

# Cool Tools for Teaching Online

## New Media/Web 2.0

### SREB/AT&T Online Teachers Initiative

The terms “new media” and “Web 2.0” refer to Web-based utilities and technology tools that focus on social, collaborative, user-driven content and applications. The terms are used interchangeably throughout this resource site. Visit the *audio podcast* overview of this concept for more information.

The resource bank below provides practical explanations and examples of numerous new media tools that have direct applicability for teachers. Most resources are intended to be used by students, primarily in an online environment. Some are geared more toward teacher productivity. In both cases, the intent is to focus on learning applications for new media tools. As with any Internet resource, it is critical that teachers practice discretion when deciding which sites are appropriate for their grade level and content area. All of the sites and tools listed are free or have a free version for educators.

Delicious, a social bookmarking tool, is included in this list below. In order to provide the ability to search by topics and keywords, the entire new media/Web 2.0 collection has been created within a [Delicious account](#). Add the link to this site in your own Delicious account.

As part of the SREB State Virtual Schools Alliance in partnership with the AT&T Foundation, this list of **New Media/Web 2.0 Tools** has been prepared especially for SREB and online teachers by [Chris O’Neal](#).

#### New Media/Web 2.0 Tools

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<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><u>Animoto</u></b>
URL	<a href="http://education.animoto.com">http://education.animoto.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, collaboration, digital_storytelling, photos, audio, video
Description	Free Web-based digital storytelling/movie creation
Overview	Animoto allows classrooms to create password-protected videos to publish on the Web, using a combination of video, sound, digital photographs and animations.
Classroom Application	The education version of Animoto allows teachers to take advantage of the YouTube video-creation fever and make it classroom-friendly. Animoto hosts the videos, playable in any browser with the Adobe Flash plug-in. But, Animoto makes the videos private and provides Web-based tools at their site for fine-tuning the videos that students create. In addition, the free education version lets teachers control student accounts and access.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://education.animoto.com/learnmore.html">http://education.animoto.com/learnmore.html</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><u>Audacity</u></b>
URL	<a href="http://audacity.sourceforge.net">http://audacity.sourceforge.net</a>
Keywords	SREB, podcast, collaboration, audio, digital_storytelling, MP3
Description	Free audio creation/editing software
Overview	Audacity is downloadable, free software for creating, editing and remixing audio.
Classroom Application	Audacity is free, open source software that allows users to record audio from any basic microphone, edit multiple audio tracks together, enhance audio, create podcasts, etc. It is a very easy-to-use tool that is compatible with Mac, PC, Linux, etc., and requires very little operating power or disk space. Students can create special effects, add background/intro music to podcasts and edit out narration mistakes, for example.

Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://audacity.sourceforge.net/help/">http://audacity.sourceforge.net/help/</a> <a href="http://librivox.org/wiki/moin.cgi/Audacity">http://librivox.org/wiki/moin.cgi/Audacity</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Boolify</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.boolify.org/">http://www.boolify.org/</a>
Keywords	SREB, searching, research, productivity, Boolean
Description	A visual Boolean searching site
Overview	The Boolify Website uses Google's search engine but lays visual markers on top of that for constructing a Boolean search. This visual display makes it easy for users to conceptualize their search and better predict what keywords might provide better search returns.
Classroom Application	Students often have trouble searching effectively and quickly. This can lead to ineffective or inaccurate search results. The Boolify tool helps students visualize what Boolean searching means, and how it impacts search results. This particular site is nice also, because it automatically uses Google SafeSearch settings, which can reduce inappropriate returns more so than general Google searching.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.boolify.org/help.php">http://www.boolify.org/help.php</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Box.net</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.box.net">http://www.box.net</a>
Keywords	SREB, storage, filesharing, backup_space, RSS
Description	Online storage file server space
Overview	Box.net offers free online file storage — a USB memory flash drive online. The benefit of online storage is that files don't have to be sent back and forth or saved onto an easily misplaced thumb drive. User folders can be marked private, shared with individual users via password, or open to the public.

Classroom Application	Online file storage sites are a very handy utility for teachers and students to keep a central place for storing draft work, supplementary materials and final documents. The site works as a “My Documents” folder online. There is no software to install, and folders can be set up for both individuals and groups.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.box.net/individual">http://www.box.net/individual</a> — Click on <i>watch demonstration</i> .
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Classtools</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.classtools.net">www.classtools.net</a>
Keywords	SREB, flash, tutorials, collaboration, digital_storytelling, visualization, visualizing, blog, interactive, whiteboard
Description	Create flash-based animations, without having to know how to program in Flash.
Overview	Create free, web-based educational games, activities and diagrams using Flash, but with an easy to use interface. Host them on your own blog, website, or Intranet.
Classroom Application	Teachers and students can create their own tutorials, demonstrations, diagrams, animations. The website is free, but if your animations are hosted on their website, there are Google Ads present.
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Classroom 2.0 Ning</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.ning.com/">http://www.ning.com/</a> <a href="http://classroom20.ning.com">http://classroom20.ning.com</a> <a href="http://school20.ning.com">http://school20.ning.com</a> <a href="http://library20.ning.com">http://library20.ning.com</a> (Check this Cool Tools file for separate entries on each of these social network sites.)
Keywords	SREB, social_network, social_networking, productivity
Description	This is a social networking site for educators.
Overview	Ning is a commercial Web site that offers user-generated social networks.

