

A Study on English Literature Websites

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Abstract

With the fast changing technological advances computers, satellites, communication technology, networking and the advent of computer in libraries, the task of the librarian has completely changed as to how the librarian could provide assistance to scientists and researchers. The present study centre's round the various websites available with regard to English literature. To know all above eighteenth century resource's the website useful is, <http://andromeda.rutger.edu/-lynch/18th/lit.html/>. To know about Charles Dickens, the website to be searched is "http://Charles Dickens page". To know about the great Shakespeare in English literature the useful web address is <http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/works.htm>. Some important websites with regard to English literature have been selected for study for example, the Victorian web.

Key words: Victorian slang; Architecture; Landscape; Costume; Glossary; Biographic.

Introduction

Librarians not only manage the collections but also analyze, evaluate, organize, package and present information and train people in its usage. Twenty first century librarian are described variously as "knowledge navigators", major facilitators of individual knowledge gathering" and even "the ultimate search engines". The present article discusses about a study made on English literature websites. Net work service, is more, useful to researcher because, it is quickly accessible and also the network service is inseparable in the field of information Nagoya university has developed the http://victorian.lang.Nagoya_u.acjp/ and the Victorian web is a project founded in part by the university scholars program, national university of Singapore. To know all details about eighteenth century resources, the following

website is useful, "http://andromeda.rutger.edu/-lynch/18th/lit.htm. Charles Dickens web was edited by Jack Lynch of Rutgers - New York. To know about Charles dickens, the following website is to be searched. The website address is <http://charles dickens page. Com/works.html>. To know about English Author Bibliography, the searcher can use the following website, <http://www.lib./su.edu/hum/lit/authors.html>. To know about the great Shakespeare in English literature the useful web address is <http://shakespeare. Palomar. edu.works.htm>.

Significance of the study

1. In modern world, everyone is in need of website. Website is one of the best and simple ways to collect all the necessary data for all purpose of research work.
2. Computer and website play a vital role to reduce and save the valuable time of the researcher.
3. Documents collected through website are very useful for future reference; hence, librarians can maintain all documents with the help of computer and website.

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4. In future, there will be no library function without computer and internet facility.
5. The researchers can easily download all relevant information at any time by themselves which will reduce the work of the librarians.
3. <http://enarlesdickens page.com/works.html>.
4. <http://ww.lib.sc.edu/hum/lit/authors.html>.
5. <http://Shakespeare.palomar.edu/works.html>.

Statement of the Problem

“A study on English Literature websites” has been selected as title for the present article. It provides a study about a thorough analysis on English literature websites. All details about English literature are available in the websites. The main idea of the study is to give a chance to researcher to know how to search in websites.

Objectives of the Study

The following are the major objectives of the study.

1. To study the concept of website.
2. To study and understand the concept of information communication technology and its uses in the field of library and information sciences.
3. To study the usage of various websites for the curriculum usage.
4. To familiarize with the English website.
5. To analyze and create the directories of English literature websites.

Sampling Design

During the study, the researcher had referred to 100 websites initially. Out of the 100 websites about 80 websites are curriculum based. Out of the 80, some 50 websites are found to be quality based finally the following 5 websites have been selected on the basis of purposive sampling method for intensive study.

1. http://victorian.lang.nagoya_u.ac.jp/
2. <http://and romeda.rutger.edu/a/ynch/18thlithtml/>

Area Profile of Websites

Some important websites have been selected with regard to English literature. The selected websites are very much useful and also more attractive to people. Before selecting the five websites, all available websites with regard to English literature were analysed. A brief idea about each website selected is explained in the foregoing pages.

The Victorian web

In English literature the Victorian period is called as golden period. The Victorian web is considered to be the best one with regard to English literature. In Victorian website, all information from A to Z is available. The reader can find a lot of information about Victorian literature. The following are the main headings of information viz., General, literary techniques, genres, modes and styles, Victorian slang and colourful expressions and related materials. The Victorian web contains Victorian political history, social history, religion, science and economics. The following are the important aspects of Victorian websites.

