

Library Letters

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What are citation managers?

These are software that create a database of citations to sources for your research and/or course projects.

They also provide tools to automate in-text citation and bibliography creation for research documents, such as research papers, grant proposals, and article manuscripts.

More information at <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/citationmanagers/ChooseACitationManager>

Library support for three citation managers:

There are several citation managers available. Each has its pros/cons that we can help you work through. We provide a university site license to download the full desktop version of EndNote at no charge; we also provide instruction and support for using Mendeley and Zotero. Additional information and preliminary training videos for each are located at:

EndNote: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/citationmanagers/EndNote>

Mendeley: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/citationmanagers/Mendeley>

Zotero: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/citationmanagers/Zotero>



A few examples of the support we provide:

- Work with you to help find a manager that best suits your needs (e.g. which work with Google Docs, on mobile devices, for collaboration, allow for multiple libraries, etc.)
- Meet with you one-on-one, or conduct a workshop, on how to use one or more managers
- Based on the functions within the manager, we can help set up tools like “find full text”, cite-while-you-write, store PDFs with your own annotations/highlights, etc
- Troubleshoot when things aren’t working like they should

Assistance for specific citation managers:

EndNote - endnote-support-g@vt.edu

Mendeley - mendeley-support-g@vt.edu

Zotero - zotero-support-g@vt.edu

The above emails go to a group of “in-house experts” in the University Libraries who are here to help you with any questions, assistance, consultations, or training on how to use the specified citation manager.

Questions?
Please contact me at:
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