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Summer Reading

Some of the books that you might like to read while relaxing at the beach, mountains, or pool this summer include:

Gilster, Paul. Digital Literacy. Wiley, 1997.

Shenk, David.Data Smog: Surviving the Information Glut. Harper, 1997.

Google

Google (www.google.com) is a new search engine that claims to use "a complicated mathematical analysis, calculated on more than a billion hyperlinks on the web, to return high-quality search results so you don't have to sift through junk.

This analysis allows Google to estimate the quality, or importance, of every web page it returns. The importance of a web page is entirely independent of any query. A page like has high importance if other pages with high importance point to it and lots of other pages with high importance point to page.

This definition seems circular, and it is. Nonetheless, it yields a well-defined notion of importance that makes finding high quality sites easy."

Give it a try in your next search!

Time for Cooking?

Have some time to spend whipping up some fun foodstuffs in the kitchen this summer?

Here is a neat site called *Top Secret Recipes* that provides you with the "original" recipes for such things as Little Debbie® Creme Pies and McDonalds® Big Mac® sauce. This one is a lot of fun!

Professional Development

Taking a class this summer? Need information on discipline, classroom management, learning styles, problem-based learning, creating a positive class climate, or alternative assessment?

This page, called Teaching Methods: Web Resources, contain a goldmine of links to lead you to further information.

Palm Pilot Software

The "Pick-o-the-Month" for Palm Pilot software is Netscape Calendar Link, a conduit for the Palm. If your schools are using Netscape Calendar server to allow access to scheduling and appointments, this freeware is something you need to get!

The Palm/Calendar conduit allows you to sync/export/import your schedule and to-do's between the Palm and your Netscape Calendar

on the server. Go get it now !

Cybercheating

Ever wonder how you can determine whether a paper that was turned in by a student was plagiarized, purchased, or simply lifted from the Web? An article by Karen Creech and Janice Johnson offers some information, links, and tips to help you become educated in this area.

Sites Listed This Month

http://www.google.com

http://www.topsecretrecipes.com/recipes.htm

http://www.mhhe.com/socscience/education/methods/resources.html

ftp://ftp.netscape.com/pub/communicator/extras/palmpilot/ncpilink.exe

http://www.state.nc.us/OFPS/tc/cc/98-99/cybercheat.htm

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