



Blogs, RSS Feeds and Keeping Current

First Things First: What Are They?

What's a Blog?

Blog is short for Web log, which is a web page, in the form of an online journal, where user posts are presented in reverse chronological order. *Wikipedia* entry: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blog>

What is RSS?

RSS stands for "Really Simple Syndication". "It is a way to easily distribute a list of headlines, update notices, and sometimes content to a wide number of people." <http://rss.softwaregarden.com/aboutrss.html>

Who Provides RSS Feeds?

Blogs
PubMed Searches
EBSCOhost Database Searches

New York Times
Journals offer TOC and article alerts

How Do I Find Feeds?

Look for icons like these:



Some search engines:

- Feedster <http://www.feedster.com>
- Technorati <http://Technorati.com>
- Google <http://blogsearch.google.com>

Why Subscribe to RSS Feeds?

Subscriptions to RSS feeds allow you to find out when a blog or Web site has been updated without having to visit the site and check.

Bloglines, an aggregator, allows you to subscribe to lists and get messages in a feed reader, not your mailbox

More Information

Bloglines for Librarians in Three (and a half) Easy Steps

<http://joy.mollprojects.com/myprojects/rss/quickrss.html>

Feed2JS

<http://feed2js.org/>

Converts feed to JavaScript that can be copied and pasted into Web pages and Blackboard

Blogger

<http://blogger.com>

Set up a blog

RSS: A Quick Start Guide for Educators

<http://weblogg-ed.com/wp-content/uploads/2006/05/RSSFAQ4.pdf>

Bloglines

<http://www.bloglines.com>

Set up an account for Web feed reader

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