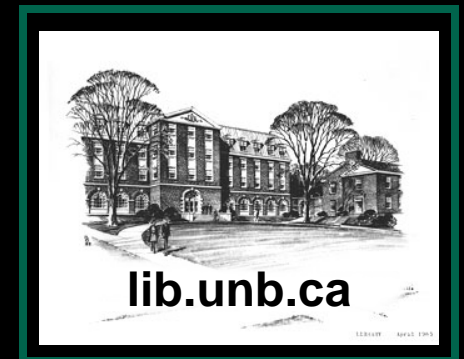# 60-Second
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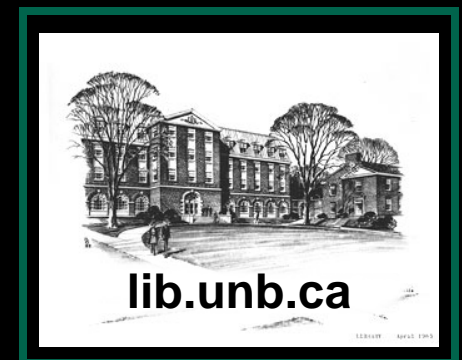# Pop Quiz

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The following student comments reveal commonly held views about library/information research.
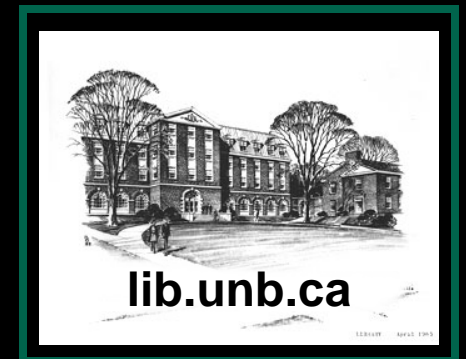
Do you agree with them?

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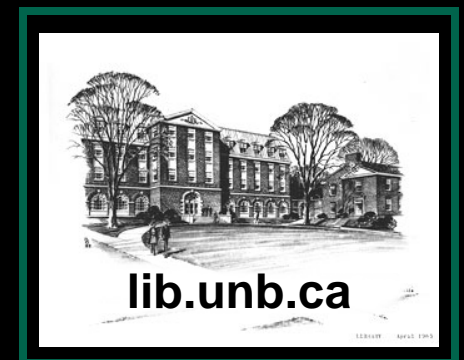
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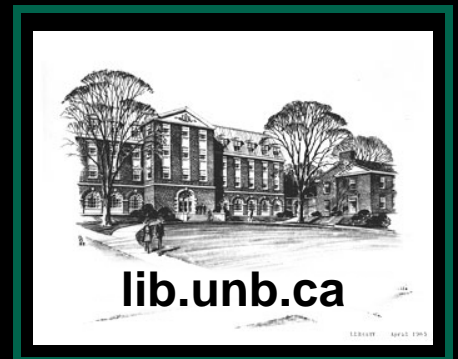**lib.unb.ca**

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**Google can get you started,
BUT….**

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For one thing, *Google* finds you the <u>information you want</u>, not the information you need.
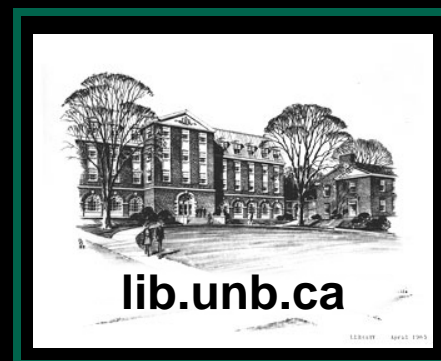
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Secondly, while *Google* finds Wikipedia articles, the library has more reliable introductory overviews of topics—see the Reference Sources tab within a Subject Guide.

