

**E-Research Seminars
at Penn State University
2007-2008**

Advanced Google Searching:

Latest tips and tricks beyond a basic Google search, including many specialized search applications and advanced searching techniques.

Avoiding Cyberplagiarism:

Citing in the online environment.

Del.icio.us, LibraryThing and More...Organize Your Reading Online:

Explore social bookmarking applications and ways to organize your books and bookmarks.

iLibrary, iGoogle: Creating Your Research Desktop:

How to create a personal research desktop in iGoogle and use library-related widgets, RSS feeds and more, to build an online environment with one-stop access to online tools.

Information Trapping: RSS, Alerts, and More:

How to set up RSS feeds and journal alerts.

Searching Google Scholar:

How to find scholarly articles, books and more.

del.icio.us tag for web links used in seminars: [psulibraryresearch](#)

Reaching Your Campus Community Through E-Research Seminars

Pennsylvania Library Association Conference 2008

Seminars:

Six seminars offered 2 or 3 times each during Fall/Spring 2007-2008, taught by six librarians

Content focused on online research skills

Audience:

Open to all students, faculty and staff

Most attendees were graduate students and staff

Registration:

Seminars listed on campus ITS Training Services web site

Participants register in advance

Advertising:

Campus newswire

Press releases

Library newsletter

Email to all library faculty and staff

Fliers, posters, plasma screens in library

Attendance:

Over 300 total attendees

Most popular: Advanced Google Searching (101 total attendees)

Attendance better in Fall than Spring

Summary:

Although the classes were labor-intensive for the instructors, they reached a broad audience, and received positive feedback from attendees. In the future, we may offer similar classes only in Fall, and target them to a more specific audience.

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