

WEBSITE LINKING POLICY

The Harrington Library Consortium (HLC) provides a limited number of links to external websites to support the Consortium's intent to provide access to quality online resources. HLC is providing these links only as a convenience, and the inclusion of any link does not imply endorsements by the HLC of the site's content, viewpoints expressed, products or services, or sponsoring organization. Visitors to those external sites are advised to check the privacy statements of each site and to be cautious about providing personally identifiable information without a clear understanding of how the information will be used.

HLC staff may recommend external website links, including government, non-profit, and (in some cases) commercial websites, which feature reliable sources and provide valuable content. Non-library parties may suggest or request links, but inclusion and placement of all external links will be at the sole discretion of the HLC Staff.

Some of the criteria considered when selecting linked sites include:

- The primary intent of the website to educate or inform.
- The site's owner or sponsor is easily identifiable, and contact information is provided.
- The site does not charge for access.
- The site does not promote a specific religious, political, or social agenda.
- The site provides timely/current information or information with historical/research value.
- The site's pages are well-organized and easy to navigate.
- The information and services provided are consistently of high quality and regularly updated.

Preference is generally given to nonprofit (.org), educational (.edu), and governmental (.gov) sites. The HLC reserves the right to refuse linking and to delete existing links on the HLC website at any time without notice. Sites requesting a link on the HLC's website should send requests to support@hcl-lib.org.

HLC staff will make every effort to ensure links to sites are in keeping with our website focus. Since sites may change or disappear without notification, however, HLC cannot be held accountable for the accuracy or content of linked websites not maintained by HLC staff.

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