

McCabe Library Workshop: Blogging for Beginners April 24, 2007

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Some resources for aspiring bloggers

Bloggging (and blog-reading) tools

Blogger (free blogging platform): <http://www.blogger.com>

Bloglines (web-based blog feed aggregator): <http://www.bloglines.com>

Technorati (search engine for blogs and blog posts): <http://www.technorati.com>

Guidelines for bloggers

Rebecca Blood, “Weblog Ethics”

(http://www.rebeccablood.net/handbook/excerpts/weblog_ethics.html): this excerpt from *The Weblog Handbook* recommends ethical guidelines for accuracy and honesty in blogging.

Blogger.com’s help documentation (<http://help.blogger.com/>): not only does Blogger offer FAQs on technical issues, the “Beyond Blogging” section has advice columns on topics like “How Not to Get Fired Because of Your Blog.”

Electronic Frontier Foundation, “How to Blog Safely (About Work or Anything Else)”

(<http://www.eff.org/Privacy/Anonymity/blog-anonymously.php>): discusses anonymous and work-safe blogging.

Jakob Nielsen, “Weblog Usability: Top Ten Design Mistakes”

(<http://www.useit.com/alertbox/weblogs.html>): a web usability expert explains how to make your blog more user-friendly.

A few blogs we like

- Boing Boing, “a directory of wonderful things”: <http://www.boingboing.net>
- Easily Distracted (by Timothy Burke, professor of history at Swarthmore): <http://weblogs.swarthmore.edu/burke/>
- Samuel Pepys’ Diary (17th-century diary presented as a blog): <http://www.pepysdiary.com/>
- Talking Points Memo (political magazine/blog): <http://talkingpointsmemo.com/>
- Trico Libraries News & Notes (required reading!): <http://trilogy.brynmaur.edu/mt/trinews/>

Other sources of information and inspiration

Outside.in (finds blogs and local news by zip code/city name): <http://outside.in/>

Pew Internet & American Life Project reports (includes reports on bloggers and blogging in “Online Activities and Pursuits” section): <http://www.pewinternet.org/reports.asp>

Podcast Alley (information about podcasts and podcasting): <http://www.podcastalley.com/>