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Name	URL	Strengths	Weaknesses/Considerations	Ad-Free	Student Privacy Maintained	Educator Version Available	Available for All Ages	Does Not Require Student E-mail
Delicious*	http://delicious.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The "biggest collection of bookmarks in the universe"—you can access the most popular/valued bookmarks on a subject. Share and tag bookmarks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have a Yahoo!* account to get a Delicious account. 		✓		Of "legal age to form a binding contract"; under 13 allowed under a "family account."	Creates an e-mail account at time of Yahoo! registration.
Digg*	http://digg.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can rate bookmarked sites. "Best" sites surface as highest rated. Self-described as "resource for discovering the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value of sites is rated by popularity, not by academic excellence. Inappropriate content could be highly rated and easily 		✓		Must be at least 13 years old.	

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		most interesting content [on] the Web."	accessible.					
Diigo* 	www.diigo.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can highlight and comment on a page. • Can create private groups. • Send snippets by e-mail. • Share and tag bookmarks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diigo toolbar may not install in some school settings, but web-based tool available. • Limited support for Google Chrome*. 	Educator version: Ads presented to student account users are limited to education-related sponsors.	✓	✓	✓	✓

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File Sharing

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4Shared Free File Sharing	www.4shared.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 GB of free storage. • Available for all file formats. • Files can be shared with anyone, including nonregistered users through a generated Web link to the file. • Can share a read-only version or a file others can edit. • Can allow others to upload to the account. • Intuitive to use; similar to an e-mail program interface. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must log in at least once per 30 days. • “Featured” files (usually photos) are listed on the front page and change frequently; content may not always be appropriate for students. 	✓	✓		✓	Does not require an e-mail to download shared files through a URL.
Dropbox	www.dropbox.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 GB of free storage. • Available for all file formats. • Can sync files between team members and/or your own computer and the online site. • Automatically 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If two people have the same file, a second “conflicted” file will be created online. • Requires installation to use the sync feature. 	✓	✓		✓	

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		<p>syncs when new files or changes are detected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can work on Dropbox files when offline.• Can create shareable, online photo galleries.• 30 days of undo history available.• Shared folders viewable only by invited users.• Available for Windows, Mac, Linux, and iPhone.						



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Photo Sharing

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Flickr*	www.flickr.com www.flickr.com/creativecommons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos can be mapped to a location. • Millions of photos to search without having an account. • Photos can be annotated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a Yahoo!* account to get a Flickr account. 	✓	✓		Of "legal age to form a binding contract"; under 13 allowed under a "family account."	✓ Creates an e-mail account at time of Yahoo!* registration.
Picasa Web Album*	http://picasaweb.google.com/home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 GB of free storage. • Built-in editor. • Can upload to friends' albums. • Tag photos using Google Maps* or Google Earth*. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a Google* account. 	✓	✓		Of "legal age to form a binding contract."	
SendPhotos*	www.sendphotos.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can upload photos through cell phones. • 1 GB of free storage. • Set privacy levels for albums/photos. • Easy sharing. • "Photo stories". • Can designate others to upload to album. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age requirements. • Invited "guests" must have e-mail and register for an account. 	✓	✓ Can "opt out" by sending an e-mail to not receive promotional information.		Must be at least 16 years old.	Requires e-mail for registration but not to use account; e-mail used to invite others to view albums.

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BibMe* 	www.bibme.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Download bibliography in MLA, APA, Chicago, or Turabian formats. Can create citations without registering—or register for an account to save citations for each project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited types of citation sources from which to choose. 		✓	✓ Designed for education.	✓	✓ Can create citations without registering.
EasyBib* 	www.easybib.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create citations in MLA format for free. Can create citations without registering—or register for an account to save citations for each project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> APA and Chicago/Turabian format requires paid account. 		✓	✓ Designed for education.	✓	✓ Can create citations without registering.
NoodleBib Express*	www.noodletools.com/noodlebib/express.php	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-time citation creator for MLA, APA, or Chicago. Extensive list of citation types from which to choose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot create an account to save citations in free version. 	✓	✓	✓ Designed for education.	✓	✓

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NoodleBib MLA Starter* 	www.noodletools.com/noodlebib/starter.php	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed for students in grades 1 through 5 to introduce the basics of citing a source. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited types of citation sources from which to choose. 	✓	✓	✓ Designed for education.	✓	✓

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