

FREE TECHNOLOGY TOOLS FOR THE LIBRARY & THE CLASSROOM

SCREENCASTING

Jing: www.jingproject.com

- Can use for **FREE** for screenshots and up to five-minute screen capture with or without headphones
- Can pay \$14.95 per year for Pro account, which unlocks other file versions, longer video times, and other features.
- Mac and Windows software versions available
- Requires Microsoft .NET 3.0 Framework on Windows machines
- Examples: <http://bit.ly/byPRKx>
- Reviews of Jing and other screencasting tools: <http://bit.ly/8H9FdP>

WORD CLOUDS

Wordle: www.wordle.net

- Presentation on 38 Uses of Wordle for the Classroom: <http://bit.ly/MS18W>
- Project Gutenberg: www.gutenberg.org
- To SaveScreenshot on a Mac: full screen, Command-Shift-3; selection screen portion, Command-Shift-4
- Screenshot on a PC: full screen, Print Sern key. Then, paste into a Word processing document (Word, WordPad, OpenOffice).
- Example: <http://bit.ly/26Osm8>
- Must include credit to Wordle.net in the image's use.
- More on Wordle uses: <http://bit.ly/aqfoPr>

ONLINE BOOKMARKING

Delicious: www.delicious.com

Diigo: www.diigo.com

- Recommended Delicious users: hbraum; nvteklib
- Recommended Diigo users: hbraum; nvteklib; buffyjhamilton
- Google Search: Delicious +educators
- Great Read: Who Says Librarians and Teachers Don't Like Tags: <http://bit.ly/9vdLnx>
- Common Craft Video: <http://bit.ly/RnIQw>
- 23 Things Kansas Lesson: <http://bit.ly/91eTGm>

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Today's Session

Free Technology Tools for the Library and Classroom
School Librarians are always looking for ways to save time, as well as ways to help their teachers and students locate and use great technology tools. Oh, and they need to be free and easy to use! Impossible, right? Nope! **Heather Braum**, NEKLS Technology Librarian, will help you make that possible. Come to this session to learn about Jing (screencasting), Wordle (visual word clouds), Google Lit Trips, Delicious, Google Docs, as well as resources where you can continue to discover more tools after this session is over.

ONLINE COLLABORATION

Google Docs: <http://docs.google.com/>

- 21 Interesting Ways to Use Google Docs in the Classroom: <http://bit.ly/nzQT>

GOOGLE LIT TRIPS

Project Website: www.googlelitrrips.org

- Software required: Google Earth, <http://earth.google.com/download-earth.html>
- Presentation (PPTX, from Pitt State): <http://bit.ly/2NhHoi>
- Basics of Viewing a Google Lit Trip (PDF, from Pitt State): <http://bit.ly/1OU1dL>

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY TOOLS

Plurk: www.plurk.com

Twitter: www.twitter.com

TeacherLibrarian Ning: teacherlibrarian.ning.com/

- Friend me on Twitter & Plurk; @hbraum is my handle
- See back page for more info on this topic.

OTHER RECOMMENDED SITES

23 Things Kansas: www.23thingskansas.org

Free Technology for Teachers:
www.freetech4teachers.com

ONLINE PLCs/PLNs/CoPs

PLNs, PLCs, AND CoPs...WHAT????

Professional Learning Networks, Professional Learning Communities, and Communities of Practice. Still don't know what they are? Read the following articles. These terms have come from the education profession and still are strongly rooted there, but they are easily transferrable to the library and information profession. We all must continue to learn, and learn from one another, right?

- **Communities of Practice: A Brief Introduction, by Etienne Wenger:** <http://www.ewenger.com/theory/>
- **About PLCs:** <http://bit.ly/crtfPQ>
- **History of PLCs:** <http://bit.ly/9JyRU9>
- **The coming shift for Professional Learning Communities and Knowledge Workers:** <http://bit.ly/QnC6w>
- **How Has Your Professional Learning Network Changed You?** <http://bit.ly/BBiD>
- **Power Up Your Professional Learning Network** presentation at the Fall 2008 Virtual Discovery Educator Network Virtual Conference (<http://bit.ly/aJZNGv>), by Jennifer Carrier Dorman. Options:
 - Download a **video** file of the presenter's audio and slides, from <http://bit.ly/omIyt>.
 - Look at the **slides** only, available on SlideShare: <http://bit.ly/OgAnQ>
 - Presentation **Webpage:** <http://bit.ly/xOXrc>
- Podcast **Building Professional Learning Communities with Educators Using Digital Tools by Wesley Fryer** (<http://bit.ly/18Qc05>).

TWITTER

1. Watch the Common Craft Video on what Twitter is all about: <http://www.commoncraft.com/twitter>
2. Create your Twitter account at www.twitter.com
3. As part of the setup, decide to make the account public or private.
4. Follow me on Twitter, @hbraum; find followers from some of my lists of Twitter users:
 - **Kansas School Librarians:** <http://twitter.com/hbraum/ks-school-librarians>
 - **School Librarians:** <http://twitter.com/hbraum/school-librarians>
 - **Educators:** <http://twitter.com/hbraum/educators>

5. Recommended Resources:

- **Twitter for Beginners:** <http://bit.ly/H71MQ> (PDF)
- **100 Ways to Use Twitter in Your Library:** <http://bit.ly/UpWO2>
- **Twitter Guidebook, from Mashable:** <http://bit.ly/46PQr>

OTHER SOCIAL TECH TOOLS & RESOURCES

Professional Learning Communities and Social Learning, blog post by Dean Shareski, <http://bit.ly/9oKXj0>

Tool Up Your PLCs with "25 Tools for Learning Professionals": <http://bit.ly/RrUHE>

CommonCraft In Plain English videos on:

- Social Bookmarking: <http://bit.ly/RnIQw>
- Social Networking: <http://bit.ly/4Dq49m>
- Social Media: <http://bit.ly/nGg6>
- Blogs: <http://bit.ly/2J7BdB>
- RSS: <http://bit.ly/qGFF>
- Photo Sharing: <http://bit.ly/UD48r>
- Google Reader: <http://bit.ly/4x9QH0>

Other Recommended Tech Sites:

- Mashable: www.mashable.com
- Feed My Inbox: www.feedmyinbox.com
- Lifehacker.com www.lifehacker.com
- MakeUseOf: www.makeuseof.com
- ReadWriteWeb: www.readwriteweb.com

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