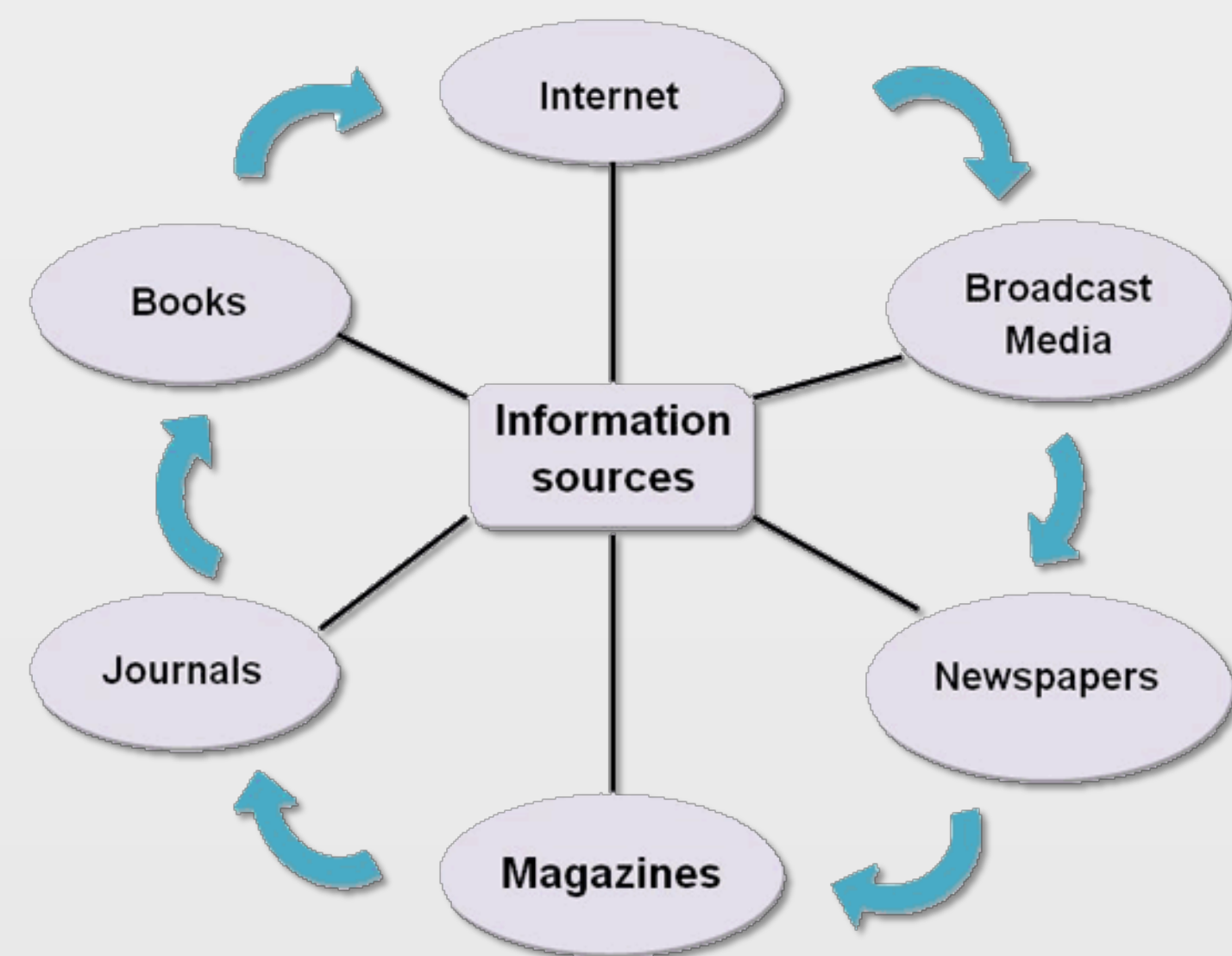


RSS Feed and News Aggregator Mobile Apps to Disseminate Information for Research, Extension, and Teaching

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Introduction



Collaboration and cooperation within our college and with the horticultural industry and public is important. This involves disseminating up-to-date information. Mobile devices and apps (applications), specifically RSS feed and news aggregator apps, can help achieve this.

Objective: Develop an approach to help find and disseminate current relevant information to end users.

