

Professional Resource Curation List

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Association of College & Research Libraries. (2011, August 2). *About ACRL*
<https://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl>



The Association of College & Research Libraries is a division of the American Library Association (ALA) that is focused on programs, products and services that aid those within the academic library setting. The division was founded in 1940 it is the largest division within the ALA with nearly 9,000 individuals and libraries. The website lists conferences that are held, social media accounts, library guides, ALA job listings, and other scholarly communication toolkits. All of the topics are within the sphere of academic libraries. I plan to use this as a means to know what is trending within the field as it relates to academic/research libraries.

The Library and Technologies Association. (2010, June 6). *About LITA*.
<https://www.ala.org/lita/about>



The Association of College & Research Libraries is a division of the American Library Association (ALA) focused on current and emerging technologies that can be of use in any library setting. The association looks to also give librarians expertise on different vendors, technologies, applications, and information providers through workshops and other means. I plan to use this resource as a means to stay up to date on current technologies that are being deployed across different library settings to improve services. The website has several pages such as a blog, publications, and tech trends.

Medical Library Association. (2021). *About MLA*.
<https://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=21>



The Medical Library Association has more than 400 institutions and 3,000 professionals in the health information field and since a health science library is where I am currently employed I think it might be important to know this unique subset of academic libraries in more depth. Since 1898 this association has been one of the leading figures for professional practice and leadership of health sciences libraries and information professionals to enhance health care, education, and research. The website also includes information on codes of conduct (ethics standards), strategic planning, and professional development.

American Libraries Magazine. (2021). *Trends*.
<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/category/trends/>



The American Libraries Magazine is a premier source for new and upcoming trends within the world of libraries. The website has monthly issues of all things library related, it also includes a podcast and open library job positions directory. The magazine usually focuses on not just the libraries out there but the individual librarians who are the driving force for the libraries successful operations and services. I will be using this resource quite frequently so that I know what different regions around the United States have going on in the academic library space.

Library Journal. (2021). *About us*.
<https://www.libraryjournal.com/page/About-Us>



The Library Journal is one if not the most revered American trade publications on all topics related to libraries. The website covers topics such as book reviews, people, library design, academic libraries, public libraries, programs, events, and more. This is an excellent source for an all around/well rounded overview of what is happening in the library spaces. In its 140 years of existence the Library Journal has strived to help libraries serve their communities through

providing the best publications on innovation and leadership. Library Journal is a leading voice in the profession,

Federal Depository Library Program. (2021). *About*.

<https://www.fdlp.gov/index.php>



The Federal Depository Program is a program that many academic libraries are engaged in to store government documents (since the United States is one of the largest publishers of information). The idea being that these publications are free to access for all citizens of the country. Thus having many academic libraries on board makes access easier to manage. Seeing as how Old Dominion University and Virginia Commonwealth University are part of this program it seems that for academia/academic libraries this is an important component to stay up to date with.

Ubuntu. (2021). *Blog*.

<https://ubuntu.com/blog>



This is one of the most popular GNU/Linux Operating System distribution providers that I believe personally can offer great utility within the library space. Most libraries I have seen deploy Windows 10 for the standard operating system, however libraries and universities have to pay license fees for each computer or a commercial use license fee for such services. As many Linux Operating System software distributions offer superior security and operating efficiency for older computer equipment, I believe this would be a great option for many libraries to deploy in the future, especially those working on a tighter budget. As many of these distro's offer security support for each new iteration of the operating system for free.

GitHub. (2021). *Library management systems*.

<https://github.com/topics/library-management-system>



GitHub is currently one of the most popular online repositories for open-source software projects. I have included a sub-directory for library management systems that software engineers post which can be used to manage digital and physical resources. Many of the projects that exist are made in various programming languages, the most popular being JavaScript and Python. I hope to better my computer coding/programming skill with this resource as well as apply it to the library profession where applicable.

The Virginia Library Association. (2022).

<https://www.vla.org/about>



The Virginia Library Association is an organization within the Commonwealth of Virginia that I am currently a member of and I plan to use this source as a means to keep up to date with the library profession in regards to information literacy issues and information services as a whole. I also plan to utilize this website as a means to search for library job listings within Virginia. The VLA is an excellent network similar to the ALA, however on a state level. It is a place to engage with fellow Virginians within the library profession.

The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. (2022).

<https://carnegieclassifications.acenet.edu/>



The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education is the leading source for categorizing higher education institutions within the United States. The categorizing consists of size, degree offerings, enrollment, community engagement, research contribution capacity, and several other subjects. It is a great resource when determining one, the varying ranges of institutions that exist, and two where they are located. You can get a pretty good idea of the level at which an institution compares on a national scale.

The Magazine of Digital Library Reference. (2022).

<http://www.dlib.org/back.html>



The Magazine of Digital Library Reference, also known as D-Lib Magazine, was an initiative to create publications on the transformation of librarianship into a digital era. The collection consists of more than 1,000 articles, many of which were on emerging technologies at the time and had fairly in-depth details of the underlying technical aspects of these digital/digitization efforts that we all utilize on a daily basis today.

Library Technology Guides by Marshall Breeding. (2023).

<https://librarytechnology.org/marshallbreeding/>



Library Technology Guides by Marshall Breeding is one if not the leading source for everything systems technology related within the library space. If you want to know what other

institutions are using for their Integrated Library System there is a list of vendors and products many institutions currently operate with and have previously used in the past. The website also provides very subjective comparisons between different library technology products available on the market and guides for how to use them.

The Reference and User Services Association. (2023).

<https://rusaupdate.org/about/>



The Reference and User Services Association is an organization that allows those in the library profession a place to educate themselves on the latest reference standards, user services standards, collection development standards and more. It is a network/division within the American Library Association that gives professional librarians different specialties to subscribe to. It serves mainly as an umbrella for different interest groups for specialties within the library profession.

The Library of Congress. (2021). *About*.

<https://www.loc.gov/aba/about/>



The Library of Congress provides acquisitions and bibliographic access services as well as leadership in bibliographic access collaborations and standards for libraries and information service communities nationally. It is the standard for which many academic libraries adhere to as

a classification system. The Library of Congress is responsible for descriptive cataloging (physical attributes of the creative work, assignment of intellectual responsibility for the creation of the content) of books, microforms, and computer files. Based on the subject analysis of items. Library of Congress classification, shelflisting (to provide unique call numbers), and Dewey Decimal classification of books, special formats, and some serials is essential for adequate organization, retrieval, and storage of all materials found within the library space. I want to also use this reference for other sources of information relative to the government.