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## DOT Research Library web site goes "live"

Do you need information from the Department of Transportation? State employees can now access information online at [www.state.nj.us/transportation/refdata/library/](http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/refdata/library/).

The DOT Research Library collects documents from many sources including the Transportation Research Board, the Federal Highway Administration, other state DOTs and the NJ DOT, particularly its research bureau.

The DOT Research Library is located on the third floor of the David J. Goldberg Transportation Complex at 1036 Parkway Avenue in Ewing. It offers full service to all state employees. To complete a request for information, find the form at [www.state.nj.us/transportation/refdata/library/request.shtm](http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/refdata/library/request.shtm).

### Get a Card ... online!

Many of the online resources and services on the State Library web site ask you to enter the barcode from your NJSL library card.

To obtain a library card, fill out the State Employee Borrower Registration Form on our web site.  
[www.njstatelib.org/Collections\\_and\\_Services/How\\_to\\_Borrow/state\\_empl\\_reg\\_form.php](http://www.njstatelib.org/Collections_and_Services/How_to_Borrow/state_empl_reg_form.php)

## Searching for the Right Search Engine (part 2 of 5)

### Clusty

We all have different ways to learn and remember information, i.e. visualization, repetition or memorization. Taking the time to find a search engine that fits your learning style can make finding information easier and results in higher quality information from the Internet. The featured search engine for this edition of the LINK offers visual learners the ability to "have it their way."

Clusty, [www.clusty.com](http://www.clusty.com), offers its search outcome in cluster format. Enter a search term and the results are processed with tabs at the top of the page. This feature allows you to view results from specific areas including news, jobs, blogs, wikipedia, and shopping.

The page's left-hand side offers a navigation bar with further clarification of the search topic.

With Clusty, you can customize the tabs you want to display and put them in the order you prefer. It's very visual, very easy to navigate, and very informative.

Clusty improves the quality of your search results. It puts more personal choice at your fingertips rather than restricting you to relying on an algorithm to decide what is relevant.

If you like trying different quality search engines, visit the State Library's web site at [www.njstatelib.org/Research\\_Guides/Web\\_Guides/Search\\_Engines.php](http://www.njstatelib.org/Research_Guides/Web_Guides/Search_Engines.php) for more possibilities.

Our reference librarians are always willing to assist you. Contact them at 609-292-6220 or [refdesk@njstatelib.org](mailto:refdesk@njstatelib.org).

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## Homeland Security Information Now Available Online

The New Jersey State Library now offers one-click access to the [Homeland Security Digital Library \(HSDL\)](#).

The digital library is the nation's premier collection of homeland security policy and strategy-related documents. Offering vital information is to support local, state and federal analysis and decision-making needs and assist academics of all disciplines in homeland defense and security related research.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training and the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defenses and Security, the digital collection focuses on strategy and policy in the various subject areas of Homeland Security Research and supports the curriculum of the [Center for Homeland Defense and Security \(CHDS\)](#).

Access to U.S. policy documents, presidential directives, national strategy documents, as well as specialized resources such as theses and reports from universities, organizations, and local and state agencies can be found on the web site. HSDL subject areas include: borders and immigration, emergency management, infrastructure protection, intelligence, law and justice, terrorism and threats and weapons and weapon systems. The collection includes government (federal, state and local) documents, policies and procedures, research studies, theses, dissertations, technical reports, white papers, public repository materials, state and local plans, Internet sites, maps, videos and audio streams.

The HSDL collection is accessible at the State Library from the [Electronics Resources page of Cyberdesk](#). Remote access is available for state employees only, and requires setting up an individual account to browse topics or search.

### URL:

[www.njstatelib.org/electronic\\_resources/subject/politics.php](http://www.njstatelib.org/electronic_resources/subject/politics.php).

## Quick Reference:

**How to set up an individual account to search the  
Homeland Security Digital Library Collection at work or  
home**

- Go to: [www.njstatelib.org/electronic\\_resources/subject/politics.php](http://www.njstatelib.org/electronic_resources/subject/politics.php)
- Click on: "Homeland Security Digital Library Collection"
- Click on "Request an individual HSDL account"  
(Located on the center right of the screen)

You will receive an email verifying that the account is open.  
You can now log in and access the collection.

If you create an account while at the State Library, click on the "Manage account" icon. Please remember an account is not required for searching while you are at the State Library.

For more information on the HSDL Collection, contact Teri Taylor at [taylor@njstatelib.org](mailto:taylor@njstatelib.org) or 609-292-6259.