Bibliographic Citation Software

Bibliographic citation management tools are a great bridge between the Library's collections and the user's own research and writing. Three that are widely used at Yale are RefWorks, Endnote, and Zotero. Users tell us often how strapped they are for time. Services that save them time are always popular. For this reason the direct export to Refworks and Endnote are really helpful tools, because with only a few clicks the user can move complete citations from popular databases to their Refworks or Endnote library.

In Yufind, this can be done from a record field by selecting a record from a list of titles. At the top of the record a series of options are displayed. "Export Record" has two options: one for Refworks and the other for Endnote. Refworks will work anywhere, for Endnote the user must use a computer with Endnote installed on it. When the user has done this, the information they need for a citation will all be there: author, title, publisher etc.

Many databases allow several records to be selected and exported at one time. In Academic Search, this is done by clicking "Add to folder" for any references that the user wants to move to Refworks or Endnote. Moving to the "Folder" area, the user has four options: print, email, save or export. From export, Refworks, Endnote and Endnote Web are all options. For articles, SFX links to the record will automatically be created. With these links the user can quickly find the fulltext of an article online.

One of the most amazing things to students is the way that Refworks and Endnote both integrate with Word to produce formatted bibliographies. In these cases it is as simple as finding the needed records and inserting citations into a paper (in Refworks this is done through Write-N-Cite and with Endnote X2 through a set of Endnote add in options). After inserting, issuing a "format bibliography" command and selecting the correct style, a beautifully formatted bibliography will magically appear.