

# Can't I Just Search the Web?

**Sometimes a quick Web search finds just what you need, sometimes not. What are some reasons to add the library to your search strategy?**

**Time** ..... It's yours and it's limited; don't waste it slogging through 10,327 search results when a librarian can often very quickly guide you to the best information resources for your needs.

**Money** ..... You're paying lots of it to be here; librarians spend lots of it on high-quality electronic and print resources *not* available for free on the Web. We love it when you use them! Get your money's worth: Check out our collections in person or at our website at [www.library.jhu.edu](http://www.library.jhu.edu).

**Disgrace** ..... Fact: Not everything is available on the Web. Often this has to do with money and/or copyright. While you're at JHU you'll need to find **scholarly information from reputable sources** in your field of study. Hopkins librarians are subject specialists and can help you learn to navigate the literature of your field. You'll avoid the embarrassment of turning in a paper in which you've cited inappropriate sources.

**Sanity** ..... Information in libraries is organized; information on the Internet is not. Search engines can throw you into page forty-six of some document whose beginning, end, or origin is a mystery.

Don't get us wrong, we love the Web. But it's important to understand the differences between information that's freely available on the Web – lots of great stuff, lots of junk, depending on your purposes – and **information that libraries license that may be delivered via the Web, but that isn't found by any search engine**. We can help you determine the best places to look based on the type of information you need.

We're happy to show you around the JHU Libraries – both online and in person – and help you learn to find what you need efficiently. Visit our website, stop by and say hello – we want to meet you!

*Ask a librarian... the ultimate search engine.*