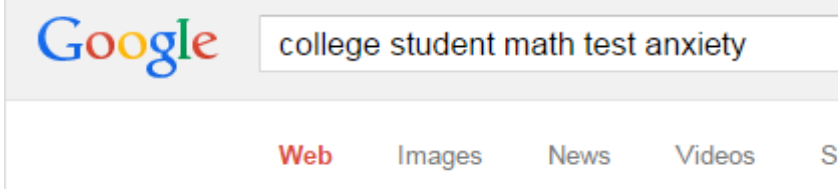


How Google Works



- Google will search for **college AND student AND math AND test AND anxiety** and retrieve webpages that have *all* of those words somewhere on the page, listing them in order of relevance – best matches first.
- Google will often include synonyms for the terms you search; i.e., *university, pupil, arithmetic, quiz, anxious*.
- Google sorts your results by relevance and popularity. Note paid “sponsored” results are clearly marked.

Tired of too many irrelevant results? Try this!

- Use **quotation marks** around your keywords to search for the keywords in the exact order you would like, instead of separately.
Ex: “college scholarship”
- Use **intitle:** to retrieve webpages with your keywords in the title of the webpage.
Ex: **intitle:** “global warming”
- Use **site:.** to only retrieve webpages from URLs in the domain (.gov, .edu, .org) you specify.
Ex: **site:.gov** “Tidal energy”
- Use several strategies at once for very specific results:
Ex: intitle:"lady macbeth" site:.edu

Have a question? Let us help!

Library Hours:

Mon-Thu: 8am– 8pm
Fri: 8am–5pm
Sat: 11am–3pm
Sun: Closed

Reference Desk : 503-594-6042

Circulation Desk: 503-594-6323

Email: reference@clackamas.edu

Call library for summer and break hours

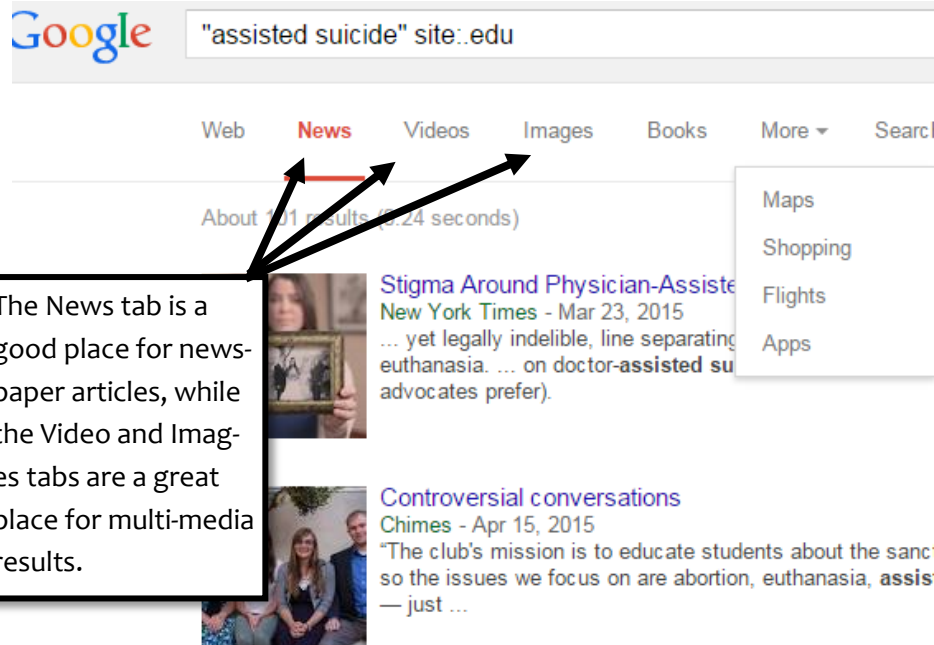
Accessing the Library Website

library.clackamas.edu

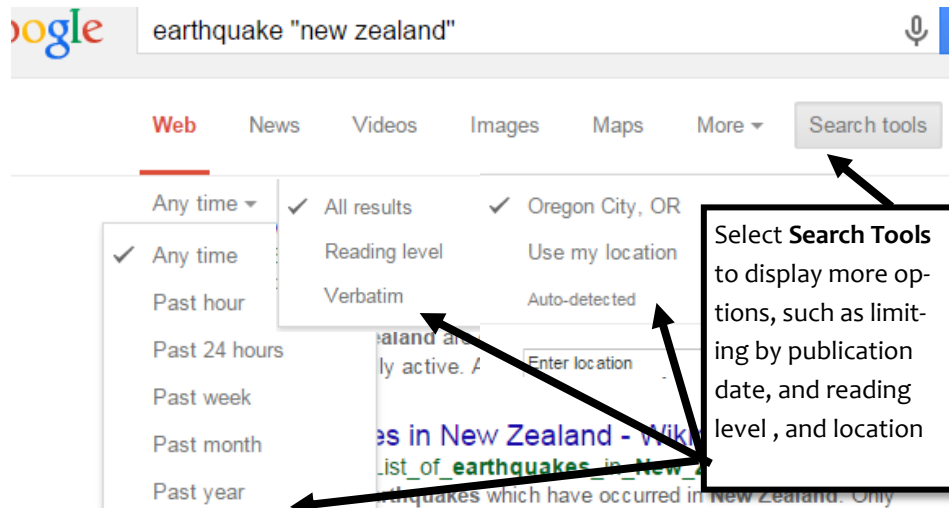
Can't find what you need online? Check the library! You can find a link under the Bookmarks tab on your My-Clackamas page or search for “library” under the search page.

- **OR:** When OR is capitalized, both terms on each side of the OR are included in the results:
Ex: election OR voter fraud (retrieves pages with fraud and either election or voter)
- **Not (-):** Using a hyphen attached in front of a term will discard any pages with that word from your results:
Ex: “martin luther” -king
- **Related Terms (~):** Retrieve additional related terms by attaching the tilde (~) in front of a word:
~ecology

Result Options



Using the Search Tools



Google Scholar/ILL Combo



Google Scholar finds links to websites with articles from scholarly materials: Academic books, peer-reviewed journals, dissertations, patents, legal opinion, etc. There is extensive, international coverage and you can find some great articles.

One of the biggest drawbacks is that many results are just the abstract of the article, not the full text and sometimes ask you to pay for access.

Don't pay for access! Check our databases or use our ILL (Interlibrary Loan) system to have the article emailed to you for free!

Google does everything! More tips.

"Define: " will retrieve the definition of a word

Google Translator can translate words, phrases, sentences or whole documents.

Google does math! Enter any math equation into the search box and it will calculate it for you.

Google Help: Try the URL support.google.com for more tricks and magical apps.

Try typing "do a barrel roll" into google to see what happens.