Classroom Application	<p>Social networks such as MySpace and Facebook are as commonplace in teenagers' lives as phones and MP3 players. Students spend countless hours in social networks connecting to friends, creating original work, chatting, sharing photos, and so on. While social networking in the classroom may present more challenges than it's worth, social networks for adult educators can provide a fascinating insight into the mind of a MySpace user, but with true benefits for those trying to master a world of technology in which they are not native. The sample sites here are social networks specifically built with teachers in mind. Users will not find inappropriate photos, or teens lurking. What they will find are thousands of teachers interacting with each other sharing lessons, photo streams, teacher-produced (and classroom-safe) videos, etc.</p> <p>This particular utility will no doubt be more helpful as teacher productivity and learning tool; it is less likely to be applicable in the classroom until schools figure out how to manage the social networking side of students' lives.</p>
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<p><a href="http://classroomlearning2.blogspot.com/">http://classroomlearning2.blogspot.com/</a></p> <p>Ning tutorial on <a href="#">TeacherTube</a></p> <p>Classroom 2.0 provides a <a href="#">Web 2.0 tutorial</a> for educators.</p>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<p><b><a href="#">CommonCraft</a></b> (See <a href="#">Web 2.0 Tutorial Videos</a> below.)</p>
URL	<p><a href="http://www.commoncraft.com/show">http://www.commoncraft.com/show</a></p>
Keywords	<p>SREB, video, RSS, tutorial</p>
Description	<p>CommonCraft is a Web site that offers free video tutorials on a host of new media/Web 2.0 tools.</p>
Overview	<p>The CommonCraft show at the Web site is a series of tutorials on various Web 2.0 tools, such as Google Docs, wikis, podcasts, etc.</p>

Classroom Application	Teachers who need additional explanation on many of the new media/Web 2.0 tools can find short video tutorials here in a professional, easy-to-understand format. Samples of videos are found here: <a href="http://www.teachertube.com/search_result.php?search_id=common+craft">http://www.teachertube.com/search_result.php?search_id=common+craft</a> Teachers also can use these videos for free when introducing various new media tools to their students.
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Curriki</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.curriki.org">http://www.curriki.org</a>
Keywords	SREB, wiki, collaboration, productivity, RSS
Description	Curriki is a wiki page built with input from educators around the world, all designed inside a set of wiki pages.
Overview	Curriki takes the power and ease of a wiki and allows educators to be part of a worldwide group whose mission is to share free lessons, resources, new media/Web 2.0 tools and activities.
Classroom Application	Teachers can use Curriki to search for lessons and units that involve new media/Web 2.0 tools. It is a community of educators from around the world, and the site is built, like most wikis, from users uploading and creating content to be shared with other teachers.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Main/About">http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Main/About</a> <a href="http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Coll_curriki/CurrikiTutorial7Transcript">http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Coll_curriki/CurrikiTutorial7Transcript</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Delicious</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://delicious.com/">http://delicious.com/</a>
Keywords/Tags	SREB, bookmarks, collaboration, RSS, productivity, organization, social_bookmarks
Description	A social bookmarking site

Overview	<p>Storing bookmarks/favorites online allows users to access their bookmarks from any computer. Users can bookmark a site while at a computer; it is saved in an online account, making it viewable anywhere the user has Internet access.</p> <p>“Social” bookmarking adds another layer to this by making collections of bookmarks “subscribable” so other users who are interested in a specific set of bookmarks can follow bookmark updates online automatically.</p>
Classroom Application	<p>This site, also shown as del.icio.us, is helpful for teachers’ personal productivity, but it can be quite helpful for students as well. A teacher can set up a Delicious account and have categories of bookmarks for each content area, unit or grade level available online for the students. Since these bookmarks are stored at a central location online, students always have access to the most current set. Parents can subscribe to this set of bookmarks so they, too, can remain informed about which Web sites students should be accessing as part of class.</p> <p>One caveat: While you may bookmark specific sites you want your students to visit, and house them on the Delicious Web site, nothing prevents students from clicking on <i>extended</i> links, just like they would do in any browser. So while you may have only a select handful of bookmarks you wish them to use, this site will only point them there to start; it may not keep them there if they decide to wander on their own.</p>
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<p><a href="http://del.icio.us/help">http://del.icio.us/help</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.teachertube.com/socialbookmarking">http://www.teachertube.com/socialbookmarking</a></p> <p><a href="http://delicious.com/srebedtech">http://delicious.com/srebedtech</a> ( In order to provide the ability to search by topics and keywords, the entire new media/Web 2.0 collection has been created within this <a href="#">Delicious Account</a>. Add the link to this site in your own Delicious account.</p>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Flickr</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.flickr.com">http://www.flickr.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, photos, RSS, collaboration, digital_photography

Description	Social photo-sharing site
Overview	While the ability to store photos online is nothing new, a social photo-sharing site offers new benefits. Users can view, comment and subscribe to photo streams, establish private groups for photos, and use the photos in numerous ways under a Creative Commons license.
Classroom Application	<p>Social photo sharing offers a wealth of benefits. There are literally millions of photos available to view and, in most cases, use extensively in an educational setting. Teachers can establish banks of thousands of photos, very easily categorized by topic and need, so that students pull from these photos for various classroom projects.</p> <p>Teachers should understand that like any other image viewing online, determined students will find photos that are not necessarily appropriate for the classroom. Although Flickr, owned by Yahoo!, does not allow X-rated photos, there are certainly photos that are not classroom-rated. RSS subscriptions can help alleviate this to some degree, since photo subscriptions can be carefully tailored to a string of specific identifying tags.</p>
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.flickr.com">http://www.flickr.com</a>
Alternate	<a href="http://www.bubbleshare.com/">http://www.bubbleshare.com/</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="http://www.gcast.com">Gcast</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.gcast.com">http://www.gcast.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, podcast, collaboration, audio, digital_storytelling, RSS, mp3
Description	Free podcast hosting and creation site
Overview	Gcast provides free (but with small ads), podcast-hosting and creation. It includes numerous Web-based creation and editing tools for making podcasts, as well as several hosting options. Gcast also creates the RSS feed for podcasts.

