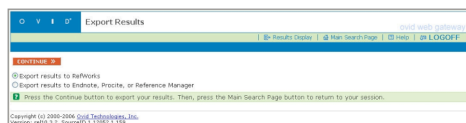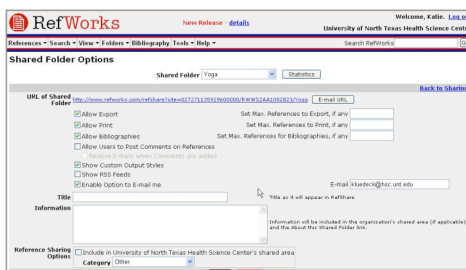# APA? MLA? SOS!
Delivery of Search Results Using RefShare

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RefWorks is an online system used by students to manage citations. When used in conjunction with the **Write-in-Cite** feature, RefWorks creates bibliographies in a wide variety of styles including APA and MLA.

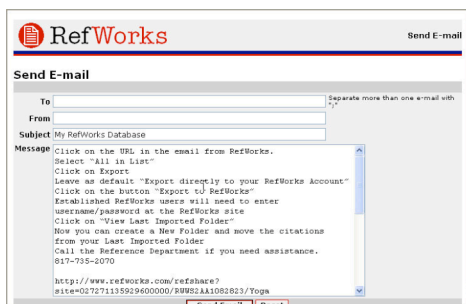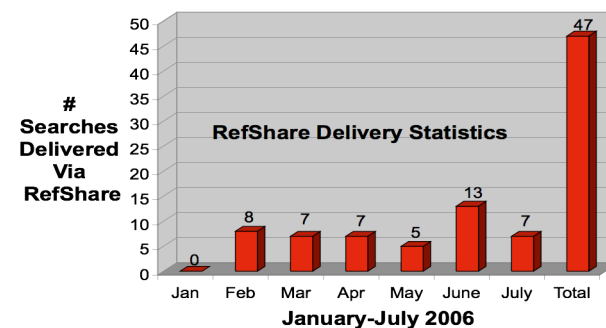RefShare is an option offered by RefWorks that enables users to share references. Used as a delivery mode, RefShare saves students time and increases citation accuracy.

When searching RefWorks compatible databases, librarians can export citations to a RefWorks account folder. The librarian can then select the RefShare option to share the folder with the student. The student will receive an email containing a link to their search results and instructions on how to import the citations to their individual RefWorks account. These features of RefWorks save the student hours of tedious typing time. This also decreases the number of errors that would occur when manually creating bibliographies.

Ovid MEDLINE exports to RefWorks

RefShare area in RefWorks

Email to students with importing directions

RefShare delivery statistics from February to July of 2006 are indicated in the graph below. UNTHSC librarians have noted a consistent increase in requests for RefShare as a delivery mode.

RefShare Delivery Statistics

Searches Delivered Via RefShare

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Total
	0	8	7	7	5	13	7	47

January-July 2006

Promotion of the RefShare service led to increased usage, citation accuracy and better service to patrons.

To promote RefShare, a kickoff party was held during the week of April 10th in the Lewis Library. A RefShare table was set up near the library's entrance and librarians were on hand to answer questions. Students who attended a RefWorks class had their name entered into a drawing for an iPod.

Heidi Venegas, winner of an iPod

RefShare kick-off party at Lewis Library