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**A Library Learning 2.0 Program**

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This newsletter offers encouragement, tips, new tools, and other ideas to participants in More Things On a Stick, A Library Learning 2.0 Program sponsored by the seven Minnesota multicounty multitype library systems.

There are still More Things stickers available. See Issue 1 for details! Don't miss out.

### ➡ Deadline Extended!

After multiple requests and inquiries about extending the deadline, we have decided to acquiesce and **extend the end date to June 20**. So get on the Stick: we *want* to give you a prize!

**Remember, everyone who completes at least 10 of the Things and blogs about them will receive the incentive**, a cool bag with the More Things On a Stick logo. Those who do **all** of the Things and blog about them will receive a bonus. To give us an idea of how many we need, please answer this quick survey.

Another reason to extend the deadline is because t**his is the only round of More Things On a Stick**--no second chances to complete. Deadline is June 20, 2009.

If you still need More Things stickers, send a self-addressed stamped envelop to More Things Stickers, Metronet, 1619 Dayton Ave. Ste 314, St. Paul MN 55104.

### ➡ Bad Twitter! Good Twitter!

David Lee King had an interesting [post](#) about using Twitter to complain about library patrons. He says it is a bad idea; what do you think? Harmless kvetching or giving librarians a bad image?

Info Today has an [article](#) on libraries and Twitter which offers some ideas on using the service. It suggests:

> Libraries on Twitter should encourage followers to interact with the library-ask questions, share links, re-Tweet interesting posts from others, and reply when people message you (those are prefaced with @ your account name). For professional development, look for conference coverage on Twitter.

And for a little Twitter humor, try this [translation guide](#).

It is starting to seem we could do 23 Things About Twitter, as much press as it continues to get!

## Google: Almost Everyone's Favorite Things

Google continues to dominate the search engine category and most librarians love it! Here are a couple of changes to how search results are displayed for images and for general searches.

Google Image search has added a blue bar across the top of the image results list that allows you to filter your results by image size, type of image (news, faces, clip art, line drawings, or photo) and by color. These have been in Image Advanced Search along with a few others, like limiting to black and white images or file type, but adding the bar makes the

filtering quick and easy.

New this week is the addition of a Show Options link at the top of your search results. Click on this and you get a sidebar with a variety of ways to limit your results, including limit by video, forums, or reviews. Other options include limit by time so you can retrieve only the past 24 hours through the past year. You can expand the results list by clicking Images from Page, which will show any images on that results page or more text to get more information about that result. Both are handy when browsing a list of results looking for specific information.

Under Standard View options you can choose from Related Searches to get suggested keywords or phrases or click Timeline to get the Google News Timeline related to your term. There is also the WonderWheel option that gives a visual satellite-shaped view of your results. Clicking through on any of these options reveals more choices, too.

Take time to explore these new features. Are they useful or not?

Have fun doing More Things On a Stick. Feel free to pass this newsletter on to your colleagues, family, and friends. Email questions to minn23@gmail.com.

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