

TUESDAY TECH TIP

NIAGARA FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY/NIAGA LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Do you like reading various blogs and news sites, but find it tedious to check each one daily?

Some users may remember Google Reader, which allowed Google users to see a stream of posts and stories published by chosen websites. Unfortunately, Google ended Reader in 2013. Two of the more popular RSS feed Google Reader replacements are highlighted here.

WHAT IS RSS?

An RSS reader, also called a feed reader, is a browser add-on program designed to gather and display RSS feeds according to user-definable parameters. An RSS reader can reduce the time and effort needed to check online publications for updates. It creates, in effect, a personalized news subscription for the Internet user.

Source: <http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/RSS-reader>

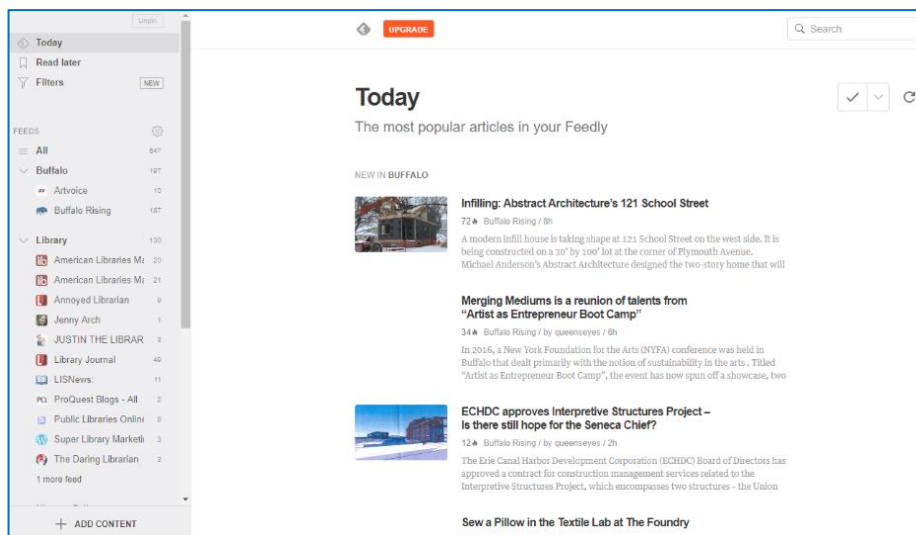
FEEDLY



URL: <https://feedly.com/i/welcome>

Account Required? Yes, but if you choose, you can simply sign in with your Google or Facebook accounts

HOW IT LOOKS



HOW TO START

1. Click **+ ADD CONTENT** in bottom left corner
2. Click **PUBLICATIONS & BLOGS**
3. Type in keywords to search for source, or copy and paste URL

EXAMPLE: BOOK RIOT SEARCH

Type keywords to search

When you see your desired source in the results, click **FOLLOW**

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Top navigation: "Sources" (active) and "Keyword alerts".
- Search prompt: "What sources do you want to follow?"
- Search bar: Contains "book riot" with a search icon on the left and a language dropdown set to "English" on the right.
- Filters: A row of tags including #books, #literature, #writing, #culture, #authors, #writers, #entertainment, and #news.
- RESULTS section:
 - BOOK RIOT**: 10K followers / 68 articles per week. Description: "Book Riot is a blog covering book-related news, reviews, commentary, advice and information along with the latest in book-". Tags: #books, #literature, #reading, #writing. A green "FOLLOW" button is to the right.
 - Salon: in-depth news, politics, business, technology & culture Salon**: 58K followers / 226 articles per week. Description: "Award-winning news and culture, features breaking news, in-depth reporting and criticism on politics, business, entertainment and". A red heart icon and text "3K Evangelical leaders give Trump a 'mulligan' on Stormy Daniels" are visible. Tags: #news, #thinkers, #politics, #books. A green "FOLLOW" button is to the right.