Methods



RSS Feed Apps

RSS (Rich Site Summary or Really Simple Syndication) is a format for delivering changing web content to a user.

RSS feeds help you stay updated by retrieving the latest content from sites you are interested in.

News Aggregator Apps

Search the web to bring you news stories and information significant to you.

Methods

Apps Used

I selected the iPad apps Feedly, Read by QxMD, Fox News, NHK World TV Live & News, and those of local television news stations.

Pertinent articles, websites, news stories, videos, and scientific articles based on topics and keywords I had specified were retrieved.

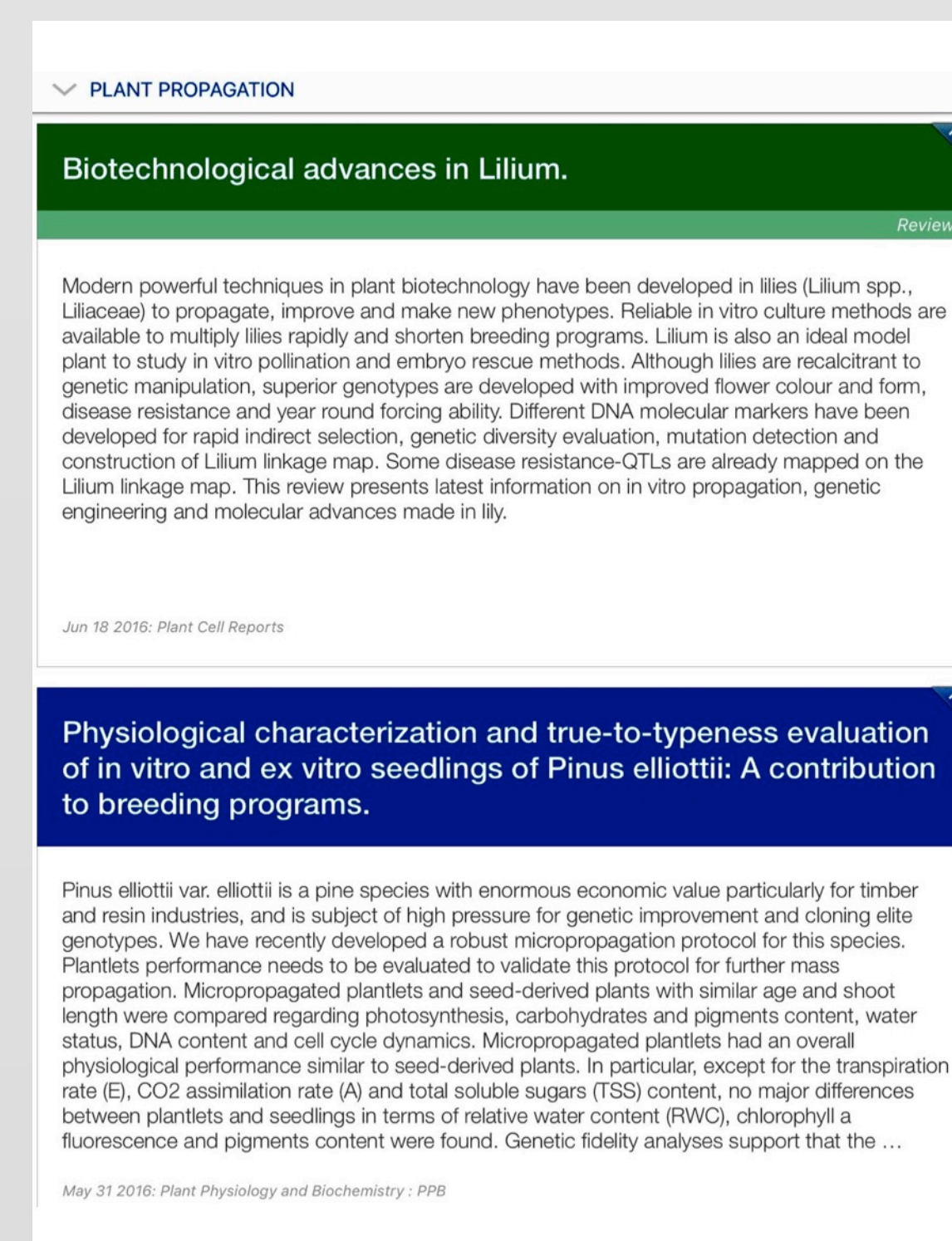
Results

Disseminating Information

Looking at the titles and evaluating the content helped me determine if each resource would be relevant to specific individuals.

