

Zotero

**Use Zotero to Document Your Research &
Enjoy Something akin to *Bibliographic Heaven***

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Question: What is the definition of *Bibliographic Heaven* for a Peninsula College Student?

Answer: Having free access to these bibliographic sources for your research:

- [PC Library Online Resources](#)
- [WorldCat](#)
- [GoogleScholar](#)

**Q: When will you know you are in
Bibliographic Heaven ?**

A: When you are using **Z**otero to document your research process and create your bibliographies:

Zotero

Handwritten
note cards
BZ

3 x 5
index
cards

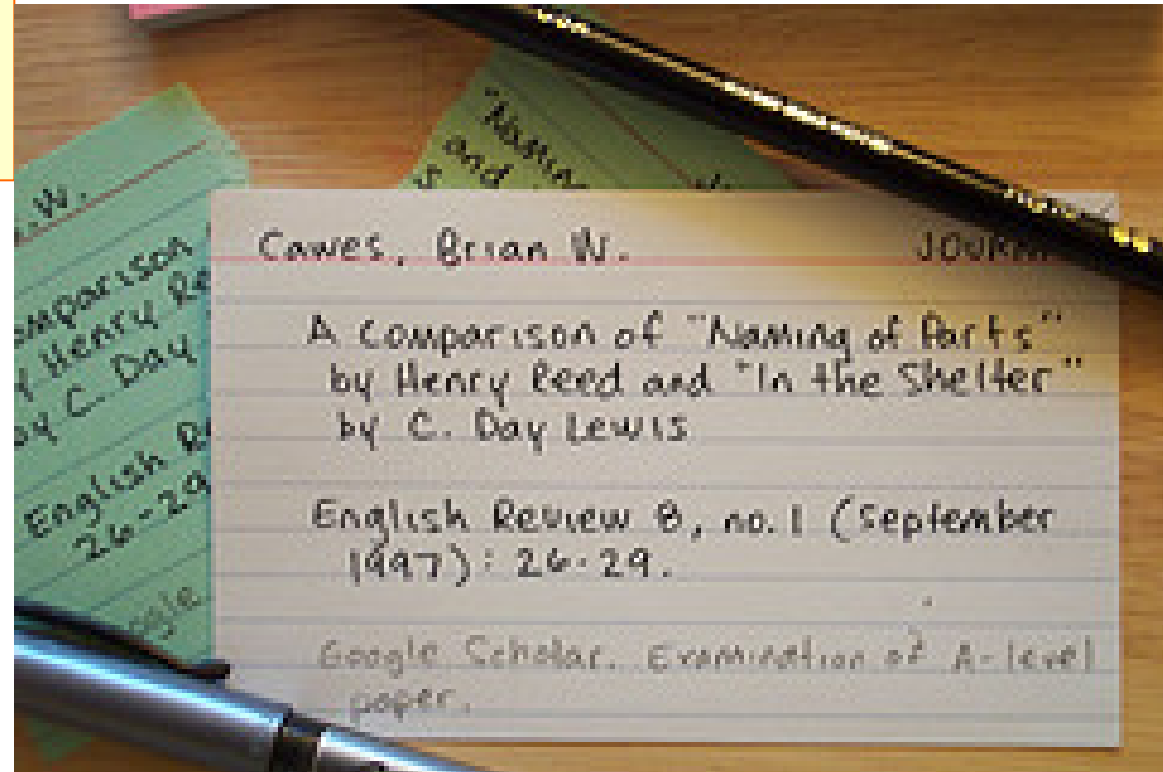


Image credit: [Reading Lessons](#)

In the BZ era there were various computerized research aids

- **Bibliography Generators**

- EasyBib / MyBibPro (\$7.99/year)
- Landmarks Son of Citation Machine
 - (free but requires manual data entry)
- EndNote / ProCite / Reference Manager (\$\$)
- RefWorks / Ref-Grab-it (\$\$)

- **Web 2.0 Academic**

- Social Bookmarking**

- Citeulike.org
 - Connotea.org

Zotero is a new tool for Documentation

- *Goodbye 3 x 5 cards. Hello, **Z**otero*
- *The Web now has a wrangler.*
- *A personal research assistant. Inside your browser.*
- *Leveraging the long tail of scholarship.*
- *See it. Save it. Sort it. Search it. Cite it.*
- *The next generation research tool.*

Zotero Slogans

Characteristics of **Z**otero

Free and open source

Fast, as-you-type, search of your items

Allows enhancement (notes, images, etc.)

