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New Perspectives on Research

One interesting thing I learned from the first reading was about the conversations involved with research communities. The writer describes the informal conversations that occur between people sharing information. Even though they may be informal, conversations can make up a large part of information sharing. In the second reading, I was interested in the idea of a curio cabinet. I have examples of curios in my own life. I love the feeling of being extremely interested in something and having time fly by. My previous perception of research was that it must involve formal communication. While published research articles should generally be formal, I realize now that some aspects of research don't have to be as formal. A simple conversation between people in a research community is an example of more relaxed and informal communication. I also have felt that research topics tend to be boring, but most of my research has been involved with topics that have not been chosen by me. For example, history classes tend to involve research projects, but they do not suit my interests. I now know that research can be fun and interesting if I choose a topic that I am curious about. From reading these articles, I have learned ways to make research more enjoyable and relaxed. I have also learned generally about the ideas of a research community, and I will be able to seek out these communities for my research. Lastly, I have learned about methods of performing research.