

TOTS (Tools for Outreach and Teaching Series)
RSS Feeds: Information to Your Door
Thursday August 2nd, 2007 - 1:00-3:00 pm

1. How do you see yourself using this tool in your work environment?

- Subject guide – RSS feed for new books in the library
- List top 10; click for more
- Keeping ahead in liaison areas; one step ahead of faculty
- Highlighting library services
- New and upcoming Workshops
- New images posted to UBC Archives Content-DM
- DSpace – newly deposited items
- Library news – feed
- News about ubc in the media “news about the library; combined news feeds

2. What are some of the advantages of using this technology?

- Low maintenance –set it up once, leave it alone. Don’t need to update like html
- Don’t constantly need to recode html
- Adding value for faculty
- Current awareness – keeping up to date

3. What are some of the challenges of using this technology?

- Catch it now – posts disappear, gone with new update
- Technology keeps changing; bloglines was state of the art, now google reader
- But – rss itself is here to stay
- overwhelmed by news
- keeping up with new posts
- figuring out which feeds work best in which environment

Things that session participants would like to see at UBC Library:

- List of UBC Library related feeds
- Generic RSS feed “how to” instructions
- RSS feed in catalogue; journal table of contents
- List of journals and publishers with RSS feeds (see U. Sask)
- Blended feeds: science direct “cited by” feed – faculty current awareness