

News to Us:

Library Humor Web Sites

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Most of you are familiar with the myriad of library-related Web sites. Given the wealth of sites and limited browsing time, we thought you might like to know about a few interesting library humor Web sites. Some of these sites are devoted specifically to library humor while other sites contain a more serious treatment of the profession, but also include links to humorous material. These go straight to the point with humor that is both validating and amusing to many of us:

- Warrior Librarian Weekly:
<http://www.warriorlibrarian.com/>
From Australia, comes this zine that offers short twists on news stories along with great links to valuable resources such as weird calendar days.
 - Laughing Librarian:
<http://www.laughinglibrarian.com/>
Though not updated with great frequency, this site has very useful listings of wacky library quotes and hard to find music lyrics dedicated to librarians.
 - Librarian Avengers:
<http://www.librarianavengers.org/>
This one is part blog, part library evangelism, and part schlock. It's about being proud to be in the library world, yet edgy and realistic.
 - Unshelved:
<http://www.overduemedia.com/>
This claims to be the only daily comic strip set in a public library. Who else but a librarian would come up with this concept?
- And just a reminder: humor (or humour) is international. We all laugh.
- IFLA's joke site:
<http://www.ifla.org/I/humour/subj.htm>
 - Danish version of familiar comics
<http://www.christian-kirsch.de/boring/borhumor.htm>
 - More from the Danes with a complete listing of humor sites:
<http://www.netbib.de/art/fun.html>
- If you need a boost in the humor department, try one of these activities for welcome relief from a bad reference desk experience or just to regain perspective. We're sure you'll find one that fits your sense of humor and skill level:
- Library Administration Assessment:
<http://warriorlibrarian.com/JUSTKID-DING/ratetheboss.html>
 - Library Science Jeopardy:
<http://www.wam.umd.edu/~aubrycp/project/jeopardy.html>
 - Job Title Generator:
<http://amar.colostate.edu/~mach/jobtitles/>
 - Reshelving Shuffle:
<http://www.bibliozone.com/lighterside/hangman/hangman.shtml>
 - Cataloger's Revenge:
<http://www.bibliozone.com/lighterside/index.shtml>
 - No More Questions:
<http://www.bibliozone.com/lighterside/wastern/wastem.shtml>
 - Bookcatcher and Scanner Lander (hint, use your arrow keys):
<http://www.bibliozone.com/lighterside/flashgames.shtml>
 - Reading on a Dream:
A Library Musical (viewing time about two minutes)
<http://www.prangstgrup.com/lm/lm2.htm>

