

Maureen McGroarty

A Reader Responds to Rita Resourceful

Dear Rita Resourceful:

I'm responding to add my two cents to a letter from the "Dewey Dumper" in your January issue. Many boards provide access to online databases and encyclopedias with credible, current and reliable information, as well as tools for citing sources. In terms of Google, there are some tips we can show students that will help them use smarter search-narrowing techniques like quotation marks around search terms, as well as using + or - signs to eliminate unwanted results (ie german - shepherd. Students can also indicate the types of sites they wish to explore by typing site:edu (or org or gov) after the search term. I might also advise the Dewey Dumper that we are trying to prepare students for library navigation beyond high school.

Signed,
Maureen McGroarty

Dear Maureen:

I'm hoping that the Dewey Dumper reads your response and benefits from your worthwhile suggestions. ■