Literature

1. The Victorian theater, music and popular entertainments.
2. The visual arts
3. Victorian history and culture
4. Miscellaneous general resources

Eighteenth century Resources

Eighteenth century resources include very famous people related to various field. Some

of them are Architect, scientist, Musician , Composers and Philosophers, since science was developed in fifteenth century full details about people and their culture, family background, society etc are available in this websites. This web page edited by Jack Lynch of Rutgers New York, is part of the ledger collection of eighteenth century resources on the Net. The following are the headings of eighteenth century resources.

1. Art, Architecture, landscape, gardening.
2. Architecture, landscape, Gardening, Historic Buildings.
3. Landscape Architecture and Gardening.
4. Costume and
5. Miscellaneous

Charles Dickens on the Web – An Overview

Charles Dickens was one of the most famous Novelists in English Literature. All his novels are very popular among the readers of 21st century. A visitor can see all adequate and relevant information about Dickens in this web. The following are the eight main headings in this website.

1. Dicken’s Societies and organizations.
2. Dickens Scholarly Pages
3. Places
4. Performances and events
5. Books and E-test
6. Dickens and Web – Based Activities
7. Other Good Dickens resources
8. Note Concerning links to external uses.

The following headings are also available in the home page this website

1. Dickens Fast Facts
2. The Novels, Characters
3. Dickens Glossary
4. Illustrations
5. Time Line
6. Reading Dickens, Dickens on stage

7. Dickens London, Dicken’s London nap
8. Dickens and Christmas, Family and friends
9. Dickens in America, Dicken on the web
10. The Dickens Shoppe, Bibliography / Notes Sites awards / honors, FAQ and Email.

Author Webliography

This website is only exclusive for famous authors in English literature. The searcher can see all authors and their various works in this website. This page is not a catalogue of every single text available on the net. Return to the literature Webliography page and search the various text archives or use a web search engine for a more complete listing of title available on the net. Visitor can see subject guides about literature. All contents are given in the format of Alphabetical, arrangements. In this websites, the visitor can see seventy nine authors in the field of literature; each one contains all details of particular author, especially period, bibliography, texts, articles, criticism, biographies.

Authors list started with ‘B’ letter. In this website, no author list was given as starting with ‘A’ letter. In the letter ‘B’ there are 13 authors available in this website. Each author’s period from birth to death is available exactly. Under letter ‘c’ 7 authors are available in this websites. There are six authors under letter ‘D’. This part includes interviews, information about author’s books and the films which were inspired by author’s writings. In the same manner under different letters upto letter ‘T’, the details of authors and their contributions are given.

Mr. William Shakespeare and the Internet

When any person thinks about drama in English the world famous Shakespeare will come to mind. His works include comedies tragedy and Romantics. In this website the following are the four parts.

1. Introduction
2. What’s News

3. Site Map

4. Search Site

In this website the headings available are works, attributions, life and times theatre, festivals criticism and general. The other headings available are play / works Renaissance contemporaries sources, Educational, other sites, searching, Reviews archive, blog archive what's new, search, site map, contact, home etc.

This website is more useful to the reader as it provides all adequate and relevant information about Shakespeare.

A chronological visiting of the poems and plays of Shakespeare will exhibit 20 plays in alphabetical order. They are.

- All's well that ends well
- As you like it
- Comedy of Errors
- Cymbeline
- Hamlet
- King Lear
- Macbeth
- Measure for Measure
- Merchant of Venice
- Midsummer Night's dream
- Much ado about nothing
- Othello
- Pericles, prince of type
- Romeo and Juliet
- Taming of the Shrewd
- Tempest
- Timon of Athens
- Twelfth Night
- Two Gentlemen of Verona
- Winter's Tale

Analysis and Interpretation

The researcher has analysed some important English literature websites related to the curriculum of higher education in southern university of Tamilnadu. The abstract of the analysis are given below.

