

GalterLists: Integrating Social Bookmarking into the Library's Website

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OBJECTIVES

To create a web-based tool that would:

- simplify the process for creating customized lists of resources
- allow users to create their own categories for organizing links
- enable users to save both library and non-library links to their lists
- allow users to share their lists with others
- provide new ways for users to discover resources

METHODS

GalterLists builds on customization features already offered to our users on the library website. Modeled on social bookmarking tools such as Delicious and PennTags, GalterLists is an integrated, web-based tool that allows users to create and manage their lists of links. Users can select subject-specific lists created by librarians and other users, or they can create their own lists, including links to external web pages. Listed links can be tagged with one or more tags (keywords). The individual lists can be filtered based on the applied tags, and tags may be used to find similarly-tagged items in other lists. Tagged resources are also displayed in the keyword search results, creating a new node for resource discovery. When links are no longer needed, users can easily delete them from their lists. Users can create private lists that only they can see or elect to share their lists with the public.

CREATE YOUR OWN LIST

1. CREATE A GALTERLIST

CREATE A GALTERLIST

Name your list:
MICHELLE FRISQUE's MLA List

Briefly describe this list (helpful if you choose to make this public):
This is a list I am creating for a MLA poster.

Would you like to share this list publicly? -- [What is this?](#)

No, this is a private list.

Yes, make this list viewable by anyone.

[Create this GalterList](#)

2. ADD RESOURCES TO THE LIST

If you are on the Galter Library website click [Add to GalterLists](#)

journals (14) books (5) databases (6) others (3) website (3) lists (30) news (12)

97% **Bioethics**
NU Library (Wiley - Blackwell)
Jan. 1996 - present
[More Info](#)

97% **Bioethics**
NU Library (CARLI)
Jan. 1998 - 1 year ago
[More Info](#)

If you are NOT on the Galter Library website click the Add to GalterList link on your toolbar

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[Add to GalterLists](#)

3. DESCRIBE THE RESOURCE

CHOOSE A LIST WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD THIS RESOURCE.

You can also edit the title and URL as well as add tags for organization.

Page Title: bioethics
Page URL: http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118486360/toc
Tags (comma separated): journals,ethics
Comments:
Tags you've used on other items: [blog](#), [books](#), [citation](#), [computers](#), [current](#), [current awareness](#), [Databases](#), [Digitization](#), [ethics](#), [Excess Inventory](#), [Journals](#), [lita](#), [News](#), [none](#), [Other](#), [Purchasing](#), [SFX](#), [software](#), [Web Design](#), [Tags other people have used with this URL: journals](#).

To save this item to your GalterList, enter tags above and then click on the button with the listname you want to save it to below.

My Private Lists

[MICHELLE-FRISQUE-Migrated-Resource-List](#)
[MICHELLE-FRISQUE-Resource-List](#)
[MICHELLE-FRISQUE-MLA-List](#)

4. VIEW YOUR LIST

MICHELLE FRISQUE'S MLA LIST

List Owner: MICHELLE FRISQUE

This is a private list. Only you can access it. Did you want to [make this public?](#)

You can also delete or rename this list. [Add a resource now](#) or learn about the [many ways](#) you can add resources.

[Make this your preferred list.](#) Your preferred list will show up on your customized homepage.

VIEWING ALL 2 ITEMS IN THIS GALTERLIST.

Bioethics
More Info Delete Edit
Tags: journals,ethics,mla

Slashdot | Adobe Pushing For Flash TVs
More Info Delete Edit
Tags: none

MY GALTERLISTS

Private Lists

- [MICHELLE FRISQUE Migrated Resource List](#)
- [MICHELLE FRISQUE's Resource List](#)
- [MICHELLE FRISQUE's MLA List](#)

Preferred List

- [MICHELLE FRISQUE's Resource List](#)

VIEW/USE LISTS CREATED BY OTHERS

LIBRARIAN CREATED GALTERLISTS

[AIDS](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Allergy-Immunology](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Alternative Medicine](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Alumni](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Anesthesiology](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Atlases](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Biochemistry](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Biomedical Engineering](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Cardiology](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Cardiothoracic Surgery](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Cell and Molecular Biology](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Clerkships: Obstetrics and Gynecology](#) resources recommended by librarians for the Obstetrics and Gynecology clerkship
[Clerkships: Psychiatry](#) resources recommended by librarians for the Psychiatry clerkship
[Continuing Medical Education \(CME\)](#) resources useful for CME
[Critical Care](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Dermatology](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Ebook Collections](#) A list of links to electronic book collections available from Galter Library.
[Emergency Medicine](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Endocrinology Metabolism](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Evidence-Based Practice \(EBP\)](#) resources recommended by librarians

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There are over 3,500 GalterLists.

There are 88 Librarian Created Lists.

There are 32 Publicly Available User Created Lists.

