

→ **Fast Facts**

→ **Teens and media multitasking**

Nearly two-thirds of the time young people spend reading or using the Internet, they are also doing something else at the same time—primarily eating, doing chores, talking on the phone, doing homework, or using another media. Young people are most likely to use multiple media together when they're instant messaging (74 percent), surfing the Internet (74 percent) or playing computer games (67 percent), while they are least likely to do so when watching TV (17 percent of the time).

Ulla G. Foehr, "The Teen Media Juggling Act: The Implications of Media Multitasking Among American Youth," The Kaiser Family Foundation, December 12, 2006, www.kff.org/entmedia/entmedia121206pkg.cfm. January 9, 2006

→ **Semantic Web search engine**

SWSE is a search engine for the Semantic Web. It provides the equivalent services for metadata-encoded documents that Web search engines currently provide for the HTML-Web. SWSE explores and indexes the Semantic Web and provides an easy-to-use interface through which users can find the data they are looking for. The Semantic Web uses metadata encoded in a document's Resource Description Framework (RDF), a general framework for describing a Web site's metadata. SWSE currently indexes approximately 100,000 files.

SWSE, Digital Enterprise Research Institute, swse.deri.org/. January 11, 2007

→ **Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center**

The Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas-Austin will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its inception in 2007 with a year dedicated to "Celebrating the Imagination." In its 50-year history, the Ransom Center has evolved into a world-renowned cultural institution, known for its collections of literary manuscripts, rare books, photographs and art, and its holdings in the performing arts and film. The center houses more than 36 million manuscripts, 1 million rare books, 5 million photographs, and 100,000 works of art and design.

"Harry Ransom Center Celebrates 50th Anniversary in 2007," AScribe Newswire. January 8, 2007, newswire.ascribe.org/cgi-bin/behold.pl?ascribeid=20070108.095619. January 8, 2007

→ **Katrina Research Center**

The Katrina Research Center serves as an interdisciplinary center and a public clearinghouse to facilitate the gathering of historical and current information and knowledge about the effects of and recovery from Hurricane Katrina as well as from other disasters. The library of the University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast provides support to the depository, and collaborates with the center to promote community awareness and provide access to scholars and the general public.

Katrina Research Center, www.usm.edu/katrina/. January 8, 2007

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