Classroom Application	Podcasts are great ways to connect to the iPod-crazed world of students. Podcasts are simply MP3 files that can be listened to online, downloaded to an MP3 player, or burned to a CD. Language teachers have long taken advantage of audio sharing, and with podcasts that effort becomes immensely easier. In addition, podcasting offers students in all content areas the opportunity to create, edit, share and broadcast their own content.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcuZddFrvoM">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcuZddFrvoM</a> <a href="http://myra.weebly.com/gcast.html">http://myra.weebly.com/gcast.html</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><u><a href="#">Gliffy</a></u></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.gliffy.com">http://www.gliffy.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, mind_maps, organization, diagramming, brainstorming, graphic_organizer, collaboration
Description	Collaboration, diagramming, mindmapping, brainstorming and graphic organizing site
Overview	Gliffy is a diagramming tool built into a social Web presence. The traditional graphic organizer interface takes on a social theme by allowing multiple users to work on a diagram simultaneously.
Classroom Application	The power of graphic organizers is amplified by being hosted online as a social browser-based tool. Teachers can assign group or individual diagramming-related assignments and watch every step of them unfold online. Gliffy, like most new media tools, keeps histories of edits so that teachers can view each version of a student's work as it becomes finalized. The actual diagrams are viewable and stored online, so students have access to them anywhere they have Internet access.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTvVbTfwsMQ">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTvVbTfwsMQ</a> <a href="http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=774fb7d2d11701d466aa">http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=774fb7d2d11701d466aa</a>
Alternate	<a href="http://freemind.sourceforge.net/wiki/index.php/Main_Page">http://freemind.sourceforge.net/wiki/index.php/Main_Page</a>

<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><u>Goodreads</u></b> (See <u>Library Thing</u> below.)
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><u>Google Apps for Education</u></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.google.com/a/edu">http://www.google.com/a/edu</a>
Keywords	SREB, collaboration, productivity, RSS, Google, organization
Description	Web-based suite of Google Tools, specifically grouped for education
Overview	Google Apps combines several Google collaboration tools (Calendar, Docs, Sites, Gmail) under one umbrella. Schools can sign up for the whole suite at once, at no cost and with no ads.
Classroom Application	Teachers can create classroom calendars to which students, parents and other teachers can subscribe. The Google Docs tools can be shared internally among staff and students or published to the world for others to see. Users can combine the calendar and docs features to build a living Website, which updates itself automatically as the connected documents are changed. Teachers interested in using this education version should get their district technology coordinator to sign up, which would secure a domain for the entire district.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.google.com/support/a/?hl=en">http://www.google.com/support/a/?hl=en</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><u>Google Calendar</u></b>
URL	<a href="http://calendar.google.com">http://calendar.google.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, collaboration, productivity, RSS, Google, organization
Description	Web-based shared calendar
Overview	Google Calendar is one of the most full-featured Web-based calendars available — and it's free. Google Calendar offers calendar synching with Microsoft Outlook and other computer-based calendar tools, as well as the ability to subscribe to other users' calendars, make public calendars, etc.

Classroom Application	Teachers can create a classroom calendar to which students, parents and other teachers can subscribe. By subscribing, students can receive e-mail notifications automatically about upcoming events. In addition, if teachers have parents' or students' cell phone numbers, the notifications can be sent as text messages. Teachers can have multiple calendars associated with one Google account, so they can create one calendar per course taught, yet manage them all from one login.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="https://www.com/support/calendar/?hl=en">https://www.com/support/calendar/?hl=en</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="http://docs.google.com">Google Docs</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://docs.google.com">http://docs.google.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, collaboration, productivity, RSS, organization, Google, brainstorming, storage
Description	Free, Web-based office suite
Overview	If you combine the usefulness of an office suite with the Web 2.0 features of a tool like a wiki, you end up with Google Docs. It acts as a word processor, delivered via any browser, with collaborative functionality and wiki-like editing.
Classroom Application	<p>Google Docs makes it easy to allow students to work in groups, in a secure environment, with teacher tracking. For example, teachers can create a Google Doc in which a group of five students collaborate. Each student logs in with a password, and each edit is tracked and easily followed by others who have been assigned to collaborate on the document.</p> <p>Since the application is Web-based, students can work from any Internet-connected computer, and their work is automatically saved.</p> <p>When the group work is done, the documents are easily published on the Web, fed into a blog or saved in any popular office formats.</p>

Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://docs.google.com">http://docs.google.com</a> <a href="http://www.commoncraft.com/video-googledocs">http://www.commoncraft.com/video-googledocs</a> <a href="http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=bebba8f772a34eae096e">http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=bebba8f772a34eae096e</a>
Alternate	<a href="http://www.zoho.com">http://www.zoho.com</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Google Earth</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://earth.google.com">http://earth.google.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, maps, collaboration, digital_storytelling, photos, Google, GPS, interactive
Description	Google Earth is free software for map exploration;
Overview	Google Earth makes Google Maps in 3D – a visual, 3D globe for your computer that includes traditional mapping, layered terrain, cultural landmarks, etc. Please note that Google Earth pro is now free for schools.
Classroom Application	Teachers in all content areas can use Google Earth for numerous interactive lessons. Students can create 3D trips, explore in “real time,” collaborate with others on an exploration, “fly” over terrains around the world. Maps and explorations can be built, shared, saved and exported into movies and other presentations.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://earth.google.com/tour.html">http://earth.google.com/tour.html</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Google Maps</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://maps.google.com">http://maps.google.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, maps, collaboration, digital_storytelling photos, Google, RSS
Description	Google Maps is a free, Web-based map tool.
Overview	Google Maps provides standard map directions, as well as real-time traffic information in major cities, satellite views, and saved maps and directions.

Classroom Application	Teachers in all content areas can use Google Maps for a wealth of digital storytelling ideas. Students can create directional maps that provide a narrated vacation trip or a recreation of an historic explorer's path across the world, etc. In addition, students can create personalized maps with overlays of specific regions as they explain weather, embed videos that highlight national events and promote numerous other student-produced projects.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.google.com/educators/p_maps.html">http://www.google.com/educators/p_maps.html</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">iGoogle</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.google.com/ig">http://www.google.com/ig</a>
Keywords	SREB, RSS, homepage, blog, wiki, podcast, organization, mp3, Google
Description	This is an aggregator page to manage multiple blog, wiki and podcast subscriptions.
Overview	RSS page aggregators allow users to subscribe to blog "feeds." Setting up an RSS page means that blog updates, podcast distributions, etc., are automatically fed into this page, so that users no longer have to visit those pages to view updates.
Classroom Application	RSS subscription services such as iGoogle can be huge timesavers. Once teachers and students decide which blogs, wiki feeds, podcasts, etc., they wish to subscribe to, they establish this feed into the iGoogle page, and updates happen automatically from that point forward. A teacher can set up a section of iGoogle that subscribes specifically to various earthquake data feeds, for example. This allows students to keep abreast of this information all in one place, avoiding the need to visit multiple Web pages to collect the data.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	iGoogle overview handout and video at <a href="http://www.google.com/support/bin/topic.py?topic=9003">http://www.google.com/support/bin/topic.py?topic=9003</a>
Alternates	Netvibes, PageFlakes, Yahoo homepage, Google Reader, Protopage
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Jing Project</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.jingproject.com">http://www.jingproject.com</a>

Keywords	SREB, video, digital_storytelling, audio, collaboration, RSS, chat, screen_capture
Description	Jing is a tool that allows screen captures to be narrated and saved as movies; it includes real-time chat.
Overview	Jing allows users to create narrated screencasts of anything happening on their computer, then share those in real time with chat.
Classroom Application	Teachers can use Jing to create tutorials of math problems being solved with a computer or Web-based scientific calculator, narrated tours of new components to software, or explanations of problem-solving methods in any content area, for example. In addition, students can use Jing to demonstrate mastery of foreign language, mathematical expressions, etc., by creating a movie of their computer activity, and then narrating an explanation of their problem-solving process.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.jingproject.com/faq.asp">http://www.jingproject.com/faq.asp</a>
Alternate	<a href="http://www.zentation.com/">http://www.zentation.com/</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="http://kuler.adobe.com">Kuler from Adobe</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://kuler.adobe.com">http://kuler.adobe.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, collaboration, digital_storytelling, visualization, visualizing, photos, digital_photography
Description	A free site for creating, matching, and coordinating sets of colors
Overview	A site that allows users to try out color schemes, share and vote on color-coordinated “bands of color” for use on Websites, projects and presentations.
Classroom Application	The site is a great starting point for students to learn the fine art of coordinating colors for design, learning about complementary colors and designing professional looking publications.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.adobe.com/products/kuler">http://www.adobe.com/products/kuler</a>

<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><u>Library Thing</u></b> (See also <u>Goodreads</u> .)
URL	<a href="http://www.librarything.com">http://www.librarything.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, organization, productivity, reading, collaboration, RSS, social_networking, social_network, books
Description	This is a free, Web-based social book-organization site.
Overview	Library Thing might best be described as an online, social, Web 2.0 book club. Users keep track of books they've read, review those books and create lists of books to read.
Classroom Application	Teachers can create a virtual library online of books associated with certain topics or courses. An entry for a book can contain synopsis information, subjective comments in the form of a book review, clusters of books around certain topics, etc. It is a social book club, where students can read each others' reviews, share book information and create subgroups of users around similar interests.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.librarything.com">http://www.librarything.com</a>
Alternate	<a href="http://www.goodreads.com">http://www.goodreads.com</a>
<b>Resource</b>	<b><u>Library 2.0 Ning</u></b>
URL	<a href="http://library20.ning.com/">http://library20.ning.com/</a> <a href="http://www.ning.com/">http://www.ning.com/</a> <a href="http://classroom20.ning.com">http://classroom20.ning.com</a> <a href="http://school20.ning.com">http://school20.ning.com</a> (Check this Cool Tools file for separate entries on each of these social network sites.)
Keywords	SREB, collaboration, RSS, social_networking, libraries, librarians, social_network
Description	This is a social networking site for educators, with a specific focus on 21 <sup>st</sup> century libraries.
Overview	Ning is a commercial Web site that offers user-generated social networks. These networks can be private, with membership approval required, or they can be open to the public.

