Resources

Abstract

Sometimes all that librarians need to start choosing their content management system is a great resource list. In this chapter, the authors break down several varying lists they've created in doing over a year's worth of research, social networking, and presenting at WordPress's own WordCamp conferences.

Kyle's and Polly's Delicious Bookmarks

Every site we perused, every plugin we tested, every theme we admired was bookmarked to help us keep track of our research and organize our topics. There was a lot to cover on WordPress, and we just scratched the surface in this publication. For even more resources we left out, consider taking a look at our Delicious accounts, where we bookmarked over 500 sites and created over 200 tags combined.

- Kyle's Delicious Bookmarks, "thecorkboard": www.delicious.com/thecorkboard/wpltr
- Polly's Delicious Bookmarks, "grdnldy": www.delicious.com/grdnldy/wpltr

Bloggers

The WordPress community is full of individual bloggers who share the expertise and experiences working with WordPress. Some bloggers in this list are core contributors to WordPress and have firsthand knowledge on the technical details of the software and what's on the developmental horizon.

- Ian Stewart, "This Is Ian Stewart" http://iandanielstewart.com
- Mark Jaquith, "Mark Jaquith" http://markjaquith.com
- Nathan Rice, "Nathan Rice" www.nathanrice.net
- Chris Pearson, "Pearsonified" www.pearsonified.com
- John James Jacoby, "JJJ Says . . ." http://johnjamesjacoby.wordpress.com
- Paul Gibbs, "Bring Your Own Terms of Service" http://byotos.com
- Lorelle VanFossen, "Lorelle on WordPress" http://lorelle.wordpress.com
- Justin Tadlock, "Life, Blogging, and WordPress" http://justintadlock.com
- Chris Coyier and Jeff Starr, "Digging into WordPress" http://digwp.com
- Andrea Rennick, "WordPress Must Use Tutorials" http://wpmututorials.com
- WPBeginner www.wpbeginner.com

Books

In our research, we identified several texts among the many out there that proved helpful in writing this publication and in grasping some of the more difficult technical concepts of WordPress. Not all WordPress books are created equal, but these are equally great.

Technical Books

- Hal Stern, David Damstra, and Brad Williams, *Professional WordPress: Design and Development*, Wiley Publishing, ISBN 978-0-470-56054-9.
- Aaron Brazell, *WordPress Bible,* Wiley Publishing, ISBN 978-0-470-93781-5.
- Thord Daniel Hedengren, *Smashing WordPress: Beyond the Blog,* Wiley Publishing, ISBN 978-1-119-99596-8.

User Guides

- Stephanie Leary, *Beginning WordPress 3: Make Great Websites the Easy Way,* Apress, ISBN 978-1-4302-2895-0.
- Chris Coyier and Jeff Starr, *Digging into WordPress,* self-published, http://digwp.com/book.

Community Sites

Like the individual bloggers aforementioned, there are several sites where WordPress aficionados and beginners alike gather to talk WordPress. Explore their communities and vast resources to answer your questions and help you find your own WordPress community of preference.

- CodePoet
  http://codepoet.com
  Automattic's list of WordPress consultants available for hire.
- Facebook WordPress Group
  www.facebook.com/WordPress
  The official WordPress page on Facebook. This is a page for news updates only. Members can comment on official posts, but can't start discussions.
- WordPress on LinkedIn
  www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=154024
  A very active group with over 7,000 members.
- WordPress Jobs
  http://jobs.wordpress.net
  A list for those looking for someone to do some custom coding or whip up the plugin you're dreaming of. Post your job needs here.
- WordPress.com Support
  http://en.support.wordpress.com
  The place to start to find answers to lots of common questions on WordPress.com. Includes links to the support forums.
- WordPress.org Support Forums
  http://wordpress.org/support
  The main support forum for self-hosted WordPress sites. Lots of discussion of plugins and themes. With nearly 500,000 topics, this can be a daunting place to navigate. Use the search feature!

- WordPress Tavern
  www.wptavern.com/forum
  Plays host to over 1,000 active members and 2,000+ threads. It's a diverse community of plugin developers, theme creators, and WordPress users.
- WPCandy
  http://wpcandy.com
  A welcome addition to the WordPress community. In 2010 this site changed hands and was reinvigorated. Includes personal interviews and best-ofs, and how-to posts are common and well-written.
- WP Questions
  http://wpquestions.com
  A good repository of questions and answers. To ask a question, though, you need to set the price that you'll offer for the best answer.

