

# Southborough LibGuide: Website Development

Website development is a useful skill and websites can do a lot in fun or professional settings.

Now, websites need two things: a domain name (like a house has an address) and a web host (like the house itself).

## Platforms for Web Hosting

The websites below offer a free version.

[Weebly](#) - This guided onboarding system makes it a good option for those starting out. The layout is a little more difficult to figure out, but offers more features like slideshow and google map.

[Wix](#) - Wix offers a huge array of options for formatting and design present in a format that is pretty easy to access.

[Wordpress](#) - Wordpress also has a free version. Though a little harder to navigate, Wordpress has some cool options like a dashboard to keep track of recent activity and a group email to followers.

\*This website offers only paid versions\*

[Constant Contact](#) - Constant Contact is a great platform for beginners willing to pay for use. It takes users in a step by step process to get set up. Options for changing format or content of the website is easy to follow.

## From Scratch

Some programs let you design more of the website from the ground up such as [Atom](#) and [Aptana Studio](#). With programs like these every detail on the site is decided by your HTTP..which is both intimidating and exciting!

Coding entered on these programs still needs a platform. To avoid using an existing web host, you need to buy your own. [Raspberry Pi](#), a mini computer, is one way of doing that. Learn more about web hosting on Raspberry Pi [here](#) and the other necessary steps of forwarding ports on your router [here](#).

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