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Introduction to the Project

BioloJam is a biology comic aimed towards 7th and 8th grade students. The goal of the project was to create an educational resource that students would find entertaining and enlightening. The project is available on the web and is free to use for educational purposes by teachers, students, and parents.

There are two comics: the larger, more complicated “Cell Breakout” and the smaller, more conversational “Giraffic Park.” In Cell Breakout, the three heroes are trapped inside a video game in a plant cell, and learn all about cell functions as they try to escape. In Giraffic Park, the trio are visiting the zoo and get into a discussion on natural selection and evolution.

As of May 2006, the website is hosted at:

<http://people.brandeis.edu/sasarai/biolojam/index.html>

but may be moved to a location on the URI servers at a later date (in which case, there will be a link to the new site at the address above).