

Blogging Basics: Where to Start

To CREATE a blog, you'll need a Blogging Platform:

- Typepad: www.typepad.com
- Blogger: www.blogger.com
- Movable Type: www.movabletype.org
- MySpace: www.myspace.com
- LiveJournal: www.livejournal.com

To READ many blogs, you'll need a Web-Based RSS Aggregator:

- Bloglines: www.bloglines.com
- FeedBucket: www.feedbucket.com
- Google Reader: www.google.com/reader
- MyYahoo! (most used): <http://my.yahoo.com>
- NewsGator: www.newsgator.com

Alternatives:

- FeedBlitz - To receive emails when blogs are updated:
www.feedblitz.com
- LiveBookmarks - To pull down a list of links on your browser:
www.mozilla.com/firefox/livebookmarks.html

To FIND blogs of interest, you'll need a Blog Directory:

- Technorati: www.technorati.com/blogs
- Google Blog Search: <http://blogsearch.google.com>
- Blog Catalog: www.blogcatalog.com
- BlogFlux: <http://dir.blogflux.com>

LIS blogs:

- Feel-good Librarian: <http://feelgoodlibrarian.typepad.com>
- J's Scratchpad: <http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/jkbaumga>
- Library Planet: www.libraryplanet.com
- One person library: <http://opls.blogspot.com>
- The Shifted Librarian: www.theshiftedlibrarian.com
- Search Engine Watch: <http://blog.searchenginewatch.com>
- Resource Shelf: www.resourceshelf.com
- Librarian's Index to the Internet: www.lii.org

Other blogs of interest:

- Seth Godin's Blog - bestselling author, entrepreneur and agent of change, constantly coming up with ideas that challenge you to think: <http://sethgodin.typepad.com>
- Official Google Blog - Google behind the scenes: <http://googleblog.blogspot.com>
- CMCH Blog (of course!) - The latest news and research on how media affects kids: <http://cmch.typepad.com>
- Mouseprint - Examines the fine print in advertising: www.mouseprint.org