Digital Storytelling – Resource List

Finding Public Domain / Copyright-Free Multimedia

Meta-Sites:

Creative Commons
http://creativecommons.org

Click on "Find" to search by keyword or browse the audio, images, text, video collections available through this site. Look at the license key to determine how materials may be used in your project.

Internet Archive
http://www.archive.org

Search across or within collections of moving images and audio. Useful audio collections include Open Source Audio and 78 RPMS. Browse the Open Source Audio collection by style (genre).

Audio:

American Memory: Browse Sound Recordings Collections
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?format=Sound+Recording

Search by keywords across these collections; recordings available in a variety of formats for playback and download.

Copyright Free Music
http://derekaudette.ottawaarts.com/music.php

This site is quite slow to load, but has a variety of royalty-free songs to sample and download.

Dmusic.com
http://music.dmusic.com

Browse by genre. Click on the artist's name to listen and download files. Resources are free, but there is also a "Tip Jar" for artists.

Freesound Project
http://freesound.iua.upf.edu/index.php

Click "Search" on the left side of the page to begin.

Images:

American Memory: Browse Photo, Prints Collections
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?format=Photograph

Search by keywords across these collections; click on "Gallery View" in the results list to view thumbnails.

Open Clip Art Library
http://www.openclipart.org

Click on the "Download Packages" link and follow directions. Browse and search functions do not work.

Flickr: Creative Commons
http://www.flickr.com/creativecommons/

This section of the site allows you to browse photos by type of license. Click the "See More" link under each type to browse or search.

OpenPhoto.net
http://openphoto.net

Browse the collections organized by type or search by keyword. You may also apply various filters to images in this collection. Some features require registration.

Wikipedia: Public Domain Image Resources
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_domain_image_resources

This lengthy list of resources is organized by broad topic; includes many U.S. government sites.

Local Images

Ohio State University: Photo Archives Collection
http://library.osu.edu/sites/archives/photos/

Ohio State University: University Relations: Photography Services
http://relations.osu.edu/photo.php

Recommended Reading:

Fishman, Stephen. *The Public Domain: How to Find & Use Copyright-free Writings, Music, Art & More.*
Berkeley: Nolo Press, 2004. KF3022.Z9 F57 2004 (LAW Reserve; HEA Reference)