

Susan Carney, Resource 3—resubmitted

Blog 1

Resource

Farkas, M. (2007, March 3-September 19). *Information wants to be free: A librarian, writer and tech geek reflecting on the profession and the tools we use to serve our patrons.*

Retrieved September 19, 2007, from <http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/index.php>

Description

The author of this blog is a distance learning librarian at a Vermont College. Posts are made on a variety of topics relating to librarianship and technology. There are links to the author's resume, presentation schedule and current book.

Information Provided

This blog can be read chronologically, by month, or by subject. The majority of posts are scholarly on topics such as school libraries, social networking, ALA information, intellectual freedom, instruction and resources. Contact information and personal photos and included. The author's workshop schedule is provided. A link to the author's book is provided as well as links to supplement the book.

Evaluation

This blog is extremely user friendly. It is easy to locate posts by using the subject search or the monthly search. Most postings are long and contain extremely informative information to those in the media/library field because the author is passionate about sharing information in this field. This blog is a good resource for those who are librarians or who have an interest in the field of librarianship.

Interesting

I found the posting on the four top technology trends—open source, wikis, social networking, and RSS—interesting. Before watching the screencast, I knew little about these subjects and their place in education.

Blog 2

Resource

Schneider, K. G. (2007, March 7-September 19). *Free range librarian—K. G. Schneider's blog on librarianship, writing and everything else since 2003*. Retrieved September 19, 2007, from <http://freerangelibrarian.com/>

Description

The author of this blog is a writer, librarian, speaker, and author. She is interested in the areas of library and internet technology. Postings are made on a variety of topics. There are issues facing librarians, writing, and information on over 50 other subjects.

Information Provided

Posts can be accessed chronologically, by month, by subject, by recent posts, or by keyword search. There is a link to WorldCat which searches for books in local libraries throughout the world. There are also useful links to writing resources. Contact information, writing samples, and comments by others are provided.

Evaluation

This blog contains a lot of easily accessed information useful to librarians and writers. The posts tend to be long, but informative. There seems to be a core group of posters that make this blog collaborative in nature. Topics are discussed in a group, rather than just having the ideas of the author presented.

Interesting

In one very interesting post, the author talked about librarians and how the difference in their personalities and technical interests influenced the whole atmosphere of the library. My personal experience with libraries is that they are a strict, rigid place; I have come to realize that this is because of the librarians' personalities.

Blog 3

Resource

Yucht, A. (2007, February 3-September 14). *Alice in infoland: Reflections on realities, illusions, and magic potions for school/library/life*. Retrieved September 19, 2007, from <http://www.aliceinfo.org/blog/>

Description

The author has over 40 years of experience in the education field as librarian and teacher and is currently freelancing in the education field. Postings are made at random intervals when there is information to share. Postings are on a variety of educational and personal topics.

Information Provided

This blog contains posts on education, media resources, interesting websites, the workplace, entertaining topics, and personal information. Blog entries are referenced with one of 10 phrases. This enables readers to search by subject categories. The blog could also be read in chronological order. Numerous links for conferences, articles, websites, other blogs by librarians, and fun information are provided. There is contact information for the author and workshop information.

Evaluation

Alice has taken her experience as a librarian and educator to the web where she is educating a much larger audience. She posts entries only when she really has something worthwhile to share. The reader doesn't have to sift through a lot of useless posts to find information. The blog contains useful information for librarians as well for anyone interested in media and technology issues relating to education.

Interesting

I found "A Fair(y) Use Tale" by Stanford University's Fair Use Project Documentary Film Program very entertaining and informative. I thought my students would benefit from the video after a class discussion on plagiarism, copyright and fair use.