

NoodleTools

NoodleTools is a suite of interactive tools designed to aid students in their online research. With *NoodleBib* you can generate, edit, and publish an *MLA Works Cited* list or an *APA References* list that complies with the rules of the current *MLA Handbook* or the *APA Publication Manual*. *NoodleBib* takes care of punctuation, alphabetization and formatting producing a polished source list for import into Word or other word processor.

NoodleTools is available through the SCC website (www.scciowa.edu). Click on the CURRENT STUDENTS link on the left side of the page. Click on the SCC LIBRARIES link on the right side of the page. Click on the NOODLETOOLS link.

From the Southeastern Community College “Register or Sign In” page:

Choose “Create a Personal ID.”

Choose “I am a student or library patron.”

Fill in the boxes under “Choose a Personal ID.” Your password must be at least six characters.

Click “Register.”

Click on “Create a New List.”

Choose “MLA Advanced” or “APA Advanced.”

Provide a description for the list.

Click on “Create.”

Once you have created a personal id and password you can use them to sign in.

Select a citation type from the drop down box.

Click “Create Citation”

NoodleBib will take you through a series of worksheets with questions about your source. Fill in all the appropriate boxes. On the right hand side of each worksheet is helpful information about each question. After you have answered all the questions:

Click on “Check for Errors.” This will check only for capitalization and abbreviation errors. It does not check spelling.

Click on “Generate Citation.” The citation will be added to your list in its final form. It is possible to edit the citation. You will be taken back to the worksheet you filled in before.

Select the citation type for your next source from the drop down box and repeat the steps until you have completed all your citations. You can then choose from a number of options. You can: share the list with a teacher, email the list or save the list as a *Word* document. There is also an analysis tool and the ability to change the way the list is sorted.

To print the list:

Choose “Save as a Word Doc.”

Click on “Save as an RTF document.” If you are in the library, you will have to save the document to your network storage or a thumb drive.

Click on “Save” in the file download window.

Save in and choose the appropriate drive from the drop down box. *NoodleBib* will assign an arbitrary string of letters and numbers as a file name. You will probably want to change the name of the file.

Click “Save.”

You can now open your list in any word processor. You can print your list or add it to a document.

Your list will be kept in your personal folder for six months after the date of your last access. You can return to the list to make additions or corrections.

There is a feature that allows you to create and manage note cards for each list.

NoodleTools has an extensive help feature.

Ask the library staff for help at any time!

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