

# BookMate - Vision Statement

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BookMate is a library system and social media hybrid app that is focused on students and book lovers alike. Similar to an actual library website, users can see what books are available to borrow, place holds, and check the status of the books they've checked out or placed holds on. What separates BookMate from other library websites is the social media aspect, which allows users to rate and write reviews to build their profiles.

The target audience that BookMate users will be are students of York University. This will give the opportunity for book loving students to have a place to discuss current books they are reading, and review books they've read in the past. Allowing for the building of a book reading community within York, and an easy way to get into reading to all students.

As mentioned above, BookMate will have all the capabilities of a functional library system. Users will be able to check our database of books to see the status of each. If a book is not checked out, they will be able to borrow it, otherwise they will have to place a hold on it and wait until the book is returned for them to check it out. Books can be checked out for 21 days with the option for renewals if there are no holds, while holds can be picked up within 7 days of their availability.

For the social media component, users will be able to create their own profiles to display their favourite books, their recent borrowing history, as well as their ratings and reviews of books. They can also follow other users to see their ratings and reviews as well. As users start to build their profile by borrowing a rating/reviewing more books, we will be able to provide them with recommendations based on their history.

BookMate will primarily be used by York University students, with the possibility of being used by the general public in the future. Students will be able to create accounts using their Passport York accounts. Librarians at York University will also be given administrative accounts on BookMate, so they can fine students for overdue books or ban them if this occurs too many times. Furthermore, they can also add new books to the system or remove books if they're missing.

In the pre-release version of the system, users will have to create new accounts without the use of their York Passport accounts, and the database will be simulated by the use of the Google Books API, instead of the York University's actual library. This version will also simulate books getting checked out, renewed, and returned, without the option to physically do so.

The social media component to BookMate is considered to be important because it will encourage students to read more books. The recommendations that are provided by BookMate will encourage the users they follow to seek out more books to expand their knowledge.

BookMate will be considered a success when users consider it superior to the current library system used by York University based on a survey we will conduct. If at least 70% of the students surveyed say that it is in fact better, then BookMate is a success.

## Library System Big Stories - Group 8

### Search For Books

As a Student I want to be able to  
Search for my textbooks and/or  
course materials

Priority: High

Cost: 8 days

### Personalized Recommendations

As an instructor i want  
recommendations for books related  
to my work

Priority: High

Cost: 8 days

### Create/ Join A Community

As an old school I enjoy being part  
of book clubs and knowing what my  
friends are reading.

Priority: High

Cost: 7 days

Visible Valuable Information

As a book enthusiast I want to see  
information to know if a book is  
good or not.

Priority: High

Cost: 5 days

## Library System User Stories - Group 8

### Show Relevant Books

Show relevant books based on search keywords, like "Action" "Drama" and etc

Priority: High

Cost: 3-4 days

### Ratings & Reviews

Display ratings and reviews of books, as well other books and items related to the user

Priority: High

Cost: 7-8 days

### Checkout Books

To checkout books and be shown on the users profile

Priority: High

Cost: 2-3 days

Display a Public Profile

Display recent titles to friends  
and/or followers

Priority: Medium

Cost: 1-2 days

Add Friend / Followers

To be able add or remove  
followers from a list or profile

Priority: High

Cost: 3-4 days

Create Account

Create account and provide  
information for personalized  
recommendation

Priority: High

Cost: 7-8 days