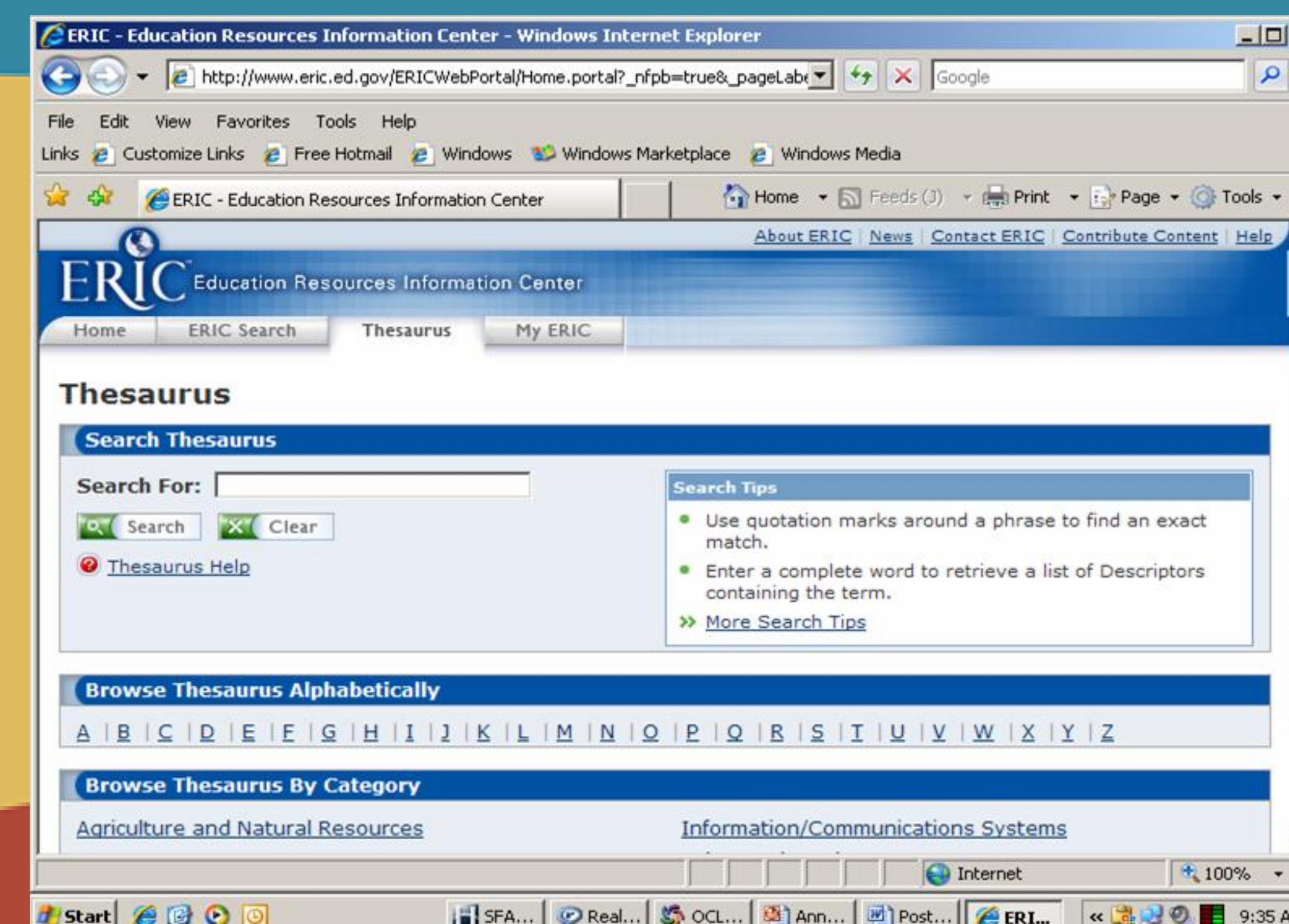
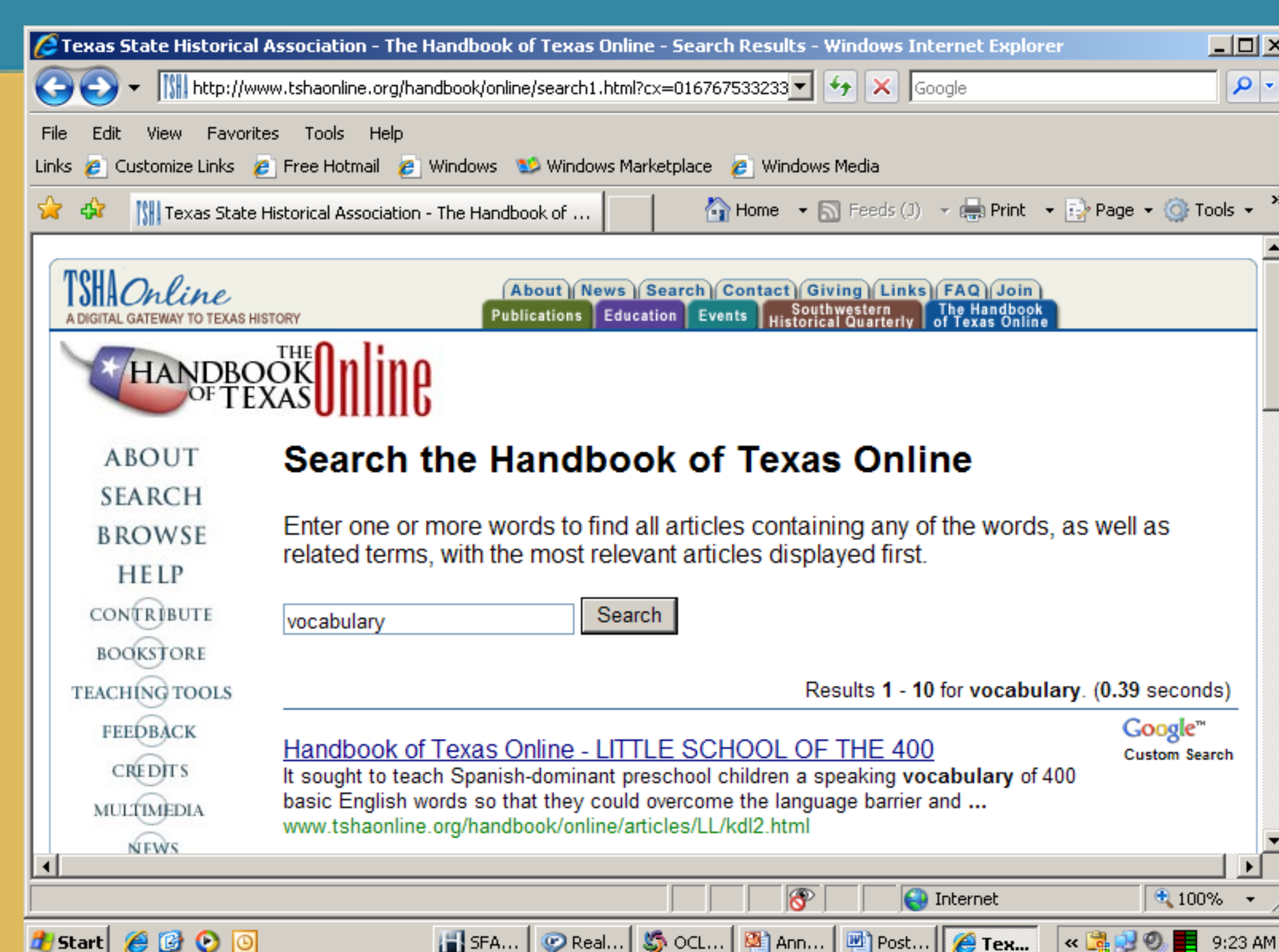


Controlled vocabularies can help eliminate ambiguity when searching for content in digital collections. The vocabularies are based upon specific terms designated for categories within digital collections. These are examples of controlled vocabularies used in Tides.



When using controlled vocabulary, persons entering data and descriptions into a database do not have to monitor the consistency of their entries; the practice of adhering to the controlled vocabulary will create consistency.

Some of the Tides collections have been harvested into larger databases like WorldCat. It is important that the vocabularies and other metadata in our records are usable and make sense in a larger context.