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Beyond the Chemistry Web...

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Thanks to Midge Coates for suggesting websites. Feel free to send recommendations to me at buchara@auburn.edu.

FUN

Top 10 Scientific Music Videos by Wired.com showcases fun videos on PCR, DNA, and more sung to familiar tunes like the Village People's "YMCA" and Gilbert & Sullivan's "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General." At the bottom of the page, there are more top 10 lists, including **Top 10 Amazing Chemistry Videos**. For more serious science videos, see ScienceHack in the "General Science" section below.

<http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2009/07/sciencemusic/>

<http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2008/03/top-10-amazing/>

Table of Condiments That Periodically Go Bad is another silly Periodic Table of sorts.

<http://backtable.org/~blade/fnord/condiments.html>

Ninety-seven printmakers created prints for the **Periodic Table Printmaking Project** using a variety of media: woodcut, linocut, monotype, etching, lithograph, and silkscreen. They have created a periodic table with beautiful element prints.

<http://azuregrackle.com/periodictable/table/>

Although not every one of the **Laws of Software Development** is humorous, many will make you smile. The laws in this column from the *Global Nerd* blog apply to more than just software and include links to the law and its putative author.

<http://globalnerdy.com/2007/07/18/laws-of-software-development/>

The blog **Illusion Sciences: why are we surprised by only some of the things we see?** is not just a collection of optical illusions. Psychology professor Arthur Shapiro discusses visual "illusions" created by scientists to study visual perception.

<http://www.illusionosciences.com>

GENERAL SCIENCE**Biographical Memoirs**

provides biographies of deceased members of the National Academy of Sciences. Written by colleagues, these biographies combine personal remembrances with a scholarly treatment. When the digitization project is complete, it will include over 900 biographies, many of which are already on your library shelves at LC Q141 or Dewey 506.

http://www.nasonline.org/site/PageServer?pagename=MEMOIRS_A

ScienceHack aims to be a clearing house for quality science videos, most of which are from YouTube and MetaCafe. You can browse by category, or search by keyword, for science experiments, science projects, science movies and science news. Videos are screened "for accuracy and quality by scientists" – a small sampling suggests this to be the case.

<http://sciencehack.com/videos/>

Quirks and Quarks is a weekly one-hour science radio show for the lay public by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation host Bob McDonald. In addition to a podcasting feed, past shows can be searched by keyword and sound files accessed back to 1996.

<http://www.cbc.ca/quirks/index.html>

Part of the online Museum of the Moving Image, **Sloan Science and Film** offers interviews, articles, and short films about science and film.

<http://scienceandfilm.org/>

Bad Archaeology targets "misconceptions, mistakes, and distortions" about the portrayal of archeology in popular culture.

<http://www.badarchaeology.net> ❖

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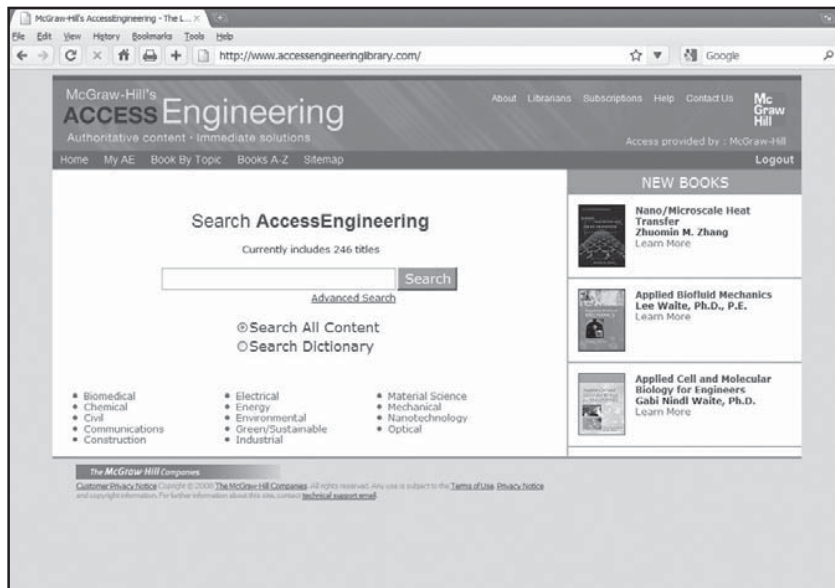
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