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## Bookspeak

Wear the old coat and buy the new book.

*Austin Phelps*

There is no mistaking a real book when one meets it. It is like falling in love.

*Christopher Morley*

Never judge a book by its movie.

*J. W. Eagan*

Beware the man of one book.

*Thomas Aquinas*

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read.

*Groucho Marx*

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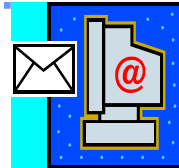
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*Dear Marian: Do you Google?*

*Sincerely, Ga Ga for Google*



**Dear G.G.G.:**

Do you know the saying "When all you have is a hammer, everything's a nail?" Of course I Google – *IF* it's the right tool.

To simplify: I tend to Google when I know very little *or* a whole lot about a subject. With very little information, I'm often Google-ing to find a logical place to start searching for more info. For example, if I'm trying to verify a citation and I'm wondering about the spelling of the author's name or what journal published the article. Or I know little about a topic and I'm willing to scan through several (hundred?) Web sites to get a feel for the discipline and how much information is out there.

On the other hand, if I've already learned a lot about the subject, I may Google for very specific pieces of information or for alternative viewpoints. That way, I can verify the authority of the website based on what I already know about the topic.

But, Google is not the only tool I use. We at Emerson Library (and you too!) have access to over 100 Passports online databases full of articles, business data, photographs, etc. and thousands of reference books. This information has editorial oversight (and sometimes peer-review) which helps to establish its authority. While we must evaluate everything we read, it seems safer IMHO to quote or cite articles and data found in subscription databases for an academic research paper.

My advice: Never limit yourself from using the full range of tools in your searching toolbox.

*Sincerely, the Information Carpenter, Marian*

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