

Consult the Cat

by Shannon Roy, Editor

Denise Smith, Director of Stanton County Library, sent this question. Do you have any suggestions on where to find reference resources on WebJunction Kansas (WJK)?



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The Cat loved this question. She had spent most of her early time with WebJunction Kansas working with the WJK Webmaster, Cindi Hickey, in the Learning Center. When she had time to look around, she purred like an outboard motor and left her paw prints everywhere.

There is a marvelous resource a few pages down from the [homepage](#) that Kansas librarians don't want to miss.

Click the "Services to Libraries" tab at the top. Then go to "Patron Services" and then to "Internet Resources for Patrons."

At that point, you will reach a series of Web Guides published by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Don't be afraid to download them. They aren't very long and they provide a wealth of Internet sites on a wide variety of topics. Just make sure your pop-up blocker is off.

The list includes:

- African-American Resources
- Children's Resources
- Employment Resources
- Environment Resources
- Genealogy Resources
- Health and Medical Resources
- Latino Resources
- Legal Resources

Native American Resources
Senior Resources.

The links under “Related Resources” are also worth opening, especially if you work with library services to seniors or to children and young adults.

Youth Services Librarians may be somewhat delayed in their exploration of reference websites by the neighboring links called “Children’s Services” and “Teen Services,” which offer wonderful resources on programs and materials for youth.

For publishing these wonderful Web Guides on so many key topics, the Gates Foundation certainly deserves a purr from the

Cat.