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Art Installation Project: First Impressions of E-Resources
Card Exercise

Overview:

In this exercise, we will provide a stack of index cards, each with the name of an e-resources the library subscribes to. We will be exploring e-resources that you many have never seen before by selecting cards at random, exploring the resource online, and then writing your initial impressions directly on the cards.

Instructions:

1. Pick an index card
2. Open the resource on the card you selected
3. On the back of the card, write at least one or two words that describe the experience of moving through the “space” of this resource
4. Repeat with a new card

Data P

DATA PLANET STATISTICAL DATASETS

"old-school" - This resource looks corporate and old-fashioned - many are password protected - dense - lots of text

What? help I don't know how to use it, some info available that I didn't really realize was public record ~ Oh Gawd. Logging chat "sweet crude".

WoS

WEB OF SCIENCE

stressful - I'm not sure what I'm looking at

Auto set up for Meuld I feel smart I don't understand anything

Green, Blue, Black, Orange
Protein Science → feels important

better than PubMed

you have to know what you're looking for here.

hard to browse.

Sanborn

SANBORN DIGITAL MAPS

• frustrating (can't look up by specific address)

• WHOAH - but tiny hard to find anything

• Just kidding, zooming is pretty easy

So 90s → why is it so small + in

the corner of my screen?

↳ why select a state if only state is California

ACLS

ACLS HUMANITIES
E-BOOKS

- sparse - I know there is a lot here but it feels so empty
 - The URL is long and weird but oddly satisfying
 - I don't know how to start • Gray
- Bad logo → page looks boring
So many titles + links
More options than you know what to do with, ^{1/10} ~~lib~~
Feels like its built on a mountain of simple code with a thin veneer of interface

JSTOR

JSTOR

if scholarship was cute it would look like JSTOR

clean, effective, everything has a full PDF its like christmas

browsing is more like looking @ a shelf

- lots of images - instant access to pdfs! yay

easy cite options, probably one of the most useful ^{1/10} ~~data~~ ^{over}

oooh, I can translate this page

I want Jstor gear

comforting and full
very interesting resources

EBRARY

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PROQUEST cong.

PROQUEST CONGRESSIONAL

hard to use - but cool stuff - ^{found} Anita Hill's testimony against Clarence Thomas!

search bill by number? I want to look up summaries. These words are too long
Dense and ~~beor~~ bureaucratic in a pity, but messy way. Useful for law school.

wish there was a most recent ~~one~~ something
not need to have effective ~~to~~ way ~~going~~

Smith sound

SMITHSONIAN GLOBAL SOUND

down the rabbit hole
endless ~~information~~ sounds
Amazing breadth of sound resource!

Artstor

ARTSTOR

inspiring institutionally categorized
collections of artists, art

lots of text genres ... mainstream

lots of images,

overwhelming... in a good way

Created by American guthrie

- The first thing I clicked on wasn't or
- I can't click

Acad. S.

Premier

ACADEMIC SEARCH
PREMIER

Kanopy

KANOPY STREAMING
VIDEO

lexis-
Nexis

LEXIS-NEXIS

linear / straight forward

Bonny
like)

ISTOR

Fys → everything I
found I was not able
to read!

Like an impossibly deep pool with a very
small opening. power ~~power~~ without aesthetics
that requires an instruction manual.

super varied academic texts, difficult to browse
must know what you're looking for

cinematic - reminds me of being
in a movie theater

educational video streaming site; didactic
on-demand youtube

amazon + netflix! Good thumbnails

looks great - like the movies by subject section

God awful

Aesthetically un-pleasing

the words are all in the corner.

Horrible blank spaces

Supreme Court + Cases are cool

OED

OXFORD ENGLISH
DICTIONARY

"lost for words" / intimidating

sparse yet spiky,
history as presented by
old people

lost for words? why am I on this database?
interesting graffiti showing random words
from different centuries

Lat Am
News

LATIN AMERICAN
NEWSPAPERS

Overwhelming

only specific dates... does that
mean anything.

I can't figure out how to go
access back words, don't know how
to make it search