

## News from the Medical Library

### Some tips for harnessing the power of the Internet

Internet Cool Tools for Physicians by Melissa L Rethlefsen et al is a new book that the Library recently acquired. It was written by three Medical Librarians and highlights some interesting and useful tools on the Internet.

Do you wish there was a better way to search Google so that “quick searches” were actually quick and easy?

- Try using Google’s Advanced search ([http://www.google.com/advanced\\_search](http://www.google.com/advanced_search)) where you can specify exact phrases, date ranges, and file types and eliminate unwanted words to filter results. There are also several specialized search pages listed at the bottom of this page.

Do you use myNCBI or RSS feeds? Would you use them if you knew that these tools could make your online life simpler?

- MyNCBI is permanent clipboard for Pubmed ([www.pubmed.gov](http://www.pubmed.gov)). You can save citations to sets and return to them later. You can also personalize how Pubmed displays. You can set up filters so that the limits that you prefer are automatically applied to your results.
- RSS feeds are a way of getting new content from a website sent to you in aggregate instead of having to go to each page and look for new content. The feeds are the notification of new material and the aggregator is the place where the feeds are gathered together for you. Google Reader ([www.google.com/reader](http://www.google.com/reader)) and Bloglines ([www.bloglines.com](http://www.bloglines.com)) are two aggregators that the book suggests. You set up an account with your selected reader and then you can search and subscribe to feeds from the websites you want to monitor.

Do you wish you had a way of accessing your bookmarks from any computer that you use?

- Delicious ([www.delicious.com](http://www.delicious.com)) is a website that allows you to bookmark and tag webpages for later access from any computer with internet access. In Delicious, you can tag websites just like you might tag a picture on Flickr. Tags are identifying labels that you can attach to websites. Tags can be anything that makes sense to you and will enable to you later find the website again.

Of course, these are just a few of the topics covered in Internet Cool Tools for Physicians. If you are interested in learning more about any of these topics or other aspects of online life, please contact the Library and we can help you get started.