

# Create a Social Bookmarking Pathfinder Resource

Social bookmarking can help your class pool web resources and share collective information on specific subjects or presentations. By collaborating on these pathfinders, students can save time expediting the sometimes never-ending search process.

Social bookmarks will allow students to store, organize, tag, search and share websites—instead of just using their bookmarks individually. At these sites (**Krunchd.com**, **zigtag.com** and **Delicious.com** to name three), students make comments and have the ability to add to the resource list.

- It's easy to create an account and begin adding favorite websites, but if you need a social bookmarking primer, visit: [www.beelerspace.com/index.php?p=890](http://www.beelerspace.com/index.php?p=890) or watch the **SCPL YouTube Tutorial**.
- Start your social bookmarking project by selecting the topic or subject.
- With over 15 billion pages, the web is a nearly limitless resource; so remember to be as specific as possible when creating this criteria (i.e., don't select "War," but instead "June 6, 1944 D-Day Invasion stories of heroism and valor.>").
- Think about how you want to organize your tags and bookmarks. You may create folders, list by tags, notes, summaries, contents, curriculum ideas or activities.
- Tags allow simplified searching for topics. To make it even easier, you may want to offer students a list of tag "starter suggestions" so tags don't overlap or become unwieldy.
- To inspire collaboration, make sure every student who creates an account has his or her preferences set to "public." This way, other students can share resources developed by others.
- Give students adequate time to gather web resources on their specific topic, but offer a definitive end date for their social bookmarks.
- Review the bookmarks and let the class vote on which sites they found most helpful.
- **Option:** Offer a short "fun fact" homework quiz based on information found on the collected bookmarks.