Classroom Application	The Library 2.0 ning was built with librarians and media specialists in mind, who are working to integrate web 2.0 tools into the library experience. Participants chat, share files, lead ongoing discussions about how best to incorporate these new tools, and which tools are most appropriate for the library setting.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	Ning tutorial on <a href="#">TeacherTube</a>
<b>Resource</b>	<b><a href="#">Librivox</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.librivox.org">http://www.librivox.org</a>
Keywords	SREB, audiobooks, audio, mp3, literature, podcast, RSS
Description	This is an audiobooks site.
Overview	Librivox provides free audiobooks from the public domain. The books are read by volunteers and stored as MP3 files at the site. Educators are allowed free access to listen to the files, download them onto the computer, burn them to CD for their students or sync them onto MP3 players.
Classroom Application	Audiobooks have become increasingly popular in the classroom as another layer in which to engage students. Librivox users will find everything from <i>Aesop's Fables</i> to <i>Moby Dick</i> and everything in between. Teachers can use traditional print materials and supplement them with these online audio books. In addition, students can volunteer to read and upload the MP3 recordings of their favorite public-domain books. The site is also an excellent resource for simply enjoying free audiobooks for leisure-time listening.
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Meebo</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.meebo.com">http://www.meebo.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, chat, collaboration
Description	Meebo is a Web-based instant-messaging system that incorporates AIM, AOL Instant Messenger, MSN Messenger, Yahoo Messenger and others.

Overview	Using a Web-based messenger tool like Meebo allows users to avoid having to download chat clients. Most importantly, it allows users to access all their chat accounts on one Web page.
Classroom Application	Teachers use tools like Meebo for group discussions, help desks, virtual office hours and collaborative discussions.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.meebo.com/support/">http://www.meebo.com/support/</a> <a href="http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=EY45KYZK3_E">http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=EY45KYZK3_E</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Ning</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.ning.com/">http://www.ning.com/</a> <a href="http://classroom20.ning.com">http://classroom20.ning.com</a> <a href="http://school20.ning.com">http://school20.ning.com</a> <a href="http://library20.ning.com">http://library20.ning.com</a> (Check this Cool Tools file for separate entries on each of these social network sites.)
Keywords	SREB, social_networking, social_network, productivity
Description	This is a social networking site for educators.
Overview	Ning is a commercial Web site that offers user-generated social networks.
Classroom Application	Social networks such as MySpace and Facebook are as commonplace in teenagers' lives as phones and MP3 players. Students spend countless hours in social networks connecting to friends, creating original work, chatting, sharing photos, and so on. While social networking in the classroom may present more challenges than it's worth, social networks for adult educators can provide a fascinating insight into the mind of a MySpace user, but with true benefits for those trying to master a world of technology in which they are not native. The sample sites here are social networks specifically built with teachers in mind. Users will not find inappropriate photos, or teens lurking. What they will find are thousands of teachers interacting with each other sharing lessons, photo streams, teacher-produced (and classroom-safe) videos, etc.

	This particular utility will no doubt be more helpful as teacher productivity and learning tool; it is less likely to be applicable in the classroom until schools figure out how to manage the social networking side of students' lives.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://classroomlearning2.blogspot.com/">http://classroomlearning2.blogspot.com/</a> Ning tutorial on <a href="#">TeacherTube</a> Classroom 2.0 provides a <a href="#">Web 2.0 tutorial</a> for educators.
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Notesake</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.notesake.com">http://www.notesake.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, productivity, RSS, note-taking
Description	Notesake is an online note-taking tool, allowing users to take notes in a Web browser and access them from any Internet-connected computer.
Overview	Create notes on the fly and have them tagged with keywords, sorted, organized by class or project, etc. Users can even search from within the text of a note.
Classroom Application	Students can create, share, index and search notes — all from within a Web-browser. Students can sort notes by class, project or module, and even create notes collaboratively with other students. This allows students to take notes that are only for their eyes and password-protected — or have a set of group notes taken and edited with peers.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://notesake.com/faq.html">http://notesake.com/faq.html</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Open Clip Art Library</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://openclipart.org">http://openclipart.org</a>
Keywords	SREB, photos, clipart, digital_storytelling, graphics, design, free, visualizing, communication
Description	A growing collection of public domain clipart
Overview	This collection of free, public domain clip art is an attempt at creating a central location for users to find clip art in the public domain to use in non-commercial efforts.

Classroom Application	Students typically use a search engine when locating clip art for presentations, reports, etc., and that is not necessarily the best place to start. Using a central location that respects copyright and public domain issues might be a better avenue.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.openclipart.org/wiki/FAQ">http://www.openclipart.org/wiki/FAQ</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Picasa</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://picasa.google.com">http://picasa.google.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, photos, digital_storytelling, organization, free, digital_photography, storage, visualizing, graphics, file_sharing, Google
Description	Free software from Google that lets users manage their digital photo collections, synchronize with Web collections, etc.
Overview	Picasa is a free tool that lets teachers and students get their digital photos organized and into a usable structure. Photos can be tagged, sorted by date or filtered by topic or location. In addition, the tool has basic photo editing capabilities built in.
Classroom Application	Most teachers take tons of digital photos, but they are generally scattered around the computer. Picasa makes it easy to get those photos organized, so students can more easily locate them for projects. Teachers could group photos by topic, location, purpose, etc. Students “flip” through photos or search by tags/keywords. Users can also have some photos automatically synchronized to Web folders so others can see classroom photos easily and in real time.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://picasa.google.com/support/bin/topic.py?topic=14609">http://picasa.google.com/support/bin/topic.py?topic=14609</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Picnik</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.picnik.com">http://www.picnik.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, photos, digital_storytelling, digital_photography
Description	This is a free, Web-based photo editing and enhancement site.

