The Library Scoop

Top Five Myths About Using the Internet to Do Research

1. The Internet has everything.
   Everything is indeed on the Internet, the good and especially the unreliable. You must exclude the bad when you are doing research.

2. Everything on the Internet is free.
   Well it has lots of things, but some of the best information is only available through pay walls and subscriptions.

3. It is faster to search the Internet.
   Going to Google is easy but it will take you more time to sift through unreliable information. The library’s databases are full of reliable information.

4. Google is easier to access than the library databases.
   The library’s databases are very accessible on campus through the library’s home page. At home, database access only requires a simple login.

5. Google Scholar has research articles.
   You can find articles with Google Scholar but you may not be able to access the article without paying the publisher for access to it.

Top Reasons to Come to the Library For Your Research

1. Library databases are more reliable than Google searches
   Is what you found on the Internet reliable? Material in the library’s databases are created by professional writers and edited. All that is left for you is to figure out how to use it in your paper.

2. Library’s electronic resources are available on or off campus
   Google is always there and so are the Library’s databases. If you are off campus you just need to log in.

3. Databases have organization tools so you don’t have to re-find an article
   Send all your research to your email to have whenever you need it.

4. Generate citations for your bibliography
   Most databases have tools that help you create your works cited page. Very few Internet articles have the MLA or APA citations ready for you to copy and paste.

5. The library is full of helpful library staff and librarians
   The librarians have already researched the topic you may be researching. They will likely know the best tool to get just what you need.

6. You’ll save time by using the library’s resources
   Spend less time figuring out if your source is reliable and more time connecting with the content so your project makes sense.

Always save your documents early and often!
Even if you only want to print them.
“Snow way the library is open!”
By Andy Heiz, Librarian

Yes it is! Did those snow days frustrate your research plans this past Winter (and Spring?)? You can access the library’s electronic resources even during Spring Recess (March 23 to March 30) from anywhere off campus. Use any desktop or mobile device, phone, tablet or laptop.

The easiest way to do research for your assignments is to use the library’s electronic resources. This way you will be much more sure that what you find is reliable and you’ll have that much less work to do for your projects. The library’s electronic resources are available 24/7, even when the library is closed. You connect to the resource you wish to use through the library’s website. When you are off campus your browser will be directed to a log in page where you will need to enter your a-number and password you use for MYSUNY Orange or Banner.

When the library is closed you can go to the library’s research guides to get help with searching. The guides have recommendations for databases for a class. There are search suggestions from librarians so you can find useful articles.

When you are off campus you can call or text a librarian for help when the library is open. If the library is closed text your questions to get a response when the library opens again.

Scanner Arrives in Newburgh

Scan documents or images from books, magazines, or newspapers to your thumb drive or email. There is a touch screen to walk you through the steps of the process. The scanners work better than copiers because you can capture images from the library’s reference books to use in class presentations. Also when you want to use a large portion text from a book you can use the scanner to make an electronic document that you can copy and paste. The scanner has optical character recognition so you can scan a Word document so you can edit it in a word processor on the computer.

The scanner in Newburgh is located on the reference desk. There are detailed instructions or you can ask the library staff to help you.

Text your questions to a librarian 845-462-2541