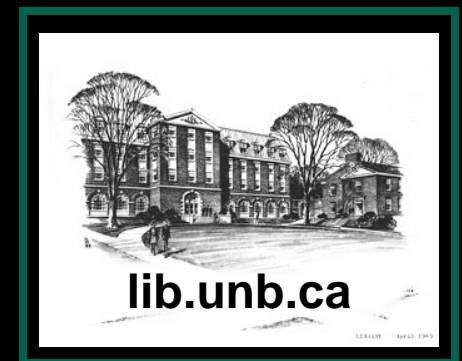**lib.unb.ca**

Google Scholar **does not offer everything that library article databases do:**

1. **Library article databases cover more journals.**

2. **Library databases allow you to focus in-depth on a specific discipline's literature.**

3. **Library databases provide unique and advanced search features.**

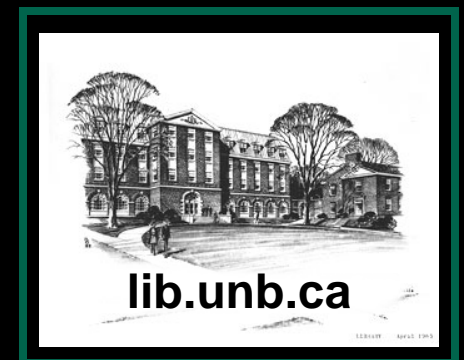4. **And ironically, Google Scholar includes some non-scholarly material.**

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Google Books does not offer everything that library catalogues do:

1. Our library catalogues point to whole print books or e-books, not just descriptions or snippets.

2. Most students tell us they find it easier to read books in print, instead of on a screen.

3. Most of the books in library catalogues have been individually selected by librarians and professors.

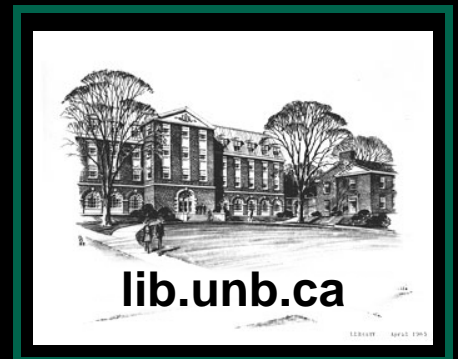**lib.unb.ca**

"Everything's online. I can do my research from home in my PJs."

