

Resources

Want to learn more about Social Capital? Interested in how you can build Social Capital in your community or organization? You can find some great resources on the Internet, at your local bookstore, and at the library. We have selected some of the most interesting and accessible resources for you.

Links to Web Resources on Social Capital

Better Together

The Social Capital web site sponsored by the Saguaro Seminar at Harvard University (see site below). Download the *Better Together* report on Social Capital, visit (and add to) the Social Capital Story Collector.

<http://www.bettertogether.org>

Saguaro Seminar

Background information on the Saguaro Seminar: Civic Engagement in America, a three-year-long discussion of social capital hosted by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

<http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/~saguaro>

PovertyNet, World Bank

Extensive resources on Social Capital as a tool for community and economic development. Information is accessible *and* in depth. Extensive bibliography and resource list.

<http://www.worldbank.org/poverty/scapital/index.htm>

Bowling Alone

Read the book, then visit the web site. Or check the site before you read the book. Interviews and background material on *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community* by Robert D. Putnam.

<http://www.bowlingalone.com>

Civic Practices Network, Social Capital

Good definitions and examples of Social Capital as a tool for civic renewal.

http://www.cpn.org/sections/tools/models/social_capital.html

Social Network Analysis

Interesting collection of definitions of Social Capital from the social sciences literature, beginning in 1920.

http://www.analytictech.com/networks/definitions_of_social_capital.htm

Mayo Clinic Social Support Inventory

How connected are you? Take a quick inventory of your social support network and learn how it affects your health <http://mayohealth.org/home?id=HQ01403>

Indivisible.org

Inspirational stories of twelve communities where people are coming together to make their small piece of the world a better place to live. There is where the social capital rubber meets the road.

<http://www.indivisible.org>

Recommended Reading

To learn more about Social Capital, you might to begin with one (or more) of these books and articles.

You can find many of these articles online, but try building a little Social Capital by going to your local library or bookstore for the rest. You can order books online from your local independent bookstore by clicking on the Booksense link. Local bookstores build Social Capital by connecting people with books and with each other in their home communities!

For Starters

The Work of Robert D. Putnam

Robert D. Putnam, the director of the Saguaro Seminar and the Peter and Isabel Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University, has been chronicling the state of Social Capital in America (and elsewhere) for more than a decade. The basics of his work are contained in these two books and two earlier articles.

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Back to the Future

Alexis De Tocqueville described America's Social Capital as he saw it in the early days of the Republic. For the original text of DeTocqueville's *Democracy in America*, go to <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/DETOC/>. Better yet, visit your local library!

And for some more viewpoints about Social Capital:

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Even More Resources

For an even more comprehensive list of research, articles and resources on Social Capital, go to the World Bank's PovertyNet web site, <http://www.worldbank.org/poverty/scapital/index.htm>.

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