Shakespeare

Among the studies of five websites, Shakespeare places first. This website is more useful to those who require any information about Shakespeare such as (a) criticisms (b) other languages, (c) biography (d) journal and collection of Shakespeare (e) Textual sources (f) classification of the plays (g) life and time of Shakespeare.

Criticisms based on Shakespeare's works are available in the webpage. The criticizing given by Dr. Johnson got the first position among all other criticisms. The criticisms written by John savage titled "savage Shakespeare" contains the opinion of "Savage on Shakespeare's works". Information about Shakespeare is available not only in English language but also in other languages like French. The study shows that there is link among the famous critics like Mathew Arnold, Dr. Johnson, John Dryden, S.T. Coleridge and William Hazhit. These critics have analysed Shakespeare's plays and poems especially sonnets.

"The plays of William Shakespeare by Sir John Gilbert include 36 plays printed in the first folio of 1623. With regard to 'life and times' the link deals with the biography of Shakespeare in detail and his contribution to his age as a writer. This websites shows all important and interesting activities happened in Shakespeare's life.

Charles Dickens -The Famous Novelist

In this website, interesting information related to Dickens are available like characters in Dickens's novel, articles on Dickens, his life in London, his experience on stage, family and friends and familiarity of Dickens in America etc. "Dickens on the web" is a separate webpage contains knowledge and talents on Charles dickens not only in literature but also in other fields. This webpage has the link titled, "Dickens web - based activities" this link includes group discussion on Dickens novels, short stories etc. The web - page titled "Reading Dickens" helps the educators to read

and understand Dickens novels and shorts stories.

Dickens's writing style is florid and poetic, with a strong comic touch. His satires of British aristocratic snobbery – he calls one character the “Noble Refrigerator” – are often popular. Many his character's names provide the reader with a hint as to the roles played in advancing the storyline, such as Miss Mudstone in the Novel, *David Copperfield*, which is clearly a combination of “Murder” and stony coldness. His literary style is also a mixture of fantasy and realism.

Victorian Web – an Analysis

The Victorian web consists of detailed study of eighteenth and nineteenth century writers. It was in the Victorian era (1837-1901) the novel became the leading form of literature in English. The best known works of the era include the emotionally powerful works of the Bronte sisters, the satire *Vanity Fair* by William Makepeace Thackeray; the realist novels of George Eliot and Anthony Trollope's “insightful portrayals of the lives of the landowning and professional classes.

Other important non – fiction works of the time are the philosophical writings of John Stuart Mill covering logic, economics, liberty and utilitarianism. A new form of super natural, mystery and fantastic literature during this period often centered on larger than life characters such as Sherlock Holmes the famous detective of the times.

Summary of Findings

All details are available in all websites, it helps researcher to save time and complete his research work within the stipulated time period. The following are the summary of the major findings.

It is found that Victorian web has many headings; Victorian age people's life style, culture, society, education etc can be known from the study.

Next, in 18th century resources websites enlighten 18th century people's education, habits, culture, art, music etc. All resources are available in this website.

Charles Dickens websites include all novels of Dickens. The primary and secondary sources are helpful to the seekers of Charles Dickens.

In Author web bibliography websites; there are details about 79 authors. All authors' names are listed in alphabetical order. Each author's birth and death are given in this website.

The website on Shakespeare includes all A to Z information about William Shakespeare. All the plays written by him are available in this website arranged in a Chronological order.

Suggestions

Websites provide all information at free of cost through institutions to make students more knowledgeable about internet and websites, Websites may be simplified in future to reduce the overall research time. Websites can be improved by means of designing with latest technology. Since, some of the websites are available only to read, it should be avoidable by providing all information to download when required.

Conclusion

English Literature can be viewed with the recorded documents. Websites satisfy the researcher by providing all adequate and relevant information at correct time. It helps a reader to save a lot of time. The main purpose of library is to reduce the time by providing sight materials to the researcher at right time. Thus, the present study will help researcher to save time as it provides all relevant information in the field of English literature.

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