Allows personal tags (folksonomy)

Characteristics of **Zotero**

Automatic capture of citation information from Web pages

Flexible notetaking with autosave

Playlist-like library organization, including saved searches (smart collections) and tags

Characteristics of **Z**otero

- Formatted citation export
- Runs right in your web browser
- Saves records and notes in any language
- Stores PDFs, files, images, links, and whole web pages

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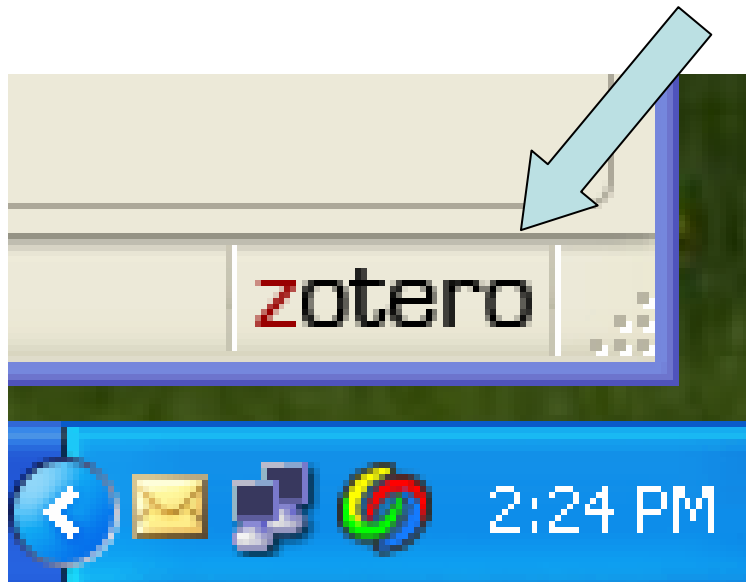
- Integration with *Microsoft Word*, *OpenOffice*, and *NeoOffice*
- Integration with *WordPress* and other blogging software
- Wide variety of import/export options

You should try **Zotero!**

Zotero icon installation

Free Firefox extension installation

- From Firefox 2.0 or higher go to www.zotero.org
- Download, install, and restart. Icon will appear



