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## New Jersey State Library's Newsletter for State Employees

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## RESERVE A LIBRARY COMPUTER ONLINE

The New Jersey State Library recently installed a new software system that allows you to sign up directly on our public computers.

Reservations to use a State Library computer may be made ahead of time from your work or home computer. Once a reservation is made, you can also view or cancel it. To make a reservation:

- Visit [www.njstatelib.org/cyberdesk](http://www.njstatelib.org/cyberdesk) and scroll to where it says "Reserve a computer" on the left-hand side of the screen and follow the prompts.

Eleven public computers allow full access to the Internet. Additionally express computers in the lobby, law and reference areas allow 15-minute sessions. These computers are perfect for checking email, getting directions, finding out the weather, or searching quickly on any topic.

We invite you to drop in on your lunch hour and check your email or stay awhile and catch up on your news or research. Don't forget to check our online catalog. Reserve a book and we'll have it waiting for you.



If you need more information or help with a reservation, contact the reference desk at 609-292-6220 or [refdesk@njstatelib.org](mailto:refdesk@njstatelib.org).

### GET A STATE LIBRARY CARD

Stop by the Circulation desk in the lobby or complete the State Employee Borrower Registration Form on our web site:

[www.njstatelib.org/cyberdesk](http://www.njstatelib.org/cyberdesk)

You're viewing an archived copy from the New Jersey State Library.

## EVEN MORE FREE U.S. SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING REPORTS

The New Jersey State Library has been accepted into a pilot program to provide free access to technical reports. This gives visitors to our library federal research documents dating between 1964 and 2000. Previously these full-text articles would have been accessible only through as fee-based technical reports.

The pilot program is run by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) and the Government Printing Office (GPO). As the nation's largest central resource for government-funded scientific, technical, engineering, and business related information, the NTIS uses more than 1,250 libraries nationwide to maintain and disseminate products from all three branches of the Government.

Access to the federal research documents is available onsite and requires a username and password for access. A reference librarian can assist you when you visit the library.

If you want to know more about the U.S. Documents collection visit: [www.njstatelib.org/collections\\_and\\_Services/US\\_Documents.php](http://www.njstatelib.org/collections_and_Services/US_Documents.php)

For more information on the NTIS/GPO Pilot program or the U.S. Documents collection, contact Teri Taylor at [ttaylor@njstatelib.org](mailto:ttaylor@njstatelib.org), [refdesk@njstatelib.org](mailto:refdesk@njstatelib.org), or 609-292-6220.

### TOP TEN SUBJECT AREAS FOR DOCUMENTS IN THE NTIS/GPO PILOT PROGRAM:

1. **Physics**
2. **Environmental Pollution and Control**
3. **Nuclear Science and Technology**
4. **Medicine and Biology**
5. **Energy**
6. **Chemistry**
7. **Materials Science**
8. **Natural Resources and Earth Sciences**
9. **Computers and Information Theory**
10. **Behavior and Society**

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## SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT SEARCH ENGINE: SURFWAX.COM

*(part 4 of a 5-part series)*



Catch the Internet search wave at [surfwax.com](http://surfwax.com). This search engine got its name because surf wax helps surfers grip their surfboard. The company says, "[Surfwax](http://surfwax.com) helps you get the best grip on information."

[Surfwax](http://surfwax.com) makes it easy to look up [news](#), [shopping information](#), [wikipedia-type definitions](#) and [health topics](#) by giving visual choices. From its main page, click on your choice and as you type your search, related terms, like name and events for a news item, appear in a drop-down box directly below the search box. Click on the suggested word or term and run the search.

Maybe you find the idea of catching a wave with a surfboard a little daunting, but [Surfwax](http://surfwax.com) makes "hanging ten" on the Web easy with its point and click method. For other search engine options, visit [www.njstatelib.org/cyberdesk](http://www.njstatelib.org/cyberdesk) and click on search engines.

### Sample Search on Surfwax:

- You want camping gear for a trip to the Smokey Mountains.
- On Sufwax.com type in "camping gear" + Smokey Mountains, hit "search"
- The results show with focus words on the left-hand side above the displayed results.
- The focus words for this example are "camping," "gear," and "mountains."
- Click on any of these words and Surfwax offers you broader or narrower terms from which to choose.

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