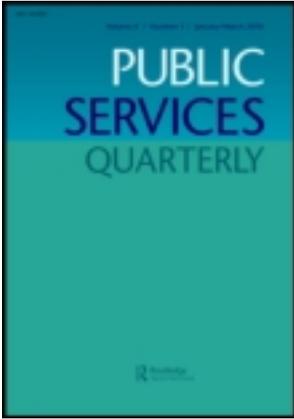


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## ***INTERNET RESOURCES***

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### DISTANCE LEARNING AND INSTRUCTION

As online learning becomes more ubiquitous in higher education, librarians must identify ways of reaching students outside of the library, whether they are studying in their homes across town or across the country. Discovering ways to provide virtual research consultations, creating learning objects that can be utilized for distance instruction, and administering online assessments are all tasks that fill contemporary public service librarians' to-do lists. These new methods of providing reference and instructional support can be just as effective as face-to-face interactions with students, especially with the help of technology. The resources highlighted in this column are just a selection of the many tools available for distance instruction and collaboration, and are all recommended or highly recommended for use by academic librarians.

The *Public Services Quarterly* Internet Resources Column is designed to be a clearinghouse for free, online websites; each column will focus on themes relevant to current issues in academic libraries and feature resources designed to make the lives of public services librarians easier. Any comments about the column, including suggestions for themes or recommendations of web resources, can be directed to Melissa Mallon, column editor, at [melissa.mallon@wichita.edu](mailto:melissa.mallon@wichita.edu)

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