If you are listening to this, you have obviously discovered the libraries’ podcasts. However, we’d like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the other technologies University Libraries employs to make content available to you and to tell you how you can personalize the libraries’ website so that the resources you use most often are available from a personalized library homepage.

In the footer of the libraries’ website, you will see an RSS button. RSS stands for Rich Site Summary or Really Simple Syndication. RSS technology delivers "feeds" that contain short descriptions of web content together with a link to the full version of the content. Only sites that have converted their content to RSS format can be read using RSS technology. University Libraries offers RSS feeds for its News & Announcements, employment opportunities, new databases added to LORA, and new books added to certain call number ranges. If you want to stay up-to-date about what is happening at the library or what new resources we have acquired, consider setting up RSS feeds.

If you are a regular visitor to the OU Libraries’ website, you probably have your “favorite” resources and pages, the resources you frequently consult, the ones you couldn’t live without. University Libraries has made it easier for you to access these resources with the My Library feature. My Library is a feature that allows you to personalize your OU Libraries' homepage, adding features and links most useful to you for quicker and easier access to the information you need. Once you have created your personalized homepage, you will see this information when you are logged into the University Libraries' website instead of the default homepage.

To customize your My Library page, login to the library website and click on the ["My Library"](http://libraries.ou.edu/mylibrary/customize/) link on the left-hand navigation bar. From your personalized library homepage, you can include direct links to your favorite LORA databases or e-reference materials, and to LORA subjects. You may also include search boxes to the catalog and to search multiple databases. If you are a frequent user of certain library services such as interlibrary loan or Sooner Express, you may include direct links to these services as well. There are many options for customizing the content of your library homepage, so check out the My Library feature to see how you might be able to more efficiently use the library website.

Some of the resources to which the library subscribes provide current awareness services. These services allow you to create profiles within the given resource. Once you have created a profile, you will receive periodic updates based on the specifics of your profile. These services are a great way to stay current on research topics of interest. The types of current awareness services vary by resource, but some of these alerting services include saved search alerts, table of contents alerts, abstracts of new articles, preprint alerts, author alerts, and article review alerts. A list of library resources providing current awareness alerting services is available from the libraries’ website. Visit the services page for a link to this list.

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