

HOW eRESOURCES HELP YOU

WHAT ABOUT ONLINE SEARCH ENGINES?

Google can be a great place to obtain certain kinds of information, but not all information. When we want authoritative and reliable information, eResources are our best bet.



HOW DO THEY COMPARE?

eRESOURCES	Search Engines (e.g., Google)
Organized + curated by experts	Information is not organized or curated. There is no oversight. Anyone can put anything on the Internet.
Subscription service, free to Michigan residents	Search results are both free and fee-based.
Limit results to just what you want	Hard to limit a search to just the things you want
Results contain citations	Hard to find authority/credibility of sources
No advertisements	Results contain ads
Easily find scholarly and peer-reviewed articles	Results sometimes can have dead links or paths to outdated information



WHAT TYPES OF INFORMATION CAN YOU ACCESS?

eRESOURCES	Search Engines (e.g., Google)
eBooks	Tax information
Full text journals and magazines	Local municipal ordinances
Newspapers	What's playing at the cinema
Images and videos	Hours of operation for a business
Scholarly and peer-reviewed articles	Time zone information



WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO USE THEM?

eRESOURCES	Search Engines (e.g., Google)
When you need vetted, reliable sources	Searching for quick facts
Doing research for school or work	As a preliminary way to determine the best search terms to use in an eResource