Mailing Lists

Lists

If you prefer to keep track of the WordPress talk via e-mail, there are a few select lists provided by Automattic. While most lists are geared toward developers of WordPress, questions and comments of any kind are usually fielded. Check out the wp-edu mailing list for excellent discussions on the use of WordPress for educational purposes. Get direct access to the lists at http://lists.automattic.com/mailman/listinfo.

Popular Posts

There were some posts that we kept on returning to over and over again and others that we just think are brilliant. These posts come from a variety of resource types, sites, and people.

- "Creating a Network in WordPress 3.1 (and Up)," http://wpebooks.com/2010/09/how-to-enable-multisite-in-wordpress: Andrea Rennick, one of WordPress's most prolific and helpful community members, walks site administrators through the setup process for enabling WordPress Multisite.
- "How to Secure Your New WordPress Installation," http://digwp.com/2009/11/how-to-secure-your-new-wordpress-installation: Jeff Starr of *Digging into WordPress* tackles a simple three-step process to secure WordPress during installation.
- "Do Freelancers Do Best on WordPress, Drupal or Joomla?" http://mashable.com/2010/11/04/wordpress-drupal-joomla.
- "WordPress Custom Post Types and Pods: What's Next?" http://mondaybynoon.com/2010/05/31/wordpress-custom-post-types-pods.
- "Top Five WordPress Security Tips You Most Likely Don't Follow," www.wptavern.com/top-5

-wordpress-security-tips-you-most-likely-dont
-follow.
- "Custom Post Types in WordPress," http://just
intadlock.com/archives/2010/04/29/custom
-post-types-in-wordpress.
- "Create Your First WordPress Custom Post Type,"
http://thinkvitamin.com/code/create-your-first
-wordpress-custom-post-type.
- "Complete Guide to WordPress 3.0 Awesome New
Features," http://digwp.com/2010/05/guide-new
-features-wordpress-3.

Premium WordPress Resources

Plugins

There's a premium plugin market for WordPress that is
absolutely extraordinary. Generally, premium plugins
usually aren't costly—up to around $50—but are
packed full of functionality. And nearly all premium
plugins we've come across have personalized support
built in to the price.

- WP Plugins
  http://wpplugins.com
- CodeCanyon, WordPress Plugins,
  http://codecanyon.net/category/plugins/word
  press
- WP eBooks
  http://wpebooks.com
- WPMU DEV
  http://premium.wpmudev.org/wordpress-plugins

Themes

Even if you aren't interested in premium themes, we
highly suggest you take the tour of these sites to see to
what extent the masters of theme design are pushing
the limits of WordPress. It's almost like viewing fine
art in that the visual experience is inspiring and some-
times unforgettable.

- Graph Paper Press
  http://graphpaperpress.com
- ThemeForest WordPress Themes
  http://themeforest.net/category/wordpress
- WooThemes
  www.woothemes.com
- Elegant Themes
  www.elegantthemes.com

- Templatic
  http://templatic.com
- Press75
  www.press75.com
- StudioPress
  www.studiopress.com/themes

Theme Frameworks

If you're in a library camp where you're thinking
about designing your own theme, we highly recom-
mend considering a theme framework. These are bare-
bones themes visually, but are packed with function-
ality. It would simply be up to you to give them the
color, imagery, and branding you prefer.

- Headway for WordPress
  http://headwaythemes.com
- Genesis Framework
  www.studiopress.com/themes/genesis
- Thematic Framework
  http://themeshaper.com/thematic
- Hybrid
  http://themehybrid.com/themes/hybrid
- StartBox
  http://wpstartbox.com
- Thesis Theme Framework
  http://diythemes.com

Podcasts

Keeping track of all the latest and greatest WordPress
news is tough to do via RSS feeds and general site surf-
ing. But taking your news to go in audio version is a
little bit easier. Check out the podcasts below for great
interviews and insights from community members,
core developers, and even Matt Mullenweg himself
from time to time.

- WPCandy Podcasts
  http://wpcandy.com/podcasts
- WordPress Tavern
  WordPress Weekly Podcast, www.wptavern.com/
  wordpress-weekly
- daWPshow
  http://dawpshow.com