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AmandaDB joined the room.

KarenL: Hi Amanda, Welcome!

AmandaDB: Hi. I am a student teacher, so I am just sitting in on the conference, getting a feel for what goes on and how to use it. Thanks for welcoming me. :)

KarenL: Well, I hope you enjoy this session. We are rather informal today. Participants may be bringing in their own subject.

MichaelDy: I'm in the same boat. I've been told to see what goes on in Tapped in.

KarenL: Instead of me introducing the subject.

KarenL: Welcome, Michael!

BJB2: Karen, would you like to start officially with intros?

KarenL: Yes, my name is Karen. I'm the discussion leader and a library media specialist in Detroit

BJB2 waves hi. I teach communication and am located in Pennsylvania

BJB2: Nikki? Michael? Amanda?

BJB2: a reminder that all TI members get a transcript of the discussion emailed to them when they log out

KarenL: Okay, let's get started. Does anyone have a particular subject they want to discuss?

MichaelDy: Hi, my name is Michael. I am studying Instructional Tech at McNeese State situated in Louisiana.

BJB2: Karen, before I suggest that everyone detach their chat, perhaps everyone can look at the featured items above the chat? I've just added a new item

BJB2 . o O (any member of the group can add resources...that's the power of a group)

AmandaDB: Sorry about the intro. My name is Amanda and I am an elementary education major at Franklin College in Indiana. I also have a minor that will license me to teach middle school social studies.

BJB2: after you have looked at the featured items...or at least taken a mental note of where they are, go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and detach

KarenL: okay, let's talk about the new item. Now, which one are you talking about BJ?

BJB2: thanks, Amanda!

BJB2: the one about boys reading...it's a PDF

BJB2: Amanda, as an elementary teacher (or any teacher for that matter, your best friend is your media specialist/librarian!

KarenL: I'm downloading the file right now.

KarenL: Aah, thanks BJ!!!

KarenL blushing

BJB2: there's a list of resources on page 55 of the file

KarenL: I would agree with that, Amanda. If you can find a librarian in elementary school. Those positions are getting eliminated for a variety of reasons.

BJB2: I just got Some Dog and 17 things I'm not allowed to do anymore. My grandson loved them

KarenL: I love the cover!!! Eye catching!!!

NikkiLM: I am so sorry, I know this is late but Hello my name is Nikki...I am a student teacher

BJB2 checks to see if Michael and Amanda and Nikki got the PDF?

BJB2: thanks, Nikki.

NikkiLM: I do not believe I got the pdf file

MichaelDy: yeah I did find the PDF thanks

BJB2: above this chat on the webpage is featured items, Nikki

NikkiLM: yes

BJB2: we're looking at Me Read? No Way!

BJB2: what do you plan on teaching, Nikki?

NikkiLM: I plan on teaching elementary, 4th grade

BJB2: Karen and I will repeat what we said to Amanda...

BJB2: as an elementary teacher (or any teacher for that matter) your best friend is your media specialist/librarian!

KarenL blushing, "so true. . ."

KarenL: Now, that we're looking at boys and reading. Does anyone have a favorite author that boys tend to like?

NikkiLM: I cannot think of one...

NikkiLM: maybe C.S. Lewis

KarenL: With elementary, it's hard to describe. Most of the boys that do read love nonfiction--like dinosaurs.

BJB2: Michael, as our token male, what books do you remember being fond of?

KarenL: Okay. Does C.S. Lewis have a website that we can check out?

MichaelDy: Roald Dahl was a personal favourite.

BJB2: oh, cool. Thanks, Michael

KarenL: ooh, James and the Giant Peach!

KarenL: okay, I'm pretty sure Roald has a website that we can look at.

MichaelDy: They were particularly popular. The Twits and The Fantastic Mr Fox for example

KarenL: I like Jon Scieszka (sp?) and I think he particularly likes to write for boys or at least get boys interested in reading.

KarenL: I love The True Story of Three Little Pigs. . .

NikkiLM: That is a good book

MichaelDy: I'm sure the Harry Potter series and The Lord of the Rings films have inspired boys to read more.

KarenL: A few of my boys read it. One boy that I thought would really like the Harry Potter series couldn't read it because of the witchcraft.

KarenL: Both of us were disappointed because I knew he could handle that book with no problem. His parents thought differently.

KarenL: I gave him a classic instead, can't remember the title.

BJB2: <http://www.jsworldwide.com/> Jon Scieszka website

MichaelDy: It's a pity especially since a lot of people enjoy the Harry Potter series. I would not class them as sinister books.

BJB2: Nikki and Amanda, have you taken any kiddie lit courses?

KarenL: Thanks, BJ!

NikkiLM: yes I have

KarenL: Neither would I Michael, but some people have. . .

BJB2: as teachers we have to be sensitive to parental beliefs and wishes..no matter how wrong they are ;-)

KarenL: so true. . .

KarenL: BJ, did you check to see if Roald Dahl has a website?

KarenL: While Bj is checking, did you know that this week is Children's Book Week?

BJB2: <http://www.roalddahl.com/> It's LOUD

KarenL: for more information, go to <http://www.cbcbooks.org>

BJB2: Michael, as a tech coordinator how would you integrate literature?

BJB2 . o O (or advise your teachers on how to do that?)

BJB2: here's one of my favorites <http://www.icdlbooks.org/>

AmandaDB: I have taken a kiddie lit class. I actually really enjoyed it.

BJB2 nods to Amanda. They can be really inspirational!

BJB2: any comments or questions so far?

BJB2: are you familiar with the Children's International Digital Library?

KarenL: I am!!! is everyone else?

BJB2 . o O (url I shared just before you lost your connection)

BJB2: kids can even search for books by cover color!

KarenL: Did you all check out the children's book week website while I was in cyberspace?

AmandaDB: I am not familiar with the International Digital Library. What is it and how can it be used?

KarenL: this is so kid-oriented! Kids are on the icdl team to make sure the searches and graphics attract children

BJB2: <http://www.icdlbooks.org/>

KarenL: It is an awesome website in which children can read a variety of books written in its original language

AmandaDB: That sounds really cool. I will have to check out the website and make a note of it so my class can use it someday.

KarenL: English, Spanish, Japanese. . .

KarenL: picture books, fiction, fairy tales, the team is increasing their collection daily.

BJB2: it's been increased a great deal since I last looked!

BJB2: Stefan Petrucha: On Writing (And Reading) the Graphic Novel

BJB2: "Now kids don't have to read them," the gentleman said as he squinted at the covers of my award-winning Nancy Drew Graphic Novels at last year's BookExpo America.

BJB2: As someone who's been writing graphic novels since they were called comic books, I found his comment disturbing, but not uncommon. Despite the growth in awareness, and the oft-acknowledged boon comics provide educators striving to get kids to read, some folks still don't "get" them.

DavidW joined the room.

BJB2 . o O (from the Children's Book Week site)

BJB2 hugs David

DavidW hugs BJ

KarenL: Hi David!

DavidW waves to Karen

BJB2: <http://www.cbcbooks.org/>

DavidW . o O (sorry about being late)

KarenL: Were you having dinner?:)

DavidW smiles

BJB2 . o O (David usually brings us snacks, Amanda and Michael ;-)

KarenL: Today, I ate dinner early. Now, if you want to prepare a nice dessert, I will not complain!

DavidW checks for available snacks

DavidW: not much for dessert here at the moment, I'm sorry

BJB2 sighs deeply

KarenL sighs, "okay"

KarenL: I'