Using GeoSearch2006 to Find a Census Tract

As mentioned on the Humber Libraries website, there are three ways to look up a Census Tract. GeoSearch2006, an interactive mapping system, is one way to do this. Looking up a Census Tract number allows you to then use that number to find out more information on the Census Tract such as population and income statistics. Looking up a Census Tract number using GeoSearch2006 is a simple but multi-step process.

To start using GeoSearch2006, click on the link below. This will take you right into the program http://geodepot.statcan.ca/GeoSearch2006/GeoSearch2006.jsp?resolution=H&lang=E&otherLang=F

You will be taken to a screen like the one to the left.

Click on the Search tab (under the map, third tab from the left).

Select a way to search by clicking on street, intersection, place or postal code.

Example: What is the census tract for a street address in Toronto?

Click on Street in the Search for box.

Example: 100 Queen Street West, Toronto

Fill in the box(es). *You don’t need the postal code.

Click on Find.

In the map box you will see a detailed map appear as well as a star noting the address.
Note where the star is – remember its location as it will disappear once you proceed to the next step.

Now that you have specified a location, you need to tell the map which level of geography you are interested in (the Census Tract level). Do this by clicking on the Layers (1) tab (first tab).

Note the different geographic options you have (Census Divisions, Census Metropolitan Areas etc.). Because we are looking for the census tract number for 100 Queen Street West, select the Census Tracts option.

As soon as you do this, the map will change to show the Census Tract boundaries (dark red lines).

Now that Census Tract boundaries are on the map, you need to get the number for the Census Tract you are interested in.

Click on the Identify icon on the left side of the screen to do this.

Then click on the spot where the star was.
After you click where the star was, the Census Tract will turn green. The Census Tract number will appear (in this case, 5350044.00).

**Be sure to note the census tract number** so you can use it to look up information on your census tract.


You are now at the Census Tract Profiles page.

**Enter the Census Tract number** (in this case, 5350044.00) in the box for **Option 3: Find census tract data using a CMA/CA code and census tract name**.

Click on **Submit**.

You will then be shown all the census data available for your Census Tract. Scroll down the page for more information. Notice how your Census Tract is automatically compared to the rest of Toronto and Ontario.