

York University – Web 2.0 Workshop

Session 3: Social Cataloguing and Bookmarking

Activity

1. Create an account with LibraryThing
2. Create a profile.
3. Add 10 books from your library and tag them.



How to Create an Account with LibraryThing

- Go to LibraryThing at <http://www.librarything.com/>
- On the right side of the page there will be a box that looks like the one below.

Sign in
user name

password

Not a member? [Join now.](#)
[lost password?](#) [organization?](#) [terms of service](#)

To create an account, select the “Join Now” link. You don’t have to add an email address.

****Tip** Make sure to write down your user name and password!**

How to Create a Profile

LibraryThing^{BETA}
Home Profile Your library Tags Add books Talk Groups Local
Your Home | Your Profile | Connections | Recommendations | Reviews | Statistics | Clouds | Gallery

Welcome to LibraryThing close this box
Here are some options to get started.

Add books Add books to your library » Import books »	Your profile Edit your profile »	Engage with others Talk (forums) » LibraryThing Groups » Find friends »
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Help
[A Very Short Introduction to LibraryThing »](#)

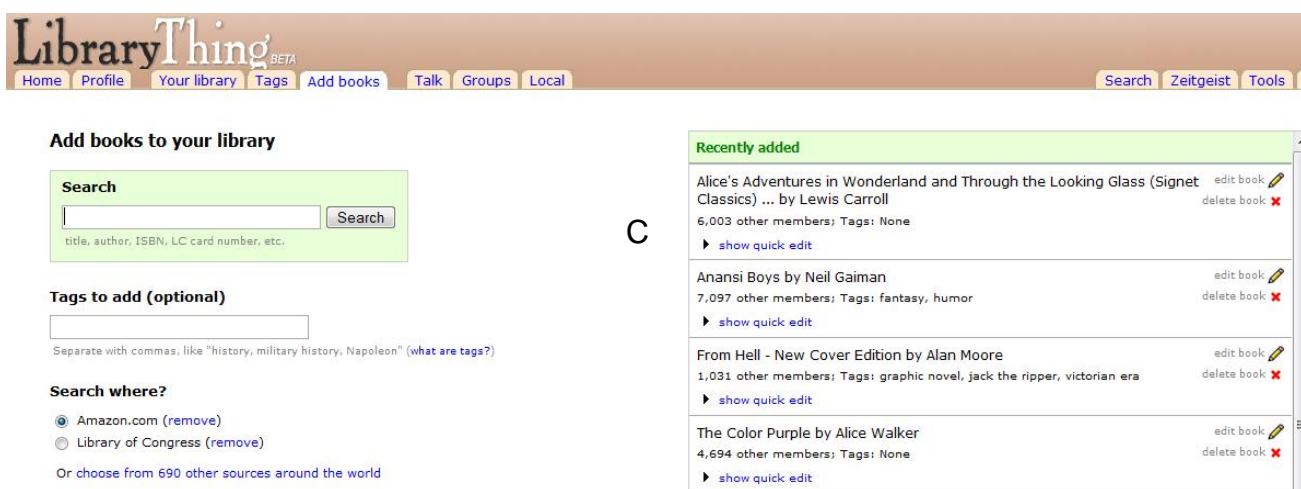
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No books • Public catalog • Free account ([upgrade](#)) • Member since August 3, 2008

This is the screen that will appear once you have created your account. Here you can create a profile using the “Edit your Profile” link.

- To create a profile, select the “Edit your Profile” tab at the top of the page
- This will bring you to an area where you can fill in boxes with text about yourself.
- Fill in the boxes called “About Myself” and “About My Library”
- “About My Library” is a description of the book collection that you will enter into your LibraryThing

How to Add Books to your LibraryThing Catalogue

- To add books to your LibraryThing Catalogue, select the “Add Books” tab at the top of the page
- Follow the directions listed below.



- To enter a book into your LibraryThing catalogue, just enter some words from the title, the author or an ISBN in the search bar. You can also search by “tag” to add books from the LibraryThing catalogue.
- You don't have to type everything in. LibraryThing gets all the right data from Amazon.com and over 690 libraries around the world, including the Library of Congress. It is easy to select the Amazon.com button as Amazon will allow you to import the cover art of the book.
- Just click on the book to add it to your catalogue when it appears on the right side of the page. Once you have selected a book, it will appear in a list as “Recently Added.” If you want to erase that book, simply click the “X” next to the book record.

How to Tag your Books in LibraryThing

- To tag your books in your LibraryThing catalogue, select the “Your Library” tab at the top of the page
- You will be brought to a page that looks like the image below.

Title	Author	Date	Tags	Rating	Comments	Shared
 Anansi Boys	Neil Gaiman	2006	fantasy, humor	☆☆☆☆	7103 / 155	   
 And Eternity (Incarnations of Immortality)	Piers Anthony	1991	fantasy, religion, science fiction	☆☆☆☆	890 / 6	   
 And Then There Were None	Agatha Christie		mystery	★★★★☆	2979 / 47	   

****Tip**** *If you do not have a page that looks like this one, click the “List” button on the left side of the page to change the view.*

- This page provides you with all the editing options.
- To add tags, double click inside the “Tags” box for the books you wish to tag.
- This will allow you now to enter tags for that book.
- You can tag your book with multiple tags; just make sure that there is a comma between each tag (e.g. fantasy, humour).
- Once you have entered a tag, select the “Save” button at the bottom of the “Tag” box.
- To check all your tags, select the “Tags” button at the top left menu bar. This will provide you with a list of all your tags and a number in brackets. The number in brackets indicates how many times you have used that particular tag. If you select the tag, it will bring you to a list of all your books with that tag attached.

****Tip**** *Remember, all tags are case sensitive and grammar sensitive.*