

The Liaison's List

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WEB 2.0

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Services

Sharing is what Web 2.0's all about!

Check out what children's and teen books I've been reading at
www.librarything.com/catalog/mayaspector.

What is Web 2.0?

According to [Wikipedia](#) (a Web 2.0 site): "...a perceived or proposed second generation of internet mediated services – such as [social networking sites](#), [wikis](#), communication tools, and [folksonomies](#) – that emphasize online collaboration and sharing among users".



Selected Favorites to Check Out

- ♥ **Folksonomies** – Ways to categorize and retrieve information, and label or “tag” it. Great for sharing! My favorites are [Flickr](#), a site to post, tag and share photos, and [Library Thing](#), where you can catalog your books, share the list (or online bookshelf) with others, and get reading recommendations. I've also been playing with [del.icio.us](#), a site to store web favorites or bookmarks in order to access them from any computer.
- ♥ **Blogs** – You've heard of these online journals. If you haven't read any, here are a few of my favorite children's literature blogs: [A Fuse #8 Production](#); [Chicken Spaghetti](#), and [Big A, Little a](#). The [Library & Schools webpage](#) also has links to sites on classroom use of blogs.
- ♥ **Aggregators** – Stay with me on this – it will be worth your time! If you'd like to read some blogs, newsfeeds, cartoons, etc. but don't want to have to keep remembering them and checking to see what's been posted, here's the answer. Through these services you can subscribe to any blogs or feeds you choose. These are known as “RSS feeds.” The aggregator will help you find some, list them, and show you when your feeds have been updated. You can check your “feeds” any time you want. They don't come to your email, so there's nothing to fill up your inbox. I personally use [Bloglines](#). It's easy, free and fun!
- ♥ **Wikis** – Websites that let anyone add or change content. Useful for collaborative projects. Take a look at a wiki site for educators, [PBWiki](#). Of course, we need to be cautious accepting information from sites like [Wikipedia](#), but they can be useful – as in getting the definition above!

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