

(contact information and the toll-free phone number are listed). This Web site also provides access to the *Atlas of Cancer Mortality* and to the SEER (Surveillance, Epidemiology & End Results) Program an "authoritative source of information on cancer incidence and survival in the U.S." Other resources available on the National Cancer Institute Web site include Cancer Trials, Ethnic and Minority Health resources, and links to information provided by the Office of Cancer Complementary and Alternative Medicine. The National Cancer Institute Web site provides in-depth information on cancer research and clinical trials. Access: <http://www.nci.nih.gov/>.

Other sites of interest

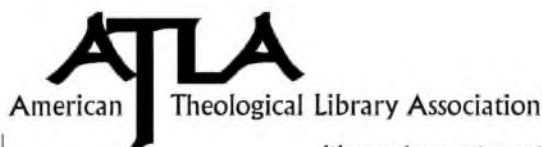
The Consumer and Patient Health Information Section of the Medical Library Association has compiled an extensive list of evaluated Web resources entitled "Web Sites You Can Trust." This well-organized list is briefly annotated and is an excellent resource for additional consumer health information. Among the resources available on this site is a list of Web resources focusing on children's health and parenting resources. Access: <http://caphis.njc.org/consumerAll.html>.

• **The Melanoma Patients' Information Page.** This non-commercial site provides current information for patients diagnosed with melanoma. The site includes selected readings specific to the stages of melanoma. An "ASK Our RN" link, for submission of e-mail questions to an oncology nurse, was recently added to this site. The "Community" section of this Web site provides access to a bulletin board, a chat room, and other support resources. Access: <http://www.mpip.org/>. ■

Letter to the editor

I have just read "Academic librarians as advisors" by Paul Studdard (*C&RL News*, October 2000). Never have I read such a concise and well written defense of, and advertisement for, our profession. People rarely understand what we are professionally capable of, and this piece did much to strongly state our case and our cause.

This is the kind of article that should be featured in all of our professional media. While professions have nothing in the way of apologetics, but this article comes close.—Gary Parsons, Florida Atlantic University, parsons@fau.edu



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