Examines issues surrounding the publication of electronic journals and describes publisher solutions to these issues. Topics include pricing, security, electronic page layout, copyright, backfile availability, and reliability and accessibility of data. Describes some electronic journal projects and lists electronic journal services available via World Wide Web access.

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Describes the development of an electronic journal collection placed on the Internet by the Committee on Institutional Cooperation. Topics include publisher approval, archiving and preservation, World Wide Web home page design, cataloging standardization, and staffing. Concludes with a discussion on the future of the resource and the responsibilities of electronic materials management.

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Describes the modernization of the administrative building of the Sacred Heart College Senior School in Adelaide, South Australia. Reviews one professor's personal experiences of writing an article for publication in an electronic journal. Discusses the concept that electronic publishing allows interaction via electronic mail between an author and readers of the author's work.

EJ 519 191

Explores some prospects for electronic publishing in educational research. Advantages and drawbacks of electronic publishing are reviewed. Decisions about electronic publishing are actually debates about views of knowledge, writing, and the nature of the scholarly community. Education may be affected more significantly than other fields by changes in electronic publication.

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Assesses the ease of use and usefulness of network journals through a review of content, format, and policies of seven scholarly journals published primarily on the Internet. Discusses problems, advantages over print journals, and requirements for future scholarly network journals based on current technology, industry trends, and interviews with faculty and students.

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**Gateway to Educational Materials**

The National Library of Education (NLE) Advisory Task Force identified lesson plans and teacher guides as top priority area in which NLE should apply library and information science expertise. NLE’s goal is to improve the organization and accessibility of the substantial, but uncataloged, collections of such material which are already available on various federal, state, university, non-profit, and commercial Internet sites. In association with NLE and the U.S. Department of Education, ERIC/IT at Syracuse University has agreed to spearhead a one year project to provide an operational framework to provide the nation’s teachers with “one-stop” access to these Internet lesson plans. According to Michael B. Eisenberg, director of ERIC/IT, “This project’s goal is to provide a new set of tools to get information into the hands of educators quickly and easily so that children can learn.”

**Project Goals**

There are thousands of lesson plans and other curriculum units in web and gopher sites across the Internet. In general, these valuable resources are difficult for most teachers to find in an efficient, effective manner. The goal of the Gateway to Educational Materials (GEM) project is to solve this resource discovery problem.

At the completion of the project in September / October of 1997, a teacher will be able to do the following:

- From any computer capable of browsing the Internet, he or she will be able to access the lesson plans in the digital libraries of the participating sites through the ILPC catalog.

- The teacher will access the ILPC catalog by first navigating to one of the Internet sites participating in the project - the “host” site. It won’t matter which of the participating sites the teacher selects. The ILPC will make available the resources of both the host site and the other participating sites.

- At the host site, the teacher will be able to browse through the ILPC catalog of lesson plans using well designed W3 pages or search the contents of the catalog by using a web search engine.

- Using either a search or browse method for locating useful lesson plans, the teacher can then go to the home site of the plan to retrieve it by simply clicking on a link.

- To find lesson plans appropriate to the teacher’s task, the catalog will provide a number of “access points.” For example, in addition to topic, subject and grade or age ranges, the catalog will make it possible for the teacher to find lesson plans through links to state and national curriculum standards. Part of the work of the project staff and participants (stakeholders and users) will be to determine the optimal profile or set of attributes that should be present in the catalog data and made available to the teacher for purposes of searching and browsing.

**Project Issues**

To achieve the goals of the project, there are a number of issues that will be addressed. These issues appear to cluster around five broad topics:
1. Metadata Profile: The establishment of a metadata profile for lesson plans on the Internet that will support user needs.
2. Metadata Representation: The establishment of a “syntax” or representation scheme for that metadata; and
3. Access Technologies: The identification of candidate technologies that will meet existing circumstances and yet provide a migration path to more powerful retrieval states.
4. Curriculum Standards: The mapping of the lesson plans to state and national curriculum standards.
5. Quality Indicators: The development of some scheme for identifying levels of quality at the level of the individual lesson plan.

More information on the GEM project can be found at the GEM website: http://ericir.syr.edu/~ilp

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The Bread & Butter of the Internet: A Primer and Presentation Packet for Educators
Virtual Dave Lankes

Written for educators, this book provides simple explanations for using Internet resources like e-mail, listservs, telnet, FTP, gopher and the World Wide Web. Internet addresses are provided for many popular professional educational resources. This book also features a teacher training presentation packet, complete with 45 overhead transparency masters and presentation notes. You can use this book and presentation packet to bring others up to speed on Internet technology too.

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