

Websites You Want to Bookmark for Life

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My bookmark bar has gone through a lot of changes since I first logged on to the Internet—via AOL—about 14 years ago. When I was younger, my favorites list consisted of [PBS](#) and [Disney Channel](#) sites. As a teenager, I loved fan websites and online forums for my favorite celebrities and tv shows. Now, as an adult with less free time to surf the web, I love sites that help me with the little things in life in a fast and fun way. The following are some of the websites currently listed in my bookmark bar.

Musicoverly

When it comes to music, I need all the help I can get in finding songs I like. I discovered [Musicoverly](#) via [StumbleUpon](#), a free web surfing application that recommends sites based on your interests. Having already been familiar with music playlist sites like [Pandora](#) and [Grooveshark](#), I almost continued



Stumbling before I spent some time figuring out what Musicoverly does. It's easy to deduce by its name that it is a music discovery website (music+discovery=musicoverly), and yes, it generates personalized playlists for you. Musicoverly goes one step further than Pandora and Grooveshark, though, in that the site lets you choose the mood of your music. Feeling energetic, calm, positive, dark? You decide where you fall in the spectrum and the songs that pop up will reflect your chosen mood.

A Day's Outing



[Mashable](#) introduced me to [A Day's Outing](#), a website and

[iPhone application](#) that makes it possible to plan a day trip on the actual day of the trip. It lets you balance both being spontaneous and creating a plan. Simply fill in the blanks for where you're going and what you want to do, and the website puts together options that can be done all in a day's time. When I tested the site, I plugged in my hometown and was impressed with the results! When I clicked on one of the suggested events, the [Soulard Farmer's Market](#), I got the address, hours of operation and contact information, as well as a Google map for easy navigation. Apparently, the site can also inspire city natives to go on a staycation in their own towns!

Food on the Table

I found out about [Food on the Table](#) from a friend's post on Facebook. Although I only have to worry about making meals for myself, I instantly appreciated this new website that makes planning family dinners as

The image shows a screenshot of the Food on the Table website. At the top left is the logo "food on the table" with a stylized fork and knife icon. To the right of the logo is a navigation bar with "Upgrade Now" and "Invite a Friend" buttons. Above the "Invite a Friend" button is a link that says "want a free month?". Below the navigation bar is a user greeting: "Hello, canceled-by-admin-amandawestrich@gmail.com | Settings | FORUMS | Support | Log Out". The main content area has a yellow background with a green border. On the left side of this area is a red ribbon that says "Free!". The title "About Food on the Table" is centered at the top of the main area. Below the title is a cartoon illustration of a family of six (a man, a woman, and four children) sitting around a table eating. The man is on the left, the woman is on the right, and the children are in the middle. They are all smiling and holding plates and glasses.

easy as pie. Food on the Table has you select your grocery store so it can suggest meals based on the store's weekly sales. Once you choose the meals you want to make, the website lets you print a grocery list and coupons. I don't know how much more efficient meal planning can get! At this time, Food on the Table covers 20 states and 30 major grocery store chains, but they're constantly working on adding others. Whether they currently service your state or not, the site still works great when you don't know what's for dinner.

What websites are in your bookmark bar?



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