How does NoodleTools work?

Do you dread creating citations for your papers and projects? NoodleTools can help you out! It is citation software that assists you with the process, and it can help you better understand the formatting of both *Works Cited* (MLA) and *References* (APA) pages.

**Getting Started**

From the Library’s home page, click on to the *MLA & APA Citations* tab. Access NoodleTools by clicking on the icon in the top row. To make life easier—make sure you have your sources and any useful information gathered and ready to go.

Login or register for a new account. If you are off campus, you will need to authenticate as an SMCC user first, then enter your personal log in. To do this, use the ID: *maine* and the password: *library* for the institutional login.

The NoodleTools interface isn’t fancy, but it does make the *New Project* button easy to find. Click to get started, and select the appropriate citation style, and the *advanced* citation level. You’re now up and running on NoodleTools!
Creating Citations

From the Sources area of your current project, you’ll be able to select the green button to Create a New Citation.

Creating a new citation will trigger a two step menu. First, select where you found your source. A much larger menu will appear, allowing you to select what type of info your source is.

When you’ve selected a source, you’ll get a customized “form” to fill in. Fill in as much information about your source as possible. Pay special attention to fields marked with red asterisks, as these are required fields.

NoodleTools will offer suggestions and explanations of fields, and will point out potential mistakes as you complete your entry.

**Pro Tip:** Click on Copy & Paste a Citation if you have a citation ready to go from a trusted source.

**Finishing Up**

Creating a citation automatically saves it to your project, and it won’t go away unless you manually delete it. You can also edit a citation, copy and paste it to another project, and preview what an in-text citation would look like. NoodleTools even alphabetizes entries automatically!

When your list of sources is done, use the Print/Export menu to push the full list to Word, a Pages-friendly rtf, or even GoogleDocs—with little or NO editing needed!