Nobel Prize for literature was awarded to Seamus Heaney, whose poetry can be read, and heard, on the Internet Poetry Archive (mentioned in *IAT Infobits*, [January 1995](#)). The Seamus Heaney Web page URL is <http://sunsite.unc.edu/dykki/poetry/heaney/heaney-cov.html>

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## GUIDES FOR CITING ELECTRONIC SOURCES UPDATED

The article "Guides for Citing Electronic Sources" appeared in the [June 1994](#) issue of *IAT Infobits*. Since then, the proliferation of electronic publications and the growth of the World Wide Web have increased the interest in electronic citation guidelines and standards. With many bibliographic citation styles existing for written works (MLA, APA, Chicago Manual of Style, etc.), it isn't surprising that there are several variations for electronic citations as well. From the Hyperjournal-forum listserv, here are some suggested resources to choose from:

MLA-Style Citations of Electronic Sources, by Janice R. Walker  
<http://www.cas.usf.edu/english/walker/mla.html>

Citation Style for Internet Sources, by Mark Wainwright  
<http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/users/maw13/citation.html>

How Do You Cite URL's in a Bibliography? by Jeff Beckleheimer

<http://www.nrlssc.navy.mil/meta/bibliography.html>

Suggestions from the LINGUIST Listserv (February 1995)

<http://lamp.cs.utas.edu.au/citation.txt>

APA and MLA Citation Styles

<http://www.utexas.edu/depts/uwc/.html/citation.html>

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO FLY IN MY BEAUTIFUL BALLOON?

Balloonin' USA, the world's first "interactive" hot-air balloon trek across the United States, began September 18, 1995 and will continue through the spring of 1996. Kevin Kuehn is the pilot and founder of the Balloonin' USA project. To take part in the project he is taking a one year leave of absence from his job as the Assistant Superintendent for the Douglas School District in Box Elder, South Dakota. A partnership of educators and TIE (Technology and Innovations in Education) staff are developing curriculum-related ideas and activities for the project. Kuehn will post his scientific data, photos, impressions and daily news to the Internet. Information will include "video pictures of the areas he visits, both from the air and the ground; descriptions of schools, people, communities, and land forms; longitude and latitude readings of where he is and where he is headed; visibility readings; barometric pressure, precipitation, and wind measurements; answers to student and teacher questions." Schools subscribing to the project will receive curriculum materials and technical information for using the Internet to participate in student and teacher discussion groups. For more information about the project, contact Balloonin' USA at tel: 605-394-6025; email: [balloon@sdakota.sdserv.org](mailto:balloon@sdakota.sdserv.org); WWW: <http://balloon.tie.net/>

TIE is a technology consortium affiliated with the Black Hills Special Services Cooperative and serving all K-12 schools in South Dakota, USA. Membership in the consortium includes access to their Preview Center collection of instructional materials, subscription to *TIE Newsletter*, training opportunities, and technical assistance. For more information about TIE, contact TIE, 1925 Plaza Blvd., Rapid City, SD 57702 USA; tel: 605-394-1876; fax: 605-394-5315.

## INTERACT UPDATE

Here is an update message from the editor of the journal *Interact* which was mentioned in the [September 1995](#) issue of *Infobits*. "We are no longer going to publish *Interact* on paper. We have decided to publish *Interact* from now on only on the Internet. We hope to have our new version of *Interact* running from the beginning of November. So there are no longer subscriptions needed to read *Interact*. From November on, you can find new articles on the Net for free. Please inform your audience about the *Interact* URL <http://valley.interact.nl/interact>."

For additional information, contact Michiel Klonhammer, *Interact* Senior Editor, Editorial Office & Customer Services, P.O. Box 1139, 1000 BC Amsterdam, The Netherlands; tel: +31 20 665 1173; fax: +31 20 665 1688; email: [office@interact.nl](mailto:office@interact.nl); WWW: <http://valley.interact.nl/AV/ORG/INTERACT/94-95/1/info.html>

## THE HORROR, THE HORROR

For your Halloween reading pleasure:

Horror in Literature

<http://www.cat.pdx.edu/~caseyh/horror/book.html>

Arnzen's Horror Hotlist

<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~mikea/horror.html>

Horror Writers Association

<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~mikea/hwa.html>

Young Adult Horror Novels

<http://w3.one.net/~voyager/mya.html>

Donovan K. Loucks' H. P. Lovecraft Page

<http://www.primenet.com/~dloucks/hplpage.html>

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## **IAT LIBRARIAN'S LINKS**

Added this month to the IAT Librarian's Links Web page: Information on Lotus Notes, FirstClass, and HotJava; and an HTML Bibliography. The page is located at URL <http://www.unc.edu/cit/guides/subjects.html>

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**URL:** <http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/bitoct95.html>

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