

Flickr

What is Flickr?

- Flickr is a tool that allows you to post, organize, and share pictures online.
- Pictures can be shared with a few people, everyone, or no one, depending on your preferences. They can exist in a personal photo album and/or a group photo album (usually organized around a specific topic).
- Pictures are organized by “tagging”; labeling that describes an image so that it can easily be found later.
- Images can be found by browsing, searching for tags, or searching for users.

How do I get started?

- Open a web browser and go to www.flickr.com.
- Click on the “Create Your Account” button.
- Sign in using your Yahoo! mail account.
- The next page will give you two options. You may make a new account, or merge your account with an existing one. Click “Create a New Account.”
- Now, you can start to upload your pictures. Click the blue link that says “Upload Your First Photo (or video).”
- You will be directed to a page that will help you upload (this means transferring a file from your computer to the website) your very first picture. To start, click “Choose Photos.” A box will pop up with a directory of the files in your computer. From this list, you will choose the picture you would like to put on Flickr. Double click the image name to choose it. The photo name will appear in a list format. You may add more than one photo at a time by clicking “Add More,” located at the bottom of the box. When you are finished choosing files, click “Upload Photos.” A pink bar will appear to indicate the progress of the upload. Finally, a message will appear telling you that the download has completed, and asking if you would like to describe the photo. Click “Add a Description.”
- The first box will ask you for a title for your picture. The second asks you to describe the picture. You can put notes in this section, or leave it blank. The final box asks you to tag your image. This will “catalog” the image, allowing others to more easily find it, as well as helping you more easily categorize it. For example, if I were to upload a picture of my new kitten coming home, I might tag it “Maggie”, “Chicago”, “home”, and “kitten.” You can tag as little or as much as will be helpful to you. Click on the blue box that says “Save This Batch.”
- Now let’s take a moment to set up your URL name. At the top of the page, click the blue arrow next to “You.” From the pop down menu, select “Your Account.” In the middle of the page, there is a link that says “Create Your Own Memorable Flickr Address.” Type something memorable in the box provided. It tends to be easiest to use your full name (no capital letters, no spaces). Your URL will help your friends and family find your photos easier. All they will need to do is type this URL into the address box of their browser, and they will see the page that you are currently creating.

- Take a moment to write down the URL so that you may share it with friends and family.
- Now that you've picked your URL, click "Preview."
- Note that your URL name cannot be changed later. Now click "Ok, Lock it in." If you've changed your mind, click "I need to choose a different alias." You will again see the most recent page, and be able to edit your selection.
- Finally, create your profile. This can have as little or as much information about you as you want. Again, go to the top of the page and click on the blue arrow next to "You." Choose "Your Profile" from the menu. Click the link that says "Edit Your Profile" located under the search box in the top right corner. The boxes ask you for your first and last name, your gender, your time zone, and a description of yourself. Feel free to enter only the information you are comfortable with providing. The description field can describe you, your pictures, or anything else you want.
- Click the "Save It" button to finish up.
- Congratulations! Your profile is finished. Now you can upload as many pictures as you would like!

How do I upload photos?

- Click on the Flickr icon in the top left hand corner to return to your main page.
- Look again for the yellow box on the main page. Directly to the right of it, you will see a bold blue option that says "Upload Photos." Click on this link.
- Now click "Choose Photos." A directory will again pop up prompting you to choose images from your computer. Double click the one you would like.
- A white box will appear, containing the name of your chosen file. At the bottom, a dialog will tell you how many files you are uploading. If you would like to upload several at one time, click the link next to it that says "Add More."
- Finished? Chose whether you would like the picture to be public or private. Pictures are public by default. You may choose to make them private (seen by friends, family, or just you).
- Now click the pink and white box that says "Upload Photos." As the images upload, a green checkmark will appear next to them. When the uploader finishes, a large green checkmark will appear underneath the box. Click the option to "Add a Description."
- The next page will allow you to tag and describe the photos in the same way that you did when you uploaded your first picture. When you're done, click "Save This Batch."
- You will see a page with all your photos. From here, you can add descriptions, delete, and change the images. You can also make selected pictures private.
- That's it! You now know everything you need to add and share your pictures. If you have other questions, feel free to contact the Adult Services staff at adultref@barringtonarealibrary.org or (847) 382-1300, or check out one of the books that the library has on Flickr.