Overview	Picnik offers free, Web-based photo editing, image correction, picture enhancement and special effects.
Classroom Application	Students who do not have access to higher-end photo editing software can use Picnik to do basic photo editing, and use a multitude of photo-enhancement tools to create photos for digital portfolios, project presentations, storytelling images, etc.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CVaHxWK9yY">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CVaHxWK9yY</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Remember the Milk</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.rememberthemilk.com">http://www.rememberthemilk.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, organization, productivity, collaboration, RSS, social_networking, social_network
Description	This site provides a free to-do list and task manager.
Overview	Remember the Milk is a productivity tool that combines Web, e-mail and other Web utilities into an organizational to-do list.
Classroom Application	Teachers can use this site to manage project lists, designate task “check-offs,” assign individual group responsibilities to students, etc. It is a Web 2.0 task master in a Web-based application. Students can access to-do lists from their cell phones, manage completed tasks, view calendar entries and reminders, etc.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.rememberthemilk.com/help">http://www.rememberthemilk.com/help</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">School 2.0 Ning</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://school20.ning.com/">http://school20.ning.com/</a> <a href="http://www.ning.com/">http://www.ning.com/</a> <a href="http://classroom20.ning.com">http://classroom20.ning.com</a> <a href="http://library20.ning.com">http://library20.ning.com</a> (Check this Cool Tools file for separate entries on each of these social network sites.)
Keywords	SREB, collaboration, RSS, social_networking, libraries, librarians, social_network
Description	This is a social networking site for educators, with a specific focus on 21 <sup>st</sup> century libraries.

Overview	Ning is a commercial Web site that offers user-generated social networks. These networks can be private, with membership approval required, or they can be open to the public.
Classroom Application	The School 2.0 ning provides a broader view of using web 2.0 new media tools in a school. This ning focuses on policy issues, administrative considerations, parent connections, etc. This group is less curriculum-oriented, and emphasizes administrative topics.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	Ning tutorial on <a href="#">TeacherTube</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">SchoolTube</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.schooltube.com/">http://www.schooltube.com/</a>
Keywords	SREB, video, collaboration, RSS, digital_storytelling
Description	This is a social video-sharing site.
Overview	SchoolTube's goal is to build on sites like YouTube and TeacherTube and create a place for <i>student</i> -created, educational videos. The site's format looks and feels much like YouTube and TeacherTube, but it is clearly student focused and driven.
Classroom Application	SchoolTube offers a unique way to key into the high level of interest students have in sites like YouTube, yet retain a safe area with an educational focus.  SchoolTube allows school groups to upload videos and share, discuss, comment and remix work all online. There are guides available for teachers and students aimed at helping each audience make the best of shared video in the classroom. SchoolTube also offers contests, quick tips and tutorial videos on how to become an effective videographer, producer and collaborator.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www2.schooltube.com/Help.aspx">http://www2.schooltube.com/Help.aspx</a>  This narrative by Chris O'Neal and published by <a href="#">Edutopia</a> is a <a href="#">discussion of YouTube</a> , a video sharing site like SchoolTube, a moderated version of YouTube.
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Scribd</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.scribd.com">http://www.scribd.com</a>

Keywords	SREB, collaboration, storage, communication, file_sharing, libraries, librarians, literature, organization, productivity, reading, RSS
Description	This is an online document sharing, publishing and collaboration space.
Overview	Scribd is like YouTube for documents. It's a place to publish documents just so the world can see them, comment on them and discuss them.
Classroom Application	Scribd lets everyone publish their work. When users upload documents into Scribd, those documents become completely searchable – every word is “tagged” into their search engine, allowing users to search inside documents and not just by document name. The “papers” that are uploaded are viewed inside the Web browser, so even text-to-speech software can be read aloud from the millions of documents already uploaded.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.scribd.com/faq">http://www.scribd.com/faq</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="http://www.scribd.com">Scribd</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.scribd.com">http://www.scribd.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, collaboration, mind_maps, organization, diagramming, brainstorming, graphic_organizer, whiteboard
Description	This is an online brainstorming whiteboard.
Overview	Think of Skrbl as a virtual chart paper or whiteboard that you might use in a meeting for a variety of reasons.
Classroom Application	Teachers can create a Skrbl space as a group whiteboard, discussion space, student group brainstorm session, etc. Teachers also can watch as students work out team issues together and diagram mind maps.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.skrbl.com/faq.html">http://www.skrbl.com/faq.html</a>
Alternates	<a href="http://www.twiddla.com">http://www.twiddla.com</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="http://www.skype.com">Skype</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.skype.com">http://www.skype.com</a>

