

## Exercise #4

### Working with Feeds in Bloglines

In this exercise you will look at ways to save some feed content for later when using Bloglines. You will also practice searching for feeds of interest.

#### A. Save some content after you've viewed it, so you can return to it later

1. Once you've viewed new content in Bloglines, it does not show it to you again. The assumption is that these are news items, and most people don't personally archive every newspaper they read.
2. However, there are two ways to save certain items.
  - i. Click on one of your feeds. If you don't see any items, click the **Display** button to show all items from the last month.
  - ii. Notice that each item has a checkbox that says **keep as new**. Checking this box on an entry tells Bloglines to show it along with other new content – temporarily keeping it in your inbox until you uncheck that box.
  - iii. If you'd like to keep an item in a more long-term way, click the **Clip/Blog This** link that appears with each item. Try this now with an item from one of your feeds.
  - iv. A separate window will open with rudimentary blogging tools that are part of Bloglines. Ignore that part and scroll to the bottom where you will click on **Save to Clippings Folder**.
  - v. That item is now permanently saved and can be viewed in the **Clippings** tab on the left side of your Bloglines.

#### B. Search for feeds on a topic

1. Return to the **Exercise Links** tab/window and click on **LibWorm**.
2. Find a feed of interest to you and subscribe to it in your Bloglines account.
  - i. Search for something library-related that interests you. For example, **virtual reference**. Add a feed to your Bloglines account.
  - ii. Browse the categories and subjects. Find a feed that interests you and add it to your Bloglines account.

#### C. Find a Blog through Google Blog Search

1. Use the Exercise links and go to **Google Blog Search**.
2. Try searching for the same topic (e.g., virtual reference) and compare results to what you found in LibWorm. Which results were better?
3. Now search for something not library related, for example, "knitting," and see what you find.
4. Use Advanced Blog Search to limit by date and see only what's been posted in the last hour or day.