Top Ten Geological Reason to Use the Library

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*Horizon of Abundant Librarians*
1. Not everything is on the Internet.

- Lots (most?) published material—books, articles, videos, etc—won’t be turned up by Google or Yahoo.

- If you do find them, your access may be limited by firewalls or subscription requirements (see #2)
2. Not everything on the Internet is free.

- You often need a subscription to access some sites.
- The Library has already paid for many of these services, so you don't have to.
3. The Internet is not very organized.

- Retrieving 235,000 websites for “serpentinite” isn’t very helpful
- Library resources, unlike the web, are organized by topic and broken down into different types of information
- About Google’s page ranking technology...
4. There is no quality control on the Internet

- Anyone with a computer can put up a website
- There are sites with an “agenda”
- There are hoaxes that look real, like this one
- Library resources provide (relatively) reliable information
5. Sources on the Internet can be harder to verify

- Who's telling you this? Where did they get their information?
- Library resources will tell you exactly where the information came from.
- Librarians can help you find information about your all of sources
6. The Internet is too new for some things.

- Most sources of information over 10 or 15 years old have not been digitized or placed on the web.
- Older print material is valuable to us geologists—field guides, maps, descriptions.
7. Library online resources are available 24/7

- As much a part of our library's collection as the books on our shelves
- You can get help from us by phone, email, or in person
8. The Internet is a mile wide and an inch deep

- Most of the time, the Internet gives you the same information without much detail. Even Google Scholar.
- You can get a varied and more in-depth analysis using the library's print and electronic resources.
9. UMass is already paying for the library.

- No need to deal with messy coins and bills
- No worries about going over credit card limits
- No deciding between buying books or buying food
10. Real live people can help you use our library

- Forty-five nice, eager, friendly, highly-trained librarians are standing by
- They pay us big bucks to help you with your research. It’s our only job.
10a Interlibrary Loan

- The article you want isn’t at UMass? ILL will deliver an electronic copy to your desktop, within a few days, free!

- Books might take a little longer
10b. **RefWorks**

- Collects, stores, and organizes citations from books, articles from databases, web sites, and other sources
- Automatically converts citations into properly formatted bibliographies
- Write-N-Cite!!
- Workshops
10c. ScholarWorks

- Doctoral dissertations written at the University of Massachusetts Amherst
- You can have your own personal Researcher Page
- Crawled by Google
- There is a departmental page
Lyell Collection – Geological Society of London
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- Full-text archives back to 1845
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