Keywords	SREB, productivity, collaboration, communication, audio, chat
Description	This is a VoIP Internet-based telephony program.
Overview	Skype is not a Web site, like most other social media resources. It is a software program that looks much like a chat client. However, Skype actually connects voice, video and group chat. Users can talk in real time over the Internet with other Skype users. Groups can talk at once, these audio conversations can be recorded and archived, and with a paid subscription, even traditional landlines or cell phones can join in a Skype conference call.
Classroom Application	Educators all over the world are using Skype for various reasons, not the least of which is the fact that it's free in basic format. Students can use the basic chat function, just like any other instant-messaging chat program. But being able to talk in real time with other users over the Internet alleviates the need for a traditional landline and offers features that would be expensive to implement using traditional phone service.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sodMDs7rEEk">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sodMDs7rEEk</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="http://www.slideshare.net">Slideshare</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.slideshare.net">http://www.slideshare.net</a>
Keywords	SREB, RSS, collaboration, storage, file_sharing
Description	This is a slideshow collaboration site.
Overview	Slideshare is a place to share slideshows such as Microsoft Powerpoint and Apple's Keynote. The slides are uploaded from any computer and housed at the site in Adobe Flash format. This allows presentations to be shared with anyone with an Internet connection, without having to actually send files back and forth between users. The social media aspect of this site allows users to view, comment on and interact with slides in a way that is not possible with the typical presentation mode of these slideshows.

Classroom Application	<p>Teachers and students can produce and upload slideshows that can be viewed, discussed and shared by other users. As with many new media/Web 2.0 tools, users can set up RSS subscriptions so that they can be alerted when new slideshows are uploaded that match key terms.</p> <p>Sharing slideshows online also offers an open forum for groups to collaborate and create a slideshow based on collective intelligence and worldwide input.</p>
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<p><a href="http://www.slideshare.net/faqs/slideshare">http://www.slideshare.net/faqs/slideshare</a></p> <p><a href="http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4653958644238149878">http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4653958644238149878</a></p>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b>TeacherTube</b>
URL	<a href="http://www.teachertube.com">http://www.teachertube.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, video, collaboration, RSS
Description	This is a social video-sharing site.
Overview	TeacherTube is an educational social video-sharing site — a YouTube for teachers. Users can watch, subscribe to, create and share free instructional videos. YouTube is probably blocked in most schools. TeacherTube shouldn't be.
Classroom Application	<p>TeacherTube is an online collection of home-grown (and some professional) video content, housed in a Web site structure designed just like YouTube. Teachers will find many short, instructional videos like “The Pythagorean Theorem in 3 minutes” and “The Rapping Algebra Teacher.” It's also a great place to share videos of your own snippets of instruction so your students can see you demonstrate lessons. The videos are free and, like most new media/Web 2.0 sites, users can subscribe and be alerted when new videos are uploaded that meet pre-defined criteria. For example, each time someone uploads a video with the keyword “esl,” subscribers would be alerted.</p> <p>The bulk of videos uploaded into TeacherTube are instructional in nature and feature practicing classroom</p>

	teachers. This site also provides free tutorials and guidelines for teachers interested in creating their own videos to upload and share.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.teachertube.com/help">http://www.teachertube.com/help</a>  This narrative by Chris O'Neal and published by <a href="#">Edutopia</a> is a <a href="#">discussion of YouTube</a> , a video sharing site like TeacherTube and SchoolTube, a moderated version of YouTube.
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Twiddla</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.twiddla.com/">http://www.twiddla.com/</a>
Keywords	SREB, collaboration, brainstorming, chat
Description	A collaborative, web-browsing utility
Overview	Allows users to browse websites together from any location, mark up the websites, chat inside the website being browsed, and so on.
Classroom Application	Students can work on website projects together, or a teacher can lead a discussion about a website, while students browse and note specific portions or text/media within the site. Teachers can mark up a site, and point special attention to certain sections on which students should focus.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.twiddla.com/About/FAQ.aspx">http://www.twiddla.com/About/FAQ.aspx</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Twitter</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.twitter.com">http://www.twitter.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, communication, collaboration, RSS, blog, chat, digital_storytelling, social_networking, social_network
Description	This is a free, Web-based office suite.

Overview	Twitter is a microblogging tool. The twitter byline is “What are you up to?” Twitter offers a way for users to microblog in short “blasts” on any topic that the microblogger’s readers would be interested in knowing more about. Twitter users can subscribe to others’ blasts, and receive updates via Web, RSS readers, or even cell phone text messaging.
Classroom Application	<p>Twitter can be used by teachers to set up “class blasts” that are sent out to students at any time about current topics, timely events or questions, etc. In addition, teachers can use Twitter easily to send out classwide announcements that in the past have gotten lost in bookbags and jean pockets.</p> <p>Teachers can distribute these shorts bursts of information via the Web, e-mail or cell phone text messages. Receivers can choose the same formats in which to receive these. This tool can help with parental communications, student collaborations, or just as one method to make more productive use of students’ cell phones.</p>
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.commoncraft.com/Twitter">http://www.commoncraft.com/Twitter</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="http://ed.voicethread.com">VoiceThread</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://ed.voicethread.com">http://ed.voicethread.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, collaboration, video, audio, digital_storytelling, RSS, photos
Description	This site enables collaborative, audiovisual storytelling.
Overview	VoiceThread is a program that incorporates the best of traditional photo slideshows, PowerPoint presentations and podcasts and combines them into one powerful, digital storytelling tool. Typically, users upload photos and then groups collaborate to tell the story behind these photos.

