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Google Search Engine Now Featured on Metro's Intranet

- Linked from Intranet home page

- Can search all departments and formats for information

(Sept. 9, 2005) MyMetro.net presents a brand new feature, today, that Intranet users will find especially helpful in tracking down previous news articles and any other content posted on department web pages.

It's the Google search engine – the same superfast information source so popular on the World Wide Web. The Google link is now available on the Intranet home page.

powered by Google

Check it out!

Google features an Advance Search link that gives the user more search options.

Using Google, readers can search all .html web pages and Microsoft Office formats, and can pull up information located in .pdf files, PowerPoint presentations and Excel spread sheets. It will even search the daily news clippings provided by Media Relations.

"It turns the entire Intranet into a set of library shelves for our employees," says Matt Barrett, Dorothy Peyton Gray Library administrator. "It's a virtual library."

For the past year or so, the Library has been upgrading the Board of Directors' policy archives using Google as the primary search tool. The Library was able to expand its contract with Google to include the Intranet.

Includes a spell checker

Like the familiar Internet Google search engine, the Intranet version includes an English word spell checker and will suggest alternative words if a search word appears to be misspelled.

Google features an Advance Search link that gives the user more search options. The Help link provides assistance and a number of suggestions for locating the exact document a user is seeking.

Google presents its search results based on a formula that takes into account a number of factors. It will rank highest those documents that have other documents linked to them and that have the search words in the exact order the user entered them.

Noting that the Intranet has been online at Metro since early 1999, Barrett says, "There's a ton of information that's been input over those six years and this will help employees find it."

"The Google search engine sets a new standard for Intranet readers' ability to find information on our web pages," says Bill Heard, Intranet content manager and news editor. "I want to thank Matt Barrett and

the Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library for providing this great new reader service."

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