Curate it! Digital Curation as a Learning Strategy

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Join us for this session where we will discuss the use of social media curation tools with K-12 learners to enhance their information fluency, research, and personal knowledge management skills.

Curation: searching, collecting, evaluating, storing, sharing, presenting
Content curation: “the process of sorting through the vast amount of content on the web and presenting it in a meaningful way around a specific theme” -Beth Kanter (2014)

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<th>Key benefits for students performing curation include that it:</th>
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<td>• Is student-centered; self-directed</td>
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<td>• Builds on their interests; holds relevance</td>
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<td>• Connects them with other collectors, thinkers, tinkerers...</td>
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<td>• Helps them learn and grow and become thought leaders</td>
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Curation also encourages exploration; close nonfiction reading and the interpretation of visual info as they set the context; interest in perspectives of others; and, authorship as curations have life beyond the assignment/local school

Side benefits: Curation promotes digital citizenship, participatory culture, personal voice, and, moves learners through the stages of Bloom’s.

Access (leverages search skills, tool features)
Evaluation (determines quality)
Analysis (reviews components)
Synthesis (sets context)
Ethical use (appropriately attributes info)

Information Fluency Skills

Tools to Use with Students:

- Symbaloo
- Pearltrees
- Pinterest
- LiveBinders
- Storify
- Scoop.it!

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