Classroom Application	VoiceThread is a tool that allows users to collaborate for presentations, stories, narrations, etc., on any topic. Teachers can create “voicethreads” for students to view and contribute to, or students can use these tools to produce group presentations and projects. The voicethreads are stored online and can be viewed publicly if the authors so choose, or stored privately in a password-protected mode.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://sillitutorial.com/voicethread_tutorial/">http://sillitutorial.com/voicethread_tutorial/</a> <a href="http://www.metacafe.com/watch/1477760/sillis_voicethread_tutorial_for_k12_educators/">http://www.metacafe.com/watch/1477760/sillis_voicethread_tutorial_for_k12_educators/</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Web 2.0 Tutorial Videos</a></b> (See <a href="#">CommonCraft</a> above.)
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Wikis</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.wikispaces.com">http://www.wikispaces.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, wiki, collaboration, RSS
Description	This is a free online space for student collaborative publishing.
Overview	Wiki pages are easily editable Web pages that allow users to immediately type documents and have them published in near real time. Unlike traditional Web pages, wikis do not require in-depth file transfers or complicated HTML coding languages.
Classroom Application	Wikis allow individual or group publishing — all created, revised and published within a browser. Since no software is required other than the browser itself, students and teachers can edit their online wiki pages from anywhere.  Wikis can be set up as private, so that only teachers and students with passwords can view and edit the site, or they can be publicly viewable and editable.  Wikis create the power of a student- or teacher-created Web presence and remove the traditional complications of Web publishing.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.commoncraft.com/video-wikis-plain-english">http://www.commoncraft.com/video-wikis-plain-english</a>

Alternates	<a href="http://www.wetpaint.com">http://www.wetpaint.com</a> <a href="http://pbwiki.com">http://pbwiki.com</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><u>Wordle</u></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.wordle.net/">http://www.wordle.net/</a>
Keywords	SREB, visualization, visualizing, design, brainstorming, communication, digital_storytelling, graphic_organizer, libraries, librarians, literature, reading
Description	A place to create word clouds or tag clouds
Overview	Wordle generates “word clouds” from text that you enter at the site. The clouds can take on a variety of layouts, fonts, and colors.
Classroom Application	Wordle is a fun site for students to visualize, brainstorm, and create word clouds for mind mapping, collaborative projects, group study efforts and publishing endeavors.
Tutorials/Help/Overview	<a href="http://www.wordle.net/faq">http://www.wordle.net/faq</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><u>xTimeline</u></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.xtimeline.com">http://www.xtimeline.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, video, collaboration, RSS
Description	This site enables collaborative timeline-building.
Overview	This site takes the best of a traditional timeline-building software tool and brings it to the Web in a collaborative structure.
Classroom Application	<p>This is a collaborative timeline-building site set up with the same features as a wiki — providing a history of edits, the ability to make timelines private or public, and public sharing with the rest of the xtimeline community. Students can work individually or in groups to collaborate on the ultimate sequence of events for any topic.</p> <p>The xtimeline site is a unique, cross-curricular way to build timelines in that it allows teachers to teach outlining and organizing skills, order and sequence, all inside a collaborative, Web-based site. In addition, students can</p>

	embed narrations, video, pictures and links to resources and supporting sites.
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="http://www.teachertube.com/search_result.php?search_id=xtimeline">http://www.teachertube.com/search_result.php?search_id=xtimeline</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Yugma</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.yugma.com">http://www.yugma.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, video, collaboration, communication, conferencing, Web_conferencing, screen_sharing, interactive, whiteboard, productivity
Description	This is a free Web-conferencing program for up to 20 users at a time.
Overview	Yugma allows for free desktop sharing and Web conferencing, collaborative presentations, etc.
Classroom Application	<p>Teaching students across multiple geographic locations can be enhanced with desktop sharing. Yugma allows teachers to conduct a complete Web conference with desktop sharing, audio, chat, etc. for free for up to 20 students.</p> <p>Use in conjunction with Skype, and you can also have the audio portion free (otherwise, students would need to call into a conference call number that you provide – if you want interactive audio, that is)</p>
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<a href="https://www.yugma.com/support/support.php">https://www.yugma.com/support/support.php</a>
<b>Resource Name</b>	<b><a href="#">Zamzar</a></b>
URL	<a href="http://www.zamzar.com">http://www.zamzar.com</a>
Keywords	SREB, file_conversion, pdf_files, RSS
Description	This is an online file conversion utility.
Overview	Zamzar is an online conversion site, with the ability to convert dozens of file types, as well as turn Web-based movie files (YouTube, for example) into downloadable files that don't require Internet access. Depending on the copyright status, users can paste in a URL of a YouTube movie and have it convert that into a QuickTime movie to save locally.

Classroom Application	<p>Teachers can use Zamzar to convert nearly any file to a PDF, a QuickTime or Windows Movie and many more files.</p> <p>Zamzar also allows users to drop in the URL of their favorite YouTube video and have that converted into numerous formats. This is especially helpful since there are some great resources on YouTube, but that site is typically blocked in schools. Zamzar itself does not monitor the copyright of files converted, so that piece is up to teachers to verify accordingly.</p>
Tutorials/Overview/Help	<p><a href="http://www.zamzar.com/help">http://www.zamzar.com/help</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuGD1mlGVJ0">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuGD1mlGVJ0</a></p>

## Glossaries of Web 2.0 Terms

Web 2.0 refers to services available on the World Wide Web that let people collaborate and share information online. There are many new terms to learn that will enhance your understanding of these resources. If you need further definition of any term mentioned above or if you encounter terms you do not understand while using the sites listed, consult these Web 2.0 glossaries.

[Six Things — A Quick Web 2.0 Glossary](#)

[Social Signal, a Web 2.0 Glossary](#)

[Web2forDev; a Participatory Web for Development](#)

[Web 2.0 Glossary \(University of Central Florida\)](#)