I e-mailed appropriate articles, websites, news stories, and videos to colleagues in our department, college, students, student organizations, units in the University of Hawaii, and community colleges.

I also shared information with colleagues in departments of horticulture at U.S. mainland universities.

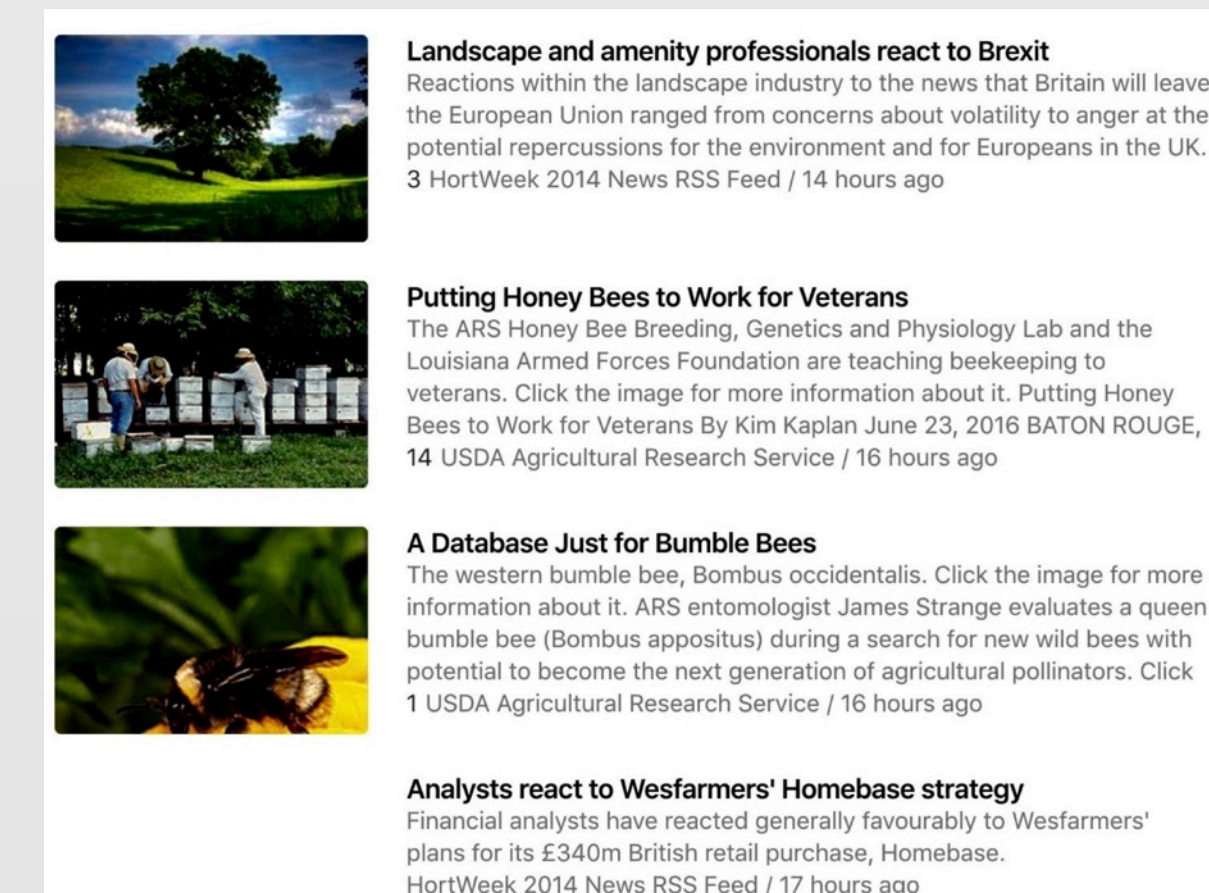


Scientific articles found by the app Read by QXMD

Results



Video on NHK World TV Live & News



Articles found by the app Feedly

Conclusion

RSS feed and news aggregator apps enable finding and disseminating relevant information to colleagues, stakeholders, and students.

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