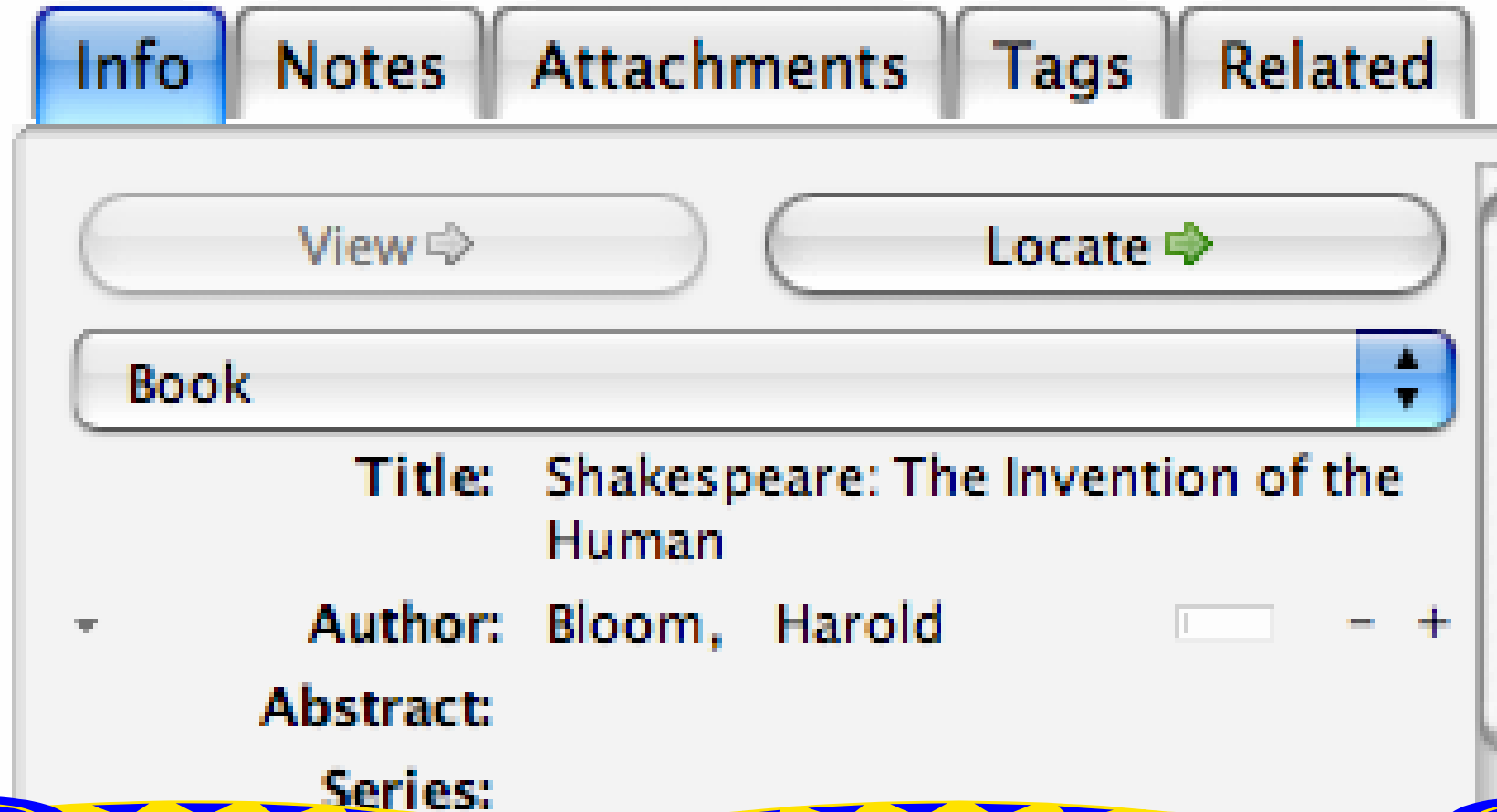
Adding a record to **Z**otero

- Search (using Firefox) library catalogs, databases, or the Web, to find an item, then
- Click on the **Z**otero icon to open **Z**otero, then click on document icon in address bar



An item in **Zotero**

(item details pane, right column)



The screenshot shows the 'Info' tab selected in the Zotero interface. At the top, there are five tabs: 'Info', 'Notes', 'Attachments', 'Tags', and 'Related'. Below the tabs are two buttons: 'View' with a right-pointing arrow and 'Locate' with a green right-pointing arrow. A dropdown menu is open, showing 'Book' as the selected item. Below the dropdown, the following information is displayed:

- Title:** Shakespeare: The Invention of the Human
- Author:** Bloom, Harold (with a search icon and zoom in/out buttons)
- Abstract:**
- Series:**

Item Enhancements

View →

takes you to the web address

Locate →

attempts to find an article or

Info

citation information, which you can edit by c

Notes

notes you've taken on the item (notes are :

Attachments

files, PDFs, images, links, and sna

Tags

tags you've given the item; Zotero may also
articles

Related

other items you've related to this item

What Sources Can You Search to Find Items to add to **Z**otero?

- Library Catalogs & Databases & the Web
- Automatic record creation (also manual, if needed)
 - 34 document types available
 - Blog Post, Podcast, Instant Message, E-mail, etc.
 - Book, Thesis, Conference Paper
 - Audiorecording, Radio Broadcast, TV Broadcast
 - Journal Article, Magazine Article, Newspaper Article
 - Encyclopedia Article, Dictionary Entry, Letter, Map
 - Forum Post, Patent, Statute, Interview, Hearing, etc.

Zotero Compatible Databases

<http://www.zotero.org/translators/>

FULLY SUPPORTED

ABC-CLIO tested 05 October 2006, 10:42pm

ABI-Inform tested 26 June 2007, 11:00am

Supported through ProQuest

Academic Search Premier tested 19 February 2008

Through EBSCO

Agencia del ISBN tested 19 February 2008, 12:09pm

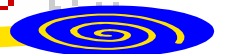
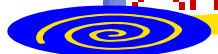
Agricola: National Agricultural Library tested 07 Jan

Aleph tested 12 January 2007, 12:00pm

Amazon.com tested 27 September 2006, 4:24pm

Now supports international sites and retrieves

American Chemical Society (ACS) Publications te:



Storing and Organizing (like in iTunes)

Collections Pane (left column)

Library Items Pane (middle column)

Item Details Pane (right column)

The screenshot shows a library application interface with three panes. The Collections Pane (left) shows a tree view with 'My Library' and 'Shakespeare'. The Library Items Pane (middle) shows a table with columns 'Title' and 'Creator'. The Item Details Pane (right) shows tabs for 'Info', 'Notes', 'Attachments', 'Tags', and 'Related', along with 'View' and 'Locate' buttons and a 'Book' section with 'Title' and 'Author' fields.

Title	Creator	
Shakespeare Online		1
The background to Shak...	Wait	

Book

Title: The background to Shakespeare's sonnets

Author: Wait, R. J. C.



**Notes, tags, annotations, etc. are allowed...
Critical thinking is encouraged...**

The screenshot shows a digital library interface with a navigation bar at the top containing tabs for 'Info', 'Notes', 'Attachments', 'Tags', and 'Related'. Below the navigation bar are two buttons: 'View Snapshot' with a green arrow and 'Locate' with a grey arrow. The main content area displays the following information:

Web Page

Title: Shakespeare Online

Author: (last), (first)

Abstract:



Creating a Bibliography

- Highlight and drag items to text area of a word processor... it's that easy once you've set your preferences... or ...
- Right click → "Create Bibliography"
- Select citation style (MLA, APA, etc.)
- Select output format (RTF, HTML, etc.)

Summary of Advantages of **Zotero**

- It's a **free** *Firefox* download (just use the Firefox browser and go to: <http://www.zotero.org> to download zotero)
- Contains features of commercial programs
- Relatively easy to use
- You can use **Zotero** with *GoogleDocs* or other word processors to instantly format a bibliography to document your research