

Add an External Feed of Information [Twitter, GoodReads, Shelfari]

Sites that provide “Feeds” [a current scroll of information delivered to your doorstep much like a newspaper delivery] can enhance your site. Consider how such sites as Twitter, Shelfari and Good Reads Books can provide a different layer of communication.

Each site functions a little differently, but the following will give you a path to insert Twitter and Good Reads.

Twitter

[a unique microblogging platform that collects a stream of information]

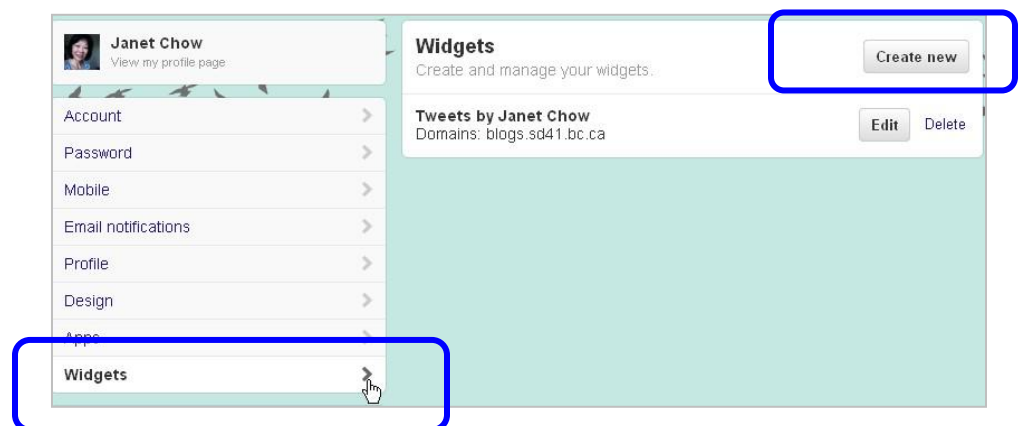
Launch your Twitter Account; log in.

Click **Settings**



You will create a widget that can be used by your blog to deliver the feed.

Click **Widgets > CREATE NEW**



Add Twitter cont...

Height > Record size for your sidebar widget [*A 200 pix width will usually fit most themes.]

Domains > Record your website address

Click **Save changes**

Update Tweets by Janet Chow

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Add any public Twitter timeline to your website using the tool below. Simply select your timeline source, options, and copy and paste the code in the HTML of your page. For more information, read the [developer documentation](#).

Options

Username:

No replies

Height:

Theme:

Auto expand photos

Link color:

Domains:

Enter the domains of the sites where you'll be embedding this timeline. localhost is supported automatically.

Opt-out of tailoring Twitter [?]

Preview

Tweets

[Follow @beyondtech1](#)

Janet Chow @beyondtech1 2h
We showcase teachers/classes who use blogging etc in powerful ways. that boosts curriclr connection. #rechat
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RT @johntspencer When schools block social media, students learn compliance and fear rather than ethics #rechat Great comment!

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Frequent Multitaskers Aren't Good At Multitasking via @ijukes bit.ly/VBP3jR #edchat #sd41 #bclearns
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Gr8 am -use Kurzweil to support rdg/writing. Flipped - instead of wrkshp to staff, tob. Co with all tchr in

[Tweet to @beyondtech1](#)

```
<a class="twitter-timeline" href="https://twitter.com/beyondtech1" data-widget-id="300273947369422849">Tweets by @beyondtech1 </a>
<script>function(d,s,id){var js,fjs=d.getElementsByTagName(s)}
Copy and paste the code into the HTML of your site.
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****Copy the code in lower right box (*NOTE: ensure you copy the entire code!)**

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Add Twitter cont...

Almost there 😊

Back at your blog, open your DASHBOARD.

Select **Appearance > Widgets**.

Drag a **TEXT** widget over to your sidebar.

Paste (Edit/Paste) your copied code into the box.

Add a title.

Click **SAVE**

Go to your site and check out your handy work.

My example on the sidebar looks like this.

```
<a class="twitter-timeline" data-widget-id="30027394"
```



Add a Bookshelf Feed

Sites like GoodReads or Shelfari provide an opportunity to share books that you're reading. If you create an account that is dedicated to your class, you can separate your professional reading from the class.

This example uses GoodReads.

Log into your Account. In Settings, select Widgets. This site offers a wide number of widgets to choose. Scroll down until you find a widget you like.

[*All of these widget types will work on our Wordpress MU blogs.]

Copy the HTML code by clicking in the box and use either Control+ C or right click Copy.

My Books Widget

A flash widget to let you show off your favorite books on your blog or website.

Customize Your Widget

select shelf:

select sort:

select title:

books link to: Goodreads Amazon

Copy/paste this HTML into your Web site:

```
<div style="margin:0px;">
  <embed width="190" height="300"
  src="http://www.goodreads.com/images/widget/widget2.swf"
  quality="high" wmode="transparent"
  FlashVars="id=13081987&shelf=currently-reading&title=Jan's bookshelf: currently-reading&host=www.goodreads.com&sort=date_added&order=a&params=amazon,,dest_site.goodreads">
</div>
```

Almost there 😊

Back at your blog, open your DASHBOARD.

Select **Appearance > Widgets**.

Drag a **TEXT** widget over to your sidebar.

Paste (Edit/Paste) your copied code into the box.

Depending on the width of your theme's sidebar, you may need to change the width to 200.

Title: add a title to widget [eg. Books I'm Reading]

Click **SAVE**

Text: Books I'm Reading

Title: Books I'm Reading

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<div style="margin:0px;">
  <embed width="190" height="300"
  src="http://www.goodreads.com/images/widget/widget2.swf"
  quality="high" wmode="transparent"
  FlashVars="id=13081987&shelf=currently-reading&title=Jan's bookshelf: currently-reading&host=www.goodreads.com&sort=date_added&order=a&params=amazon,,dest_site.goodreads">
</embed>
</div>
<div id="gr-fl-widget-1374517750">
  <div style="border: 1px solid #d7d7d7;border-radius:10px;width:165px;padding:10px;margin-bottom: 4px;"><span style="color:#aaa;font-style:italic;">Jan's bookshelf: currently-reading</span><br>
  <a href="http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13392640-
```

Automatically add paragraphs

Delete | Close

Save