

## Exercise #6

### Finding RSS Feeds to Keep On Top of Change and News

In this exercise you will learn some tools for finding RSS Feeds, which are useful to keep up to date on a current topic of interest.

**NOTE:** To read RSS feeds, you must use a Feed Reader, such as Bloglines.com. Bloglines has a great reputation and many convenient features. To learn more about using Bloglines, see **Cheat Sheet #3**. There are many other RSS feed readers.

#### Instructions:

Use the **search tool specified** to answer the following questions.

1. *Where can I see examples of how libraries are using RSS feeds in their websites to broadcast to their communities what's new – new additions to collections, library events, etc.*

Use **Bloglines** – bloglines.com. Search **FOR FEEDS**.

Suggested search: **news feeds library**

2. *I am a science librarian, and I heard that the Library of Congress offers RSS feeds to keep current with new publications and things produced by their Science, Technology, and Business Division. How can I find this feed?*

Use **Google web search** – google.com.

Suggested search: **rss feeds science reference site:loc.gov**

3. I want to be able to track news articles as they appear that mention California public libraries.

Use **Google News Search** – news.google.com

Suggested search: **california "public library" OR "public libraries"**

**NOTE:** After this search is run in Google News, the **RSS** link on the left is to a feed for this specific search. It is XML code. Whenever you find XML code, copy the URL of this page and paste it the **Blog or Feed URL** or **Subscribe** box in your feed reader (in Bloglines, this box is at bloglines.com/sub).