Digital Bookshelves for Independent Reading

Individual Space Ideas for Dynamic Classrooms, Learners, and Assessment

Are you looking for strategies to cultivate a lifelong love of reading? Do you want to celebrate reading milestones? How about a new strategy to formatively assess ELA learning objectives? Digital bookshelves for independent reading are highly adaptable for supporting literacy development and are a great strategy for K-12 classrooms. Whenever students start a new book, have them add it to their Individual Space called "My Bookshelf." At the end of the school year, they will have a bookshelf that showcases all of the great literary journeys they have been on!

My Bookshelf

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Legend by Marie Lu
Start: February 22
I chose this book because Juanjo told be that it is awesome! He's now on the third book in the series.

This work demonstrates...

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How do I create this Space?

From your Teacher Account

- Click on **Spaces** from the top navigation menu
- Click **+Create**
- Select **Individual** and click ✔**Next**
- Select which students you are creating an Individual Space for. If you select **All Students**, you are creating an Individual Space for each one of your students!
- **Name** the Space (My Bookshelf), **Describe** the Space, and add **Media** attachments > Click ✔**Save**
- Ready for your students to start posting? Click **Students** (top right) to change your visibility settings.

How can my students post to this Space?

When students start a new book, have them sign into Spaces

1. Click **+Create**
2. Choose **Media** (to upload a picture of their book or take a picture) > add a **Title** (the title of their book plus the author) > **Post a Description** (starting date, why they chose this book, etc.)
3. ✔**Next** > Select **Space** (My Bookshelf) > ✔**Post**

Do you want your students to practice a learning objective that you are teaching in class?
- Have your students practice this learning objective in relation to their independent reading by adding a reflection to their original post

Launching your Space & Tips for Implementation

- Want to display how to post, your learning objective, and your reading prompt? Make a copy of this slide-deck
- Celebrate reading milestones and growth with a wider audience. Make My Bookshelf visible to families
- Add a Curriculum Tag when students answer a reading prompt that is related to a learning objective
- Ready for a summative assessment? Create an Activity and assign it to My Bookshelf
- Looking for more information? Check out this Blog Post on Digital Bookshelves for Independent Reading