Library Developed Widgets
New Google and Facebook gadgets bring the MIT Libraries to you!

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Two new beta gadgets make searching resources of the MIT Libraries even easier! A new Facebook application and Google gadget will allow you to search the Libraries directly from your personal pages.

Facebook Application:
The Facebook application contains search boxes for the Barton web catalog and for Vera, the collection of online journals and databases, along with links to Your Account and Ask Us for research help.

If you already have a Facebook account, you’re only a few clicks away from adding the MIT Libraries application.

Google Gadget:
Did you know that you can personalize your Google homepage? Now, you can add a gadget to your Google page to search the collections of the MIT Libraries!

To add this gadget to your Google homepage, click this button:

You can also embed the gadget on any other webpage that you’ve created.

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http://www.lib.umn.edu/site/widgets.phtml

Tools and Widgets

The University of Minnesota Libraries offers many different tools and widgets that may be used directly or incorporated into other applications such as Google, Amazon, or your browser. We hope to develop more so stay tuned!

Direct use tools

- RefWorks: Citation manager — Manage your bibliography online
- UTThink: Blogs at the University of Minnesota — Create a University of Minnesota blog
- CitationLinker: Find full text — Find out if the libraries has the full text of a known article citation
- Assignment Calculator — Easily map out the steps needed to complete an assignment
- RSS URL Converter — Have licensed RSS content that you can't get to from off campus? Convert the RSS URL to a U of M recognized RSS feed and get access from both on campus and off!

Incorporate these widgets and feeds into existing applications

- Libraries News Feed (RSS, XML, Atom) — The library offers many different feeds to add to an aggregator or another web site
- Install the U of M Libraries browser toolbar — Search library resources from this handy browser toolbar
- Install MNCAT search in Firefox and Internet Explorer 7 — Search MNCAT from your browsers built in search box
- Add MNCAT Lookup to Amazon Searches — Determine if a book found in Amazon is at the U of M Libraries
- Add the Libraries Search tool to MyU and Google — The search box on the home page can be added to MyU and Google
- Add MNCAT (Catalog only) to Google — Add a MNCAT search box to Google that stays within the Google interface
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY: NCSU Libraries Catalog Search Plugins

http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/catalog/plugins.html

NCSU LIBRARIES CATALOG SEARCH PLUGINS

- Firefox users
- Internet Explorer v7 users

Firefox users:

- Install the NCSU Libraries Catalog search plugin.

Clicking above will ask you to confirm installation, which will add an NCSU Libraries Catalog Search to the list of available engines.

What is this used for?

You may already be using this box to search with Google or other engines.

Our plugin allows you to search the Catalog quickly, right from your browser. Quickly find out if the Libraries have something you need.

Once you've installed the plugin, you should see the NCSU Libraries Catalog and icon as a search option. Entering search terms conducts a keyword search, takes you directly to the Catalog, and displays your search results. From here you can refine your search as necessary.

IE 7 users:

Internet Explorer version 7 allows users to add custom search engines. You can create one to search the Catalog yourself in only a few steps.

1. Navigate to the search box in the upper right corner of the browser, click the down arrow and select 'Find More Providers...' from the list of options.
2. You'll come to a Microsoft site where you can select several other search engines. On the right, there is a form that walks you through the creation process.
3. Paste http://www2.lib.ncsu.edu/catalog/?Ny=1&N=0&ST=TEST&NK=Keyword into the box in step 3 of that form.
5. Click the Install button.
6. Click the Add Provider button on the pop-up confirmation.

A Catalog search should now be among your options for the search box.

Entering search terms conducts a keyword search, takes you directly to the Catalog, and displays your search results. From here you can refine your search as necessary.
Pennsylvania State University: Research JumpStart

http://www.libraries.psu.edu/instruction/jumpstart.htm
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN: LIBwidgets

http://www.lib.utexas.edu/tools/

LIBwidgets

This section of the University of Texas Libraries website lists a variety of widgets that you may find useful while conducting research.

What is a widget?
Widgets bring the libraries' services to you. They include Web applications, simple add-ons for your Web browser, and other shortcuts that make researching a little easier. If you would like to learn more about widgets, watch our video demonstration or read this Newsweek article on the topic.

How do I get started?
Each of the widgets we've listed on our site includes a description and installation instructions. Click on a widget below to learn more.

Searchwidgets

CD/DVD Search Plug-in for the University of Texas Libraries
A Web browser add-on that allows you to search for CDs and DVDs at the libraries of Texas libraries.

Facebook App for the University of Texas Libraries
An application that adds to your Facebook account that allows you to search the University of Texas Libraries resources from within Facebook.

Google Gadget for the University of Texas Libraries
An application that adds to your Google Maps, Homebrew, or any other Web page.

Google Toolbar Button for the University of Texas Libraries
Add a button to your Google Toolbar for an easy way to search the University of Texas Libraries catalog.

Law Library Search Plug-in
A Web browser add-on that allows you to search the University of Texas Law Library's catalog.

Library Catalog Search Plug-in
A Web browser add-on that allows you to search the University of Texas Libraries catalog.

Widget Spotlight:

LIB Firefox Add-on for the University of Texas Libraries

Recommended widgets:

Libilo Add-on for the University of Texas Libraries
A Web browser add-on that allows you to access the University of Texas Libraries' catalog, tools, and services from within your browser.

OpenURL Referrer
If you are searching for resources on Google News, Reuters, or Google Scholar, this browser add-on will automatically create a "Find it on" link that will take you straight to the resource in our catalog.

Information organizing widgets

Del.icio.us Web Browser Add-on
Bookmark and organize Web sites with del.icio.us using this Web browser add-on.

Flickr Uploadr
Download photos from the Web for a research project. Use this Microsoft application to keep your photos organized on the Web.

Google Notebook
A tool that lets you copy text, images, and links from Web pages into your own notebook.

Google Send to Phone
Are you in the library and want to send information to your phone? This Android browser add-on lets you to send whatever text from the screen to your cell phone as a text message.

NoodleBib
A citation tool that helps you create MLA- or APA-formatted citations quickly. Save as a Word document to turn in with your paper.

TextMarker
A Firefox browser add-on that highlights text online within your browser window. Easy to use and print as you would.

Zoho Notebook
A tool that helps you aggregate content from multiple sources or applications.

Zotero
A Firefox browser add-on that helps you collect, manage, and cite your research sources.

Collaboration widgets

ClipMarks
A Firefox browser add-on that lets you add, edit, and share notes from inside Web pages. Post notes, email links, and share your "clips" with others.

PBSWiki
A free wiki tool that is useful for everyone (even computer beginners).