Tip O’ the Week:

Internet Public Library (ipl2) & Old Maps Online Portal

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Internet Public Library 2 (ipl2) is a public service organization and a learning/teaching environment. Thousands of students and volunteer library and information science professionals have been involved in answering reference questions for the Ask an ipl2 Librarian service and in designing, building, creating and maintaining the ipl2’s collections.

In January 2010 the website ipl2: “Information You Can Trust” was launched, merging the collections of resources from the Internet Public Library (IPL) and the Librarian’s Internet Index (LII) websites. The site is hosted by Drexel University’s College of Information Science & Technology and a consortium of colleges and universities with programs in information science are involved in developing and maintaining the ipl2. This is a great resource for NVC students.

Old Maps Online Portal is an easy-to-use gateway to historical maps in libraries around the world. It allows you to search for online digital historical maps across numerous different collections via a geographical search. Search by typing a place-name or by clicking in the map window, and narrow by date. Search results provide a direct link to the map image on the website of the host institution.

http://www.oldmapsonline.org

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The Unique Map of California, 1885 by E. McD. Johnston