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Step 2: Find Sites to Follow
Once you select an aggregator (i.e., download it from the app store), you are ready to begin searching, selecting, and categorizing the blogs you want to follow. I create folders for authors, illustrators, publishers, teacher-librarians, technology, and so forth.

Step 3: Blogs to Follow
Finding blogs is just a quick search away. Some of my favourites you might like to follow include:

Jennifer LaGarde's librarygirl.net

Joyce Valenza's blogs.slj.com/neverendingsearch/2014/01/31/on-closing-one-door-and-opening-another

Silvia Rosenthal Tolisano's langwitches.org/blog

Buffy Hamilton's theunquietlibrarian.wordpress.com

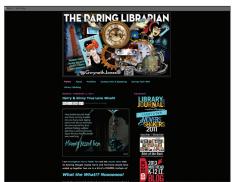Gwyneth Jones' thedaringlibrarian.com

Step 4: Choosing Posts
Whenever you have time, go to your aggregator and skim through the posts. I usually do this while watching TV or while sitting in the stands waiting for hockey practice to end. Stop and read the ones that interest you. You might even bookmark them in some way if you want to have quick access to it again, by tweeting and pinning them.

Ready for the next step?

My other favourite tech-tool is Twitter. It's taken me several years to figure it out, but it has more than surpassed my expectations as a professional resource.

1. Sign up for a Twitter account.

2. In the beginning, get used to some of the symbols and abbreviations. Key ones you need to know are:

Handles: @(your Twitter name) is your Twitter handle. If you send a message and mention someone, e.g.

@ONLibraryAssoc, that person or organization gets an alert that they have been mentioned in a tweet. Share your @username, so others can follow you.

Hashtags: Tags, such as #OLASC14, categorize your tweets. # are searchable.

Retweet: To share what you have discovered and find interesting, you can send someone's else tweet to your followers.

Favourite: Like other social network tools, share your likes by "favouriting" a tweet.

3. Follow people on Twitter. As a teacher-librarian, some of my favourites are:
   @shannonmiller
   @gcouros
   @datruss
   @coolcatteacher
   @globalearner

Another quick way to find people is to follow a few and then look at who they are following or who follows them! ▌