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23 Things

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#1 23 What?
Welcome to the original Learning 2.0 Program. This site was created to support PLCMC's Learning 2.0 Program; a discovery learning program designed to encourage staff to explore new technologies and reward them for doing 23 Things. Since the program's launches, it has fostered Learning 2.0 programs all over the world. If you are interested in duplicating or modifying this program for your organization, please see Program Notes on About Page and contact Helene Blowers for information.

23 Things

Listed below are 23 Things (or small exercises) that you can do on the web to explore and expand your knowledge of the Internet and Web 2.0. Staff are encouraged to complete all 23 items on this list by October 31st in order to receive a free USB/MP3 player. Those staff that complete all items by October 6th will also qualify for the laptop drawing and other prizes that will be awarded on All Staff Day.

23 Learning 2.0 Things*

(Note: Details about each task will be activated every week with posts related to each item)

Week 1: Introduction (official start of week August 7th)
1. Read this blog & find out about the program.
2. Discover a few pointers from lifelong learners and learn how to nurture your own learning process.

Week 2: Blogging
3. Set up your own blog & add your first post.
4. Register your blog on PLCMC Central and begin your Learning 2.0 journey.

Week 3: Photos & Images
5. Explore Flickr and learn about this popular image hosting site.
6. Have some Flickr fun and discover some Flickr mashups & 3rd
#2 Some Examples
#3 How Does it Work?
Lesson 5: Digital Storytelling & Presentation Tools

INTRODUCTION

Our next topic is Digital Storytelling & Presentation Tools. Storytelling and presenting are really too intertwined to separate since giving an effective presentation is really all about good storytelling.

This lesson will present a selection of tools to help tell stories through photos, voice, text, video and music. Use these tools to share personal stories, create more effective presentations, present assignments, creative storytelling, and so much more. (You could even create a digital holiday themed video greeting card.)
LEARNING ACTIVITY

This learning activity is easy, fun and very flexible! Perfect for the busy holiday season that is upon us!

**Basic AND Advanced Activity!**

**Step 1:** Pick a tool, any tool and create a short presentation, photo-video show, story, cartoon or whatever you’d like to share with us. Or pick an idea from the More Ideas list below.

**Step 2:** Write a blog post about the tools you explored, how you might use them in your library and school, share other ideas and thought. Please title it “Thing 5”.

**Step 3:** Link to your project: Either post a link to your project in the blog post OR embed it in the blog post if the tool you chose has that feature available.

**More Ideas to Explore**

- Pick an iPad or Android presentation/storytelling app to explore.
- Brainstorm an idea for using tools you’re already familiar with your students.
- Explore the ideas and tools in this article on infographics and create one of your own. [How to Create Stunning Infographics in 30 Minutes or Less](#)
- Find some lesson plans/ideas that you might use as inspiration. Discuss how you might implement them.
- Or any other creative project that involves storytelling/presentation tools.
I explored a lot of tools over the course of Thing 5 and am excited to share them here.

**Animoto**

Here’s the Animoto I created using my stock collection of photos [Summer at the Shore](http://kimlovescooltools.wordpress.com).

I was amazed at how easy this was and, more importantly, *how much fun I had doing it!*

Since making my video at the end of December I have had the opportunity to work with classes in my middle school creating booktrailers.

There are so many important embedded skills in creating a book trailer. Students must:

- **Determine** what aspects of the story are important to convey in their booktrailer
- **Summarize** each of the main ideas in 90 characters or less
- **Identify** photos that are appropriate to each of the main ideas
- **Use search** skills to locate those photos
- **Create citations** for those photos
- **Due to the nature of the project our students, for the most part, self managed their time.**

In the end the book trailers were a huge success and many have been added to the library catalog where they can be viewed by students looking for their next great read.

**Meograph**

This is a tool that I get interested in this way on that I feel works itself especially well to...
Kerpoof

I will be using Kerpoof next month with 6th grade Science classes to create books on the biomes. The teacher and I are in our initial planning stages so any advice is appreciated.

Overall I have to say this has been my favorite of the “things” we have done for this class as I really see some great opportunities to use these tools with teachers and students.

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2 Responses to Thing 5: Digital Storytelling and Presentation Tools

Misha Leybovich says:
February 20, 2013 at 5:47 pm

Hi Kim, sorry for the IE incompatibility ... it's just not modern enough a browser to handle all the media calls Meograph uses. But if you install ChromeFrame for IE, or use Chrome/Firefox/Safari, we should work for you just fine!

Reply

pollyalida says:
March 1, 2013 at 6:07 am
#4 But Why?
http://meridanslittlevoice.blogspot.com
I was able to immediately give her links to slideshare and dropbox and showed her how she could share the links with the administrators. She looks good, I look good and people continue to think of the library as the place to come for help!

- mburghart11.wordpress.com
#5  Tips for Success

LEARNING is REQUIRED.
Admin Support
Incentives
Flexibility
#6 Challenges
Time & Energy

http://www.flickr.com/photos/normalityrelief/3075723695
Support
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when I met with my circle of friends - all doing Cool Tools - and we helped each other figure things out, I learned the most.
#7 Reactions
I even decided to try to spruce up my blog and added the header photo of my library...a very simple task, however, not something I would have even tried to figure out before participating in “cool tools”. My exposure to these tools and exploring them has been a great technology confidence builder for me.

- npine.edublogs.org
Because of Cool Tools, my 6th grade MAP students not only participated in Literature Circles, but blogged about the experience, sharing it with students from another school, and met those students using iPads and FaceTime. They loved it and are so ready for the next book.

- paulafutrell.wordpress.com
The best thing is how the teacher was so impressed and excited she spread the word. I now have teachers requesting to collaborate on projects.

- jmdbookmate.blogspot.com
I found confidence in my abilities which is invaluable in going forward and learning new things.
Thank you!