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

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Two new beta widgets 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.

Google Gadget:

Did you know that you can personalize your Google home page? 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.

Thanks to Amy Stout, Nicole Hennig, Rob Wolfe, and Todd Raunenberg for developing these applications.

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA: How To... Tools and Widgets

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
- UThink: Blogs at the University of Minnesota — Create a University of Minnesota blog
- CitationLinker: Find full text — Find out if the libraries have 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
**NCSU Libraries Catalog Search Plugins**

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.

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

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY: Research JumpStart

http://www.libraries.psu.edu/instruction/jumpstart.htm
LIBwidgets

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

What is a widget?
Widgets bring the libraries that 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 University of Texas libraries.

Facebook App for the University of Texas Libraries
An application you add 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 you can add to your desktop or to your Google-homeside, background, 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 Library catalog.

widget spotlight

LIB Firefox Add-on for the University of Texas Libraries
A Web browser add-on that gives you access to the University of Texas Libraries resources with links to tools, high-quality images, emeritus users, and more.

OpenURL Referrer
If you are searching for resources on Google News Search or Google Scholar, the browser window will automatically create a "link is here" line that will take you directly to the resource in our catalog.

information organizing widgets

Del.icio.us Web Browser Add-on
Bookmarks and organize web links with http://del.icio.us using these shelf browser add-ons.

Flickr Uploadr
Create using photos from your Flickr account to create a slideshow and share it on your blog.

Google Notebook
A tool that lets you copy text, images, and links from web pages into your browser.

Google Send to Phone
Are you on the Web and want to send a document to your phone? This service enables quick sending of any information from the Internet to your cell phone as a text message.

NoodleBib
An annotation tool that helps you create MLA- or APA-formatted endnotes or bibliographies. Save as a Word document to turn in with your paper.

TextMarker
A Firefox toolbar add-on that highlights text online within your browser window. From color, size, and font to style as you wish.

Zoho Notebook
A tool that helps you organize 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 free browser toolbar that lets you do text, images and videos from various Web pages and then save, edit, email and print to share your “ideas” with others.

P2WWiki
A free wiki tool that is useful for everyone (even computer beginners).