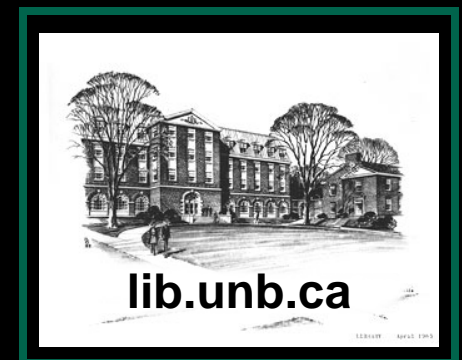**TRUE, FALSE, or SORTA?**

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It's not *all* online. The library has about 1.5 million books and many **print-only journals**. We purchase thousands of new **print books** annually.
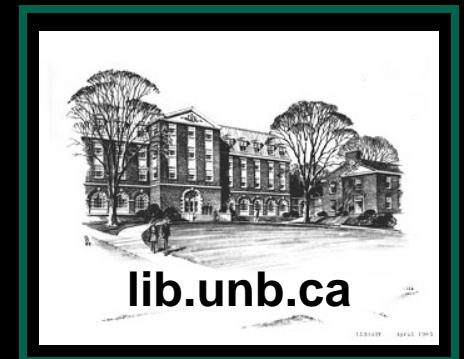
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"The library has only scholarly research material….all of it is reliable information which is OK for my research assignments."
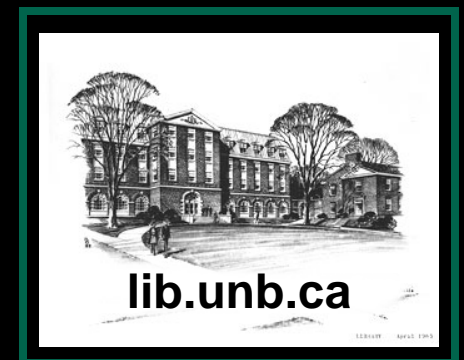
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We do have **"popular"** magazines, newspapers, and books, as well as **professional** journals. Always *critically evaluate* any information you find, even what you find at the library, making sure it is suited to your specific research task.
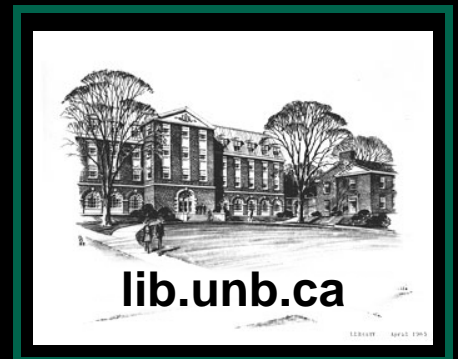
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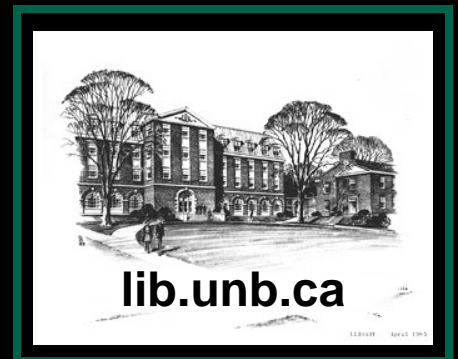# "Finding stuff is easy."

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Take time for research.

Take time to read.

Take time to think.
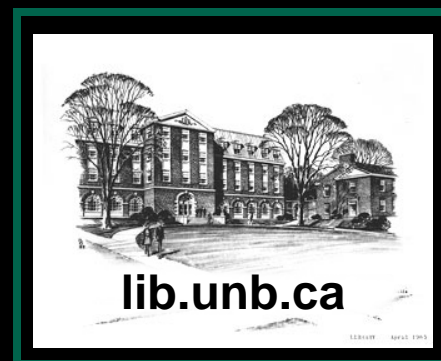
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We are in danger of becoming "a society of decoders of information, whose false sense of knowing distracts [us] from a deeper development of [our] intellectual potential."

- Maryanne Wolf, cognitive neuroscientist

Source: *Proust and the Squid: The Story and Science of the Reading Brain.* New York: Harper Perennial, 2008, p. 226.
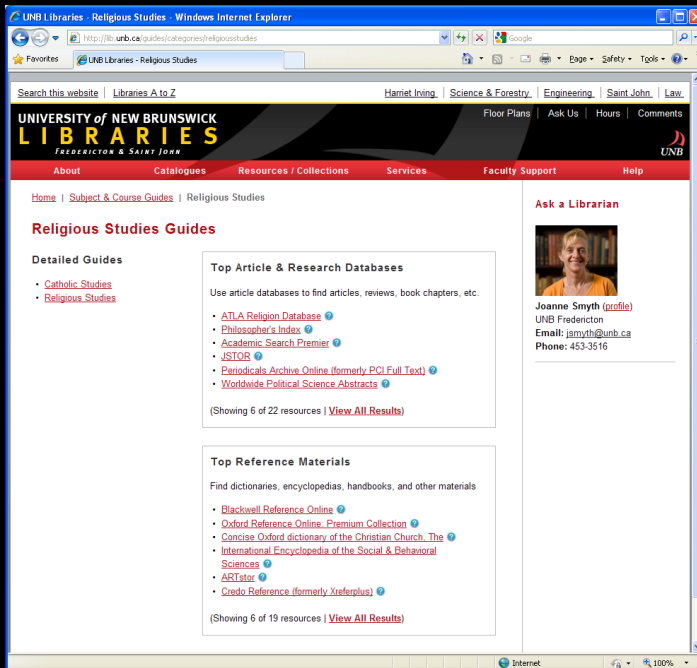
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