



We were doing some sleuthing for our members, and it occurred to us that many of the members could do their own investigations. So, if you want to go solo, here are some good web sites to play around with. And, as always, contact Kenna the Librarian if you get stuck (410-727-6367 x24 or [kforsyth@mdnonprofit.org](mailto:kforsyth@mdnonprofit.org).) or need more help.

**Caller, Program Manager Paul:**

I think other websites are using materials that I develop and posted on our site. Is there any way that I can find out if this is so?

**Kenna, the Librarian:**

It just so happens that we do know of a website that will check to see if information is being copied. Take a look at [www.copyscape.com](http://www.copyscape.com). Enter your site's address and the results will be immediate. Most of the quotes or references that appear will be legitimate – that is, your web site will be credited – but you may find some folks who have taken over your content and are passing it on as their own. We hope not!

**Caller, Phyllis Fundraiser:**

I have misplaced this year's June 14 issue of The Chronicle of Philanthropy. There is an article "Charity Donors Don't Necessarily give to Political Groups" that I meant to clip. I know you have The Chronicle in your libraries; could you copy the article and fax it to me?

**Kenna, the Librarian:**

We can do you one better – 'cause have you ever tried to copy an article from the Chronicle? Not fun! If you have a public library card from any jurisdiction in Maryland (and you better!), you can get access to our favorite journal database. Go to [www.sailor.lib.md.us](http://www.sailor.lib.md.us), click on EBSCO, enter your library card number, and click on Master File; then either search the Chronicle for your article title or go to Search Publications, click on C, find the Chronicle, peruse the table of contents of the issue date and click on the full-text article. It prints out nicely or you can email it. Call us if you have trouble.

And, by the way, your public library is the best value in town. The public library puts your tax dollars to work by providing wonderful resources such as this database.

**Caller, Steven Student:**

Every time I use Google to look up things about nonprofits I get a lot of commercial sites. I am tired of sifting through them to get to the relevant content. Now that I am looking for some serious stuff (e.g. "what is Impact Philanthropy?"), it is particularly painful. Isn't there a better way to do this?

**Kenna, the Librarian:**

Here is your chance to advance on to Google Scholar. Its web address is [www.scholar.google.com](http://www.scholar.google.com). Enter your question and you will get lots of results from academic sources, some with full text, some only with abstracts. If the latter happens, go to the EBSCO database and see if you can find the full-text article there. Good luck and let us know if we can help further.