Evaluation Bibliography


General Evaluation Books
The following all provide good introductions to, and practical guides on, evaluation (books with an “*” are strongly recommended).


Evaluation, 2nd Ed., by Carol H. Weiss (Prentice Hall, 1997)


Evaluator's Handbook, by Joan L. Herman, L. L. Morris, and Carol Taylor Fitz-Gibbon (Sage Publications, 1987) (Very basic)


Impact Analysis for Program Evaluation, by Lawrence Mohr (Sage Publications, 1995)


**Evaluation Guide Books**


**Evaluator’s Handbook**, by Joan L. Herman, L. L. Morris, and Carol Taylor Fitz-Gibbon  (Sage Publications, 1987)  (Very basic)


**Measuring Program Outcomes: A Practical Approach**, (The United Way)


**The Managers Guide to Program Evaluation**.  By Paul Mattessich (Wilder Research Center, 2003)

Focus Groups


Quantitative Data Analysis


Evaluation Web Sites
The Internet is a great place to get information about evaluation. The following sites on the Internet offer a range of information and resources for evaluation. Many have links to other evaluation-related sites:

General Sites
http://www.eval.org/
The Home Page of the American Evaluation Association, an international professional association of evaluators devoted to the application and exploration of program evaluation, participatory evaluation, personnel evaluation, technology, and many other forms of evaluation. The Participatory evaluation page has links to several “how-to” guides.

http://www.evaluationcanada.ca/site.cgi?s=1
The Home Page of the Canadian Evaluation Association (La Société Canadienne D’Évaluation), which is dedicated to the advancement of evaluation for its members and the public (Dévouée à l’avancement de l’évaluation pour le bien de ses membres et du public).

http://www.civicpartnerships.org/
The Center for Civic Partnerships’ mission is to provide leadership and management support to build healthier communities and more effective nonprofit organizations. It is a support organization that strengthens individuals, nonprofits, and communities through facilitation and leadership development and by fostering community engagement. The site has an extensive resources section including many tools for identifying indicators and information about logic models and theories of change.
http://www.cyfernet.org
Practical, research-based information from leading Universities. CYFERnet is designed to be used by anyone who needs comprehensive children, youth, or family information including: educators, researchers, parents, youth agency staff, community members, human services and health care providers, students, policy makers, youth, media. CYFERnet's Evaluation section includes practical tools that you can use to evaluate community-based programs; information on how community programs can be sustained; and assessments of organizational support for work in the areas of children, youth, and families.

http://www.ERICe.net - A clearinghouse on assessment and evaluation listing many education-related links for assessment and evaluation.

http://www.geofunders.org
Grantmakers for Effective Organizations is a coalition of grantmakers committed to building strong and effective nonprofit organizations.

http://www.HFRP.org/evaluation/the-evaluation-exchange
Harvard Family Research Project, The Evaluation Exchange. The Evaluation Exchange is a one-of-a-kind periodical that contains new lessons and emerging strategies for evaluating programs and policies, particularly those focused on children, families, and communities. Since it was launched in 1995, as a key resource on the HFRP Website, The Evaluation Exchange has become a nationally known and significant force in helping to shape evaluation knowledge and practice.

http://www.liveunited.org/outcomes/

http://www.innonet.org/
Innovation Network, Inc., (InnoNet) is an organization dedicated to helping small- to mid-sized nonprofit organizations successfully meet their missions. The purpose of their site is to provide the tools, instruction, framework to create detailed program, evaluation and fund-raising plans.

http://www.theoryofchange.org/
The Theory of Change interactive website was developed and is administered by ActKnowledge. ActKnowledge is an action research organization dedicated to working with community organizations, not-for-profits, foundations and governmental agencies to transform traditional institutions and environments for social change. We work with these organizations as partners in a process aimed at creating transformative knowledge through the interplay of learning and action. Be sure to also check out www.theoryofchange.org/documents/TOClayoutandprintingexamples.pdf

http://www.wmich.edu/evalctr/
The Evaluation Center, located at Western Michigan University, is a research and development unit that provides national and international leadership for advancing the theory and practice of evaluation, as applied to education and human services.