

Interesting Websites



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Del.icio.us: <http://del.icio.us>

Social bookmarking website that allows you to store bookmarks online. This allows you to access to the same bookmarks from any computer and to add bookmarks from anywhere, too. You can use tags to organize and remember your bookmarks.

Yelp: <http://www.yelp.com>

Search reviews on anything and everything for a variety of cities.

Internet Archive: <http://www.archive.org>

Collections of scanned books, audio files, video images, in addition to a web archive.

Snopes: <http://www.snopes.com>

Debunks urban myths and legends and common misinformation.



Books

Library Thing: www.librarything.com

catalog your books online and share your tastes with other members. You can share your book collection, write and read reviews, join groups, and find others with similar book tastes.

Book Mooch: www.bookmooch.com

trade books with other users by listing the books you are willing to send to others, while also adding a wish list of books that you would like sent to you.

Book Crossing: <http://www.bookcrossing.com>

A community of people who leave books in random places around the world tagged with a BC-ID number, so that reading can be shared, and in the hopes that the person who "captures" the book posts about it and then "releases" it again. Users can be notified when a book in their area is "released" and may hunt for it.

Other book sites: www.shelfari.com, www.whatsonmybookshelf.com,
www.readitswapit.co.uk



Film, TV, & Video

Internet Movie Database (IMDB): <http://www.imdb.com>

The most comprehensive film and television database on the web.

Rotten Tomatoes: <http://www.rottentomatoes.com>

Gathers movie, DVD, and video game reviews from critics, with over 127,000 titles in its database.

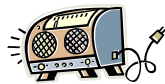
Fandango: <http://fandango.com>

Search for movies in your area and buy tickets online.

YouTube: www.youtube.com

Owned by Google, this online database hosts videos of every kind, from movie and TV clips to home videos that users can upload.

TV: Many networks now offer streaming videos of current episodes of shows you may have missed. Check the streaming video options at network websites like www.abc.com, www.nbc.com, www.cwtv.com, etc.



Music & Radio

Shoutcast: <http://www.shoutcast.com> ; **Live365:** <http://www.live365.com>

Two internet radio directory sites that offer a wide array of streaming audio stations.

Old Time Radio: <http://www.otr.com/> ; <http://radio.macinmind.com>

Streaming vintage radio music and talk shows.

Last FM: <http://www.last.fm>

Create a music profile, receive suggestions based on your favorites, and share your tastes with other users.



New York & Neighborhood

Craigslist: <http://newyork.craigslist.org>

Highly popular online marketplace for jobs, apartments/houses for rent or sale, items you want to buy or sell, personal rants, etc. Other cities can also be searched.

Menu Pages: www.menupages.com

Search menus for local restaurants and read reviews.

NYC.GOV: www.nyc.gov

Valuable information on every topic concerning New York life can be found in the residents section.

Volunteer Match: www.volunteermatch.org

Find an organization in your interest area that needs volunteers.

Meet Up: <http://www.meetup.com>

Find a group with your particular interest, chat online and meet up with them!



Food

Food Subs: www.foodsubs.com

Missing an ingredient? Find a suitable substitute on this site, which also includes descriptions for a comprehensive list of foods and spices.

All Recipes: <http://allrecipes.com>

Extensive list of recipes, and user reviews and photos.

Epicurious: <http://www.epicurious.com>

One of many "foodie" sites with postings and recipes.

Seamless Web: <http://www.seamlessweb.com>

Order food from select local restaurants online: view menus, make selections, pay and tip via credit card, all through the website.



Health

Merck Source: <http://www.mercksource.com>

Offers valuable health information, disease risk assessments, symptom checkers, over-the-counter drug guides, health center locators, and online access to the Merck Manual.

MedlinePlus: <http://medlineplus.gov>

Access to information produced by the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health, such as searches of MEDLINE/PubMed, and ClinicalTrials.gov, the database of research studies from the National Institutes of Health. It also provide you with a database of full-text drug and supplement information, an illustrated medical encyclopedia, a medical dictionary, interactive health tutorials, and the latest health news.



Shopping

Retail Me Not: <http://www.retailmenot.com>

Offers discount codes for big stores. While searching for “discount codes” will pull up dozens of sites offering discount codes, this site has the unique feature of reviews that let you know whether the codes work.

Ebates: <http://www.ebates.com>

Shop at popular sites through Ebates links and earn cash back.

Seen On: <http://www.seenon.com>

Celebrity style guide and catalog for products seen on TV, in films, music videos and sports.



Social Networking

Myspace: <http://www.myspace.com>

Personal, artist, and business pages allow people to network through postings, blogging, picture uploads, sound and video clips, and messaging.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com>

Focuses more on building social networks, with increased privacy settings.

Linked In: <http://www.linkedin.com>

Business-oriented professional networking site.



Humor & Fun

Cute Overload: <http://www.cuteoverload.com>

Cute photos of animals.

Rate My Kitten: <http://www.ratemykitten.com>

Rate My Puppy: <http://www.ratempuppy.com>

Rate photos of pets submitted by users, or upload your own pet photo!

Post Secret: <http://postsecret.blogspot.com>

An ongoing community art project where people mail in their secrets anonymously on one side of a homemade postcard. Some postcards may be explicit.

Fark: <http://www.fark.com>

Strange, unusual, or just funny aggregated news stories, based on daily user submissions. Some stories or commentaries may be explicit.

The Onion: <http://www.onion.com>

The online version of the popular satirical newspaper.