EXAMPLE: BOOK RIOT – COPYING AND PASTING URL

Copy URL from browser and paste into search bar

When you see your desired source in the results, click **FOLLOW**

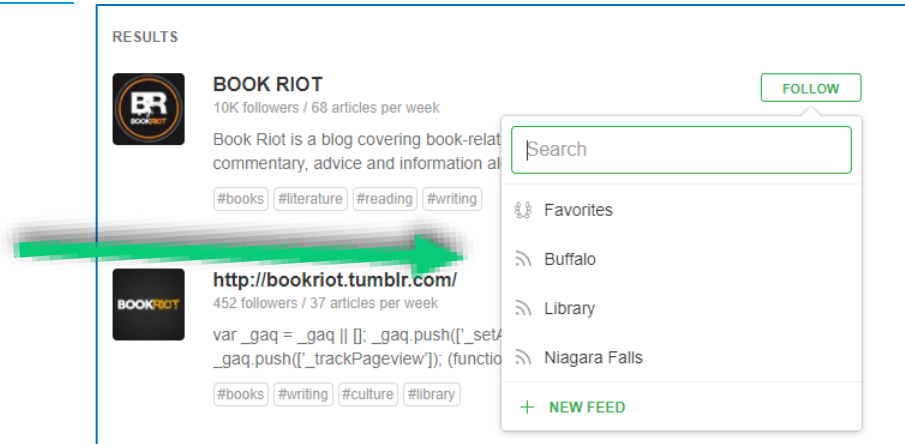
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 - http://bookriot.tumblr.com/**: 452 followers / 37 articles per week. Description: "var _gaq = _gaq || []; _gaq.push(['_setAccount', 'UA-25481245-2']); _gaq.push(['_trackPageview']); (function() { var ga =". Tags: #books, #writing, #culture, #library. A green "FOLLOW" button is to the right.

DESIGNATING FEEDS

Categorize your sources into feeds.
To add your source to an existing feed, click the feed name.

To add the source to a newly created feed, click **+ NEW FEED**.



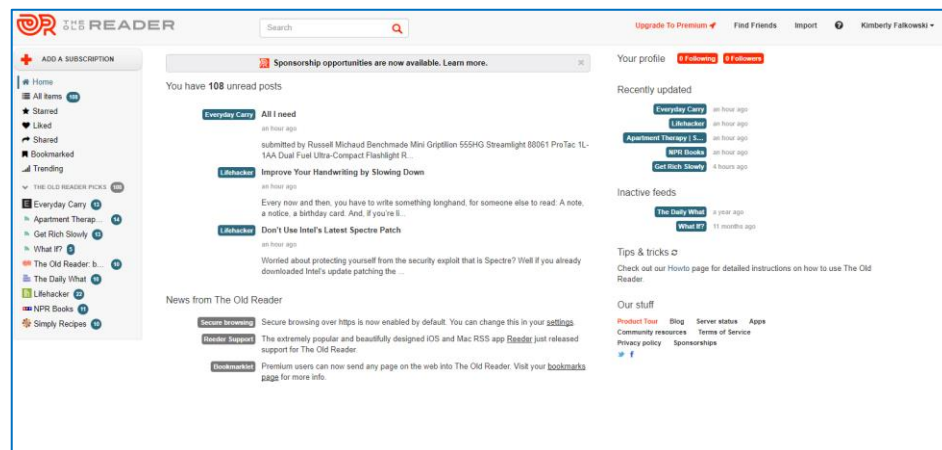
THE OLD READER

URL: <https://theoldreader.com/>

Account Required? Yes, but if you choose, you can simply sign in with your Google or Facebook accounts

- Note: If you use the mobile app, you will need a username and password in The Old Reader. If you only use Google or Facebook to sign in, you will need to create a username and password for the service.

HOW IT LOOKS

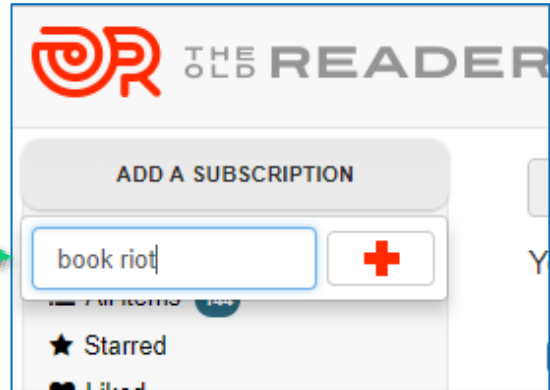


HOW TO START

1. Click **+ ADD A SUBSCRIPTION** in top left corner
2. Type in keywords for source, or copy and paste URL

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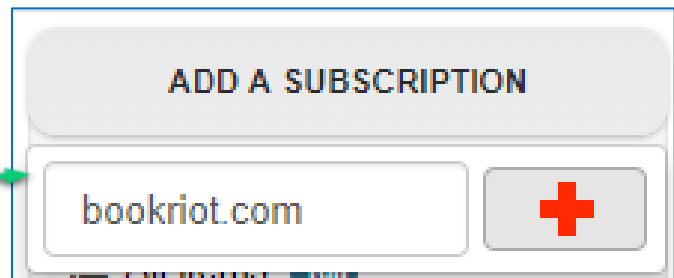


Find desired source in similar feeds list, and click **SUBSCRIBE**



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The source is found and automatically added to feed

