Dear Mr. Carr,

     Is Google making us stupid? You make several points that create dents in Google’s defense, but there are many points that both the Internet and Google would be able to score against you. As this letter progresses I’d like to defend the fact that Google broadens our brain’s capabilities, rather than degrades them. Although I respect your opinion I don’t wholeheartedly agree.

A quote found early in the article refers to your not being able to “dive deep” into the vast depths of knowledge that lie in the Internet. I don’t think that it is the inability to dive deep; it’s the lack of motivation. As technology has grown and cyberspace itself has formed into an entire world of its own the information has more than doubled in size. It is true, the Internet has lessened our ability to stay focused while reading lengthy articles, but your own mind is also at fault. The brain may be malleable, but we are the ones that allow it to be molded.

Google is a very valuable source of information that can be accessed by almost anyone in the world at any time. In a library, there are countless rows upon rows of books, all filled to the brim with knowledge. Even if this so called “library” was the size of Colorado, it wouldn’t be enough to store all the various programs, many bytes of information, pictures, videos, and other miscellaneous information that already exists on the Internet and in the entirety of cyberspace. Google allows us to search through all of this information in milliseconds. In this aspect, because Google allows us to sift through this boundless collection of knowledge made by the human race, I say that it helps us become smarter instead of the opposite.

Also in the article, you and others that you quote continuously mention that the way you think has changed. Who says that change is a bad thing? The way our world is currently progressing, all of the information will begin to be written this way. So, on our current path of evolution, whether it be degrading or not, is the way we must go. Yes, I will concede that we are more dependent as a whole on the Internet and search engines like Google but imagine where we would be without them. Technology has helped so much in the past and the present world that it’s hard to argue that the way we have been going is at all a bad thing. Information spread across the globe by Google and the Internet as a whole has helped everyone in some way. This makes it not a tool to dull our reading abilities, but a whetstone that allows us to expand and sharpen our knowledge.