A Scholar’s Best Friend...

ZOTERO: An Extension for the Firefox Web-Browser

http://www.zotero.org/

Designed by the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University and funded by the United States Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Zotero is a free citation management tool designed to collect, organize and cite research references. Because it operates out of the Firefox web-browser, Zotero recognizes metadata of books, articles, images, websites and other online references, thereby freeing the researcher from manually collecting citation information. (I.E., no more note cards!) It also stores notes, tags and other information related to the reference. It further allows the researcher to manually input other references for complete research and citation management. Stored information can later be searched by keyword, tag or any bibliographic information. Finally, Zotero can be integrated with software on your personal computer, allowing easy in-text citation. A snapshot of some of Zotero’s basic features is set forth below.

REFERENCE CAPTURE...

From the Catalog Record—

The Lovely Bones
by Alice Sebold

To the Capture—

Contains all bibliographic data for citation.

To the Zotero Record—

Simply click on book icon in URL to capture the citation information!
**ANNOTATION...**

**NOTES, TAGS, OTHER RECORDS**

Attach other records to your citation. In this example, we added notes, a cover image and a link to a book review.

**ORGANIZATION...**

**FROM “MY LIBRARY”**

“My library” is a complete list of all the items collected.

**TO “FOLDERS” AND “SUB-FOLDERS”**

Items from “My library” can be divided into folders and sub-folders. In this example, items for a summer reading display are further categorized by classics, favorite authors, hot summer reads, etc.

**TO “WORKS CITED”**

Simply right click on the collection you wish to cite and select “Create bibliography from collection.” A list of all the items in that collection will appear in a “Works Cited” list in the citation style you select.