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## The Alsos Library for Nuclear Issues

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This presentation will describe the content and features of the Alsos Digital Library for Nuclear Issues (<http://alsos.wlu.edu>). The Library, funded by the U. S. National Science Foundation, provides a broad, balanced collection of indexed, annotated references for the study of nuclear issues ranging from nuclear reactors to Japanese poetry. All annotations have been reviewed by members of the Library's prestigious National Advisory Board. The searchable collection includes books, articles, films, CD-ROMs, and websites. It currently contains approximately 1600 references and receives over 15,000 visits per month. The mission of the Library is to make the history and current status of nuclear issues more accessible and comprehensible to the general public as well as to students, educators, and other professionals in the many fields influenced by the forces of the nuclear age.

References may be accessed by conventional keyword, creator, and title searches or by browsing topics under one of five categories; issues, warfare, science, people, and places. Of particular interest to conference participants are topics in the issues category that include nuclear power, terrorism, and nuclear waste. The Library can also provide bibliographies for specific topics which can be embedded as hyperlinks on other websites which address of nuclear issues.

Finally the Alsos Library is the bibliographical component of Nuclear Pathways ([nuclearpathways.org](http://nuclearpathways.org)), a composite site which is attempting to integrate websites dedicated to nuclear issues.

The initial partner sites are:

Atomic Archive (<http://atomicarchive.com>),

Nuclear Chemistry in the Community

(<http://www.chemcases.com/2003version/nuclear/index2.htm>),

and Nuclear Files (<http://nuclearfiles.org>).