USER CREATED GALTERLISTS

[2nd year stuff GalterList](#) M2, 2nd year, books, textbooks, awesome stuff galterlist, reading is fundamental
[ADRIENNE HAMPTON's GalterList](#) Anatomy
[AIRWAY Recommended Reading](#) ENT/Plastic/Ophthalmology
[ARLEN MOLLER's GalterList](#) Preventive Medicine, Psychology databases
[Brandon Andrew's GalterList](#) Surgical and renal stuff I'm interested in.
[CHRISTINE VILLOCH's GalterList](#) Med Informatics
[CPlas' GalterList](#) PM&R Spine & Sports Medicine, EMG
[Dale Sanders' GalterList](#) Helpful Links and Resources
[Diet and Congenital Heart Disease 2009](#)
[Dr. Liebovitz's Resource List](#) Broad List of Clinical References
[Galter Library Journal Club](#) Articles and reports on trends in libraries.
[Hand All about the hand](#)
[Health Disparities](#) recommended resources for students and health disparities researchers
[Hospital Medicine](#) resources recommended by librarians
[Internal Medicine \(Galter\)](#)
[JAY YEH's GalterList](#) pharmacology
[Jim Brucker's design and writing reference](#) This is a mix of commonly used resources for designing and maintaining websites
[Mary Pranic's Temporary GalterList](#)
[Michael Schmidt's GalterList](#) This list was migrated from the old site.
[Molecular Cardiology](#) Resources helpful to those interested in the molecular mechanisms of the heart

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RESULTS

The library began testing GalterLists with users in the fall of 2008, and the tool was unveiled to all users in January 2009. While most users are creating private lists, some are creating lists that can be viewed by all of our users. Users are also interested in employing GalterLists for journal clubs and recommended reading lists.

NEUROLOGY RESIDENTS READING LIST

List Owner: TATYANA SIMUNI

If you were logged in, you could make this your preferred list and have it show up on your customized homepage.

VIEWING ALL 4 ITEMS IN THIS GALTERLIST.

[ACAT Inhibition and Progression of Carotid Atherosclerosis in Patients With Familial Hypercholesterolemia: The CAPTIVATE Randomized Trial](#)
al. 301 (11): 1131 -- JAMA
More Info
Tags: vascular,neurology,required reading

[MDVU CME core curriculum for movement disorders](#)
More Info
Tags: movement disorders

[NeuroCU ICH list](#)
More Info
Tags: none

[Treatment of Early Parkinson's Disease](#)
More Info
Tags: movement disorders,optional

FILTER THIS LIST

Click a tag below to see only items categorized with that word

- [movement disorders \(2\)](#)
- [nicu \(1\)](#)
- [vascular neurology \(1\)](#)

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NEUROICU SUBARACHNOID HEMORRHAGE

List Owner: ANDREW NAIDECH

If you were logged in, you could make this your preferred list and have it show up on your customized homepage.

VIEWING ALL 20 ITEMS IN THIS GALTERLIST.

[Acute lung injury in patients with subarachnoid hemorrhage: Incidence, risk factors, and outcome.](#)
More Info
Tags: sah,all

[Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage review from NEJM](#)
More Info
Tags: sah

[Cardiac Troponin Elevation, Cardiovascular Morbidity, and Outcome After Subarachnoid Hemorrhage](#)
More Info
Tags: troponin,sah

[Columbia CT Scale](#)
More Info
Tags: sah
We use this instead of the Fisher scale for SAH

[Comparing WFNS, GCS and Hunt and Hess scales for severity of SAH](#)
More Info
Tags: sah

[Complications associated with anemia and blood transfusion in patients with](#)

FILTER THIS LIST

Click a tag below to see only items categorized with that word

- [all \(1\)](#)
- [clipping \(1\)](#)
- [coiling \(1\)](#)
- [cvs \(1\)](#)
- [fever \(2\)](#)
- [hemoglobin \(3\)](#)
- [hyperdynamic therapy \(1\)](#)
- [none \(2\)](#)
- [pravastatin \(2\)](#)
- [sah \(18\)](#)
- [statin \(2\)](#)
- [transfusion \(3\)](#)
- [troponin \(1\)](#)
- [vasospasm \(1\)](#)
- [volume \(1\)](#)

[ALL ABOUT GALTERLISTS](#)

- [Create your own GalterList](#)
- [Get the Add to GalterList button \(so you can add any web page to your GalterList\)](#)
- [More about GalterLists](#)

CONCLUSIONS

User response has been generally positive. However, some users have reported confusion which warrants further usability analysis. Library staff are actively marketing this new tool to our users through emails, library website promotion, and the library liaison program. We are continuing to develop the tool based on user feedback. We hope that users will see GalterLists as a useful tool for information management and collaboration.

A video guide on using GalterLists is available at <http://www.galter.northwestern.edu/Using-the-Library/galter-list>