

Types of Sources

- ▶ Why not use encyclopedias?
- ▶ Why not use Wikipedia?
- ▶ What is the difference between the Internet and other sources?
 - ▶ Libraries/Books vs. The Internet

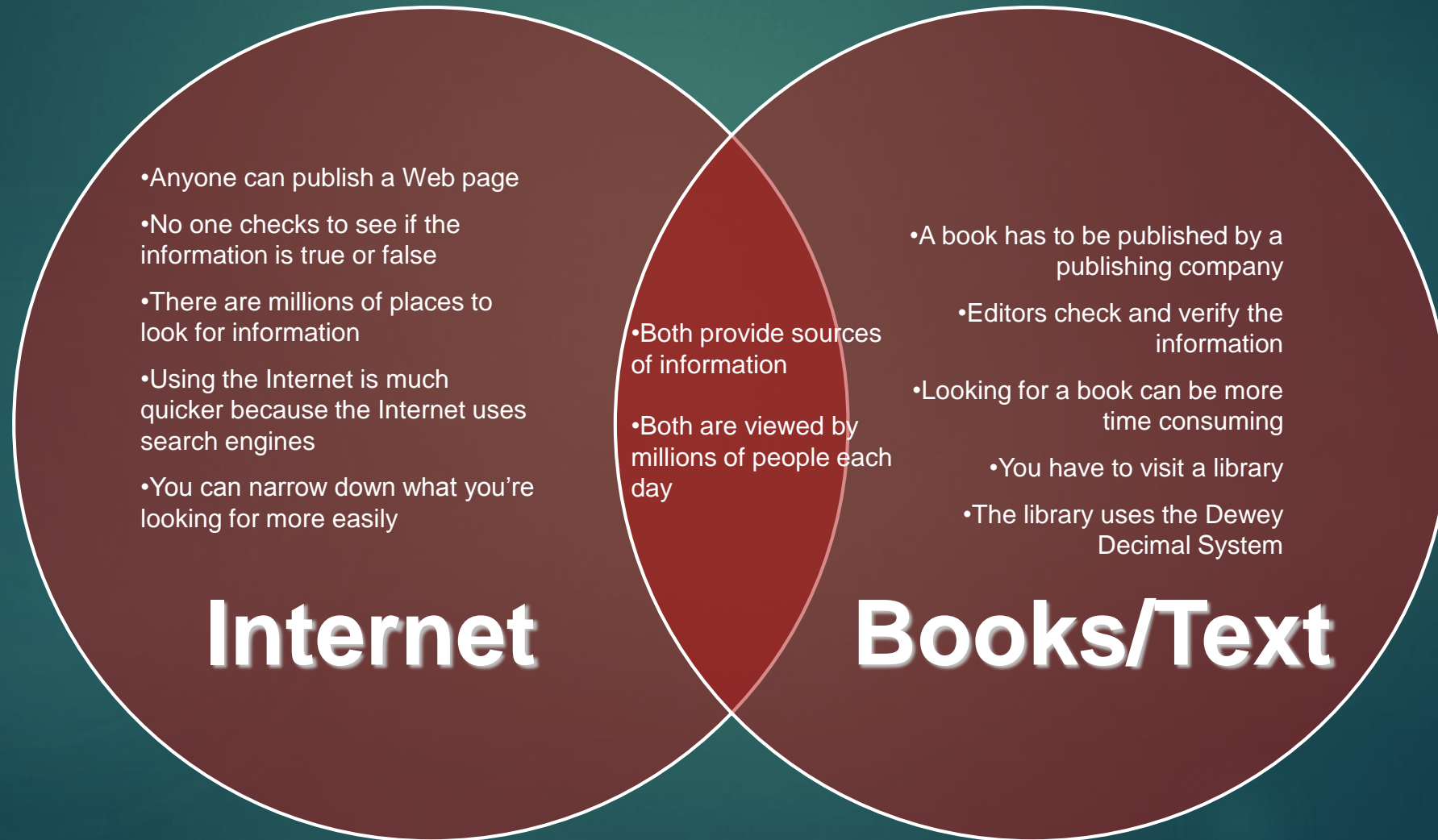
Lots and lots and lots of stuff!

- ▶ When you do research on the Internet, you need to remember:
 - ▶ Anyone can publish on the Internet
 - ▶ You can be anyone you want to be!
 - ▶ There is TOO MUCH information
 - ▶ Information is not vetted

Just how do you decide if a Website is reliable?

- ▶ Let's examine these questions:
 - ▶ **Accuracy**-is the information correct?
 - ▶ **Authority**-Is the author an expert on the subject?
 - ▶ **Objectivity**-Are there any influences on the Author or webpage?
 - ▶ **Currency**-Is the information timely for the purpose of the research?

Internet Research VS. Book Research



When might the Internet be better than books?

- **Topics that are contemporary (modern topics) – The Internet has more up-to-date information on current events.**
- **Topics that are controversial – The Internet can give you a lot of different opinions on one topic. It can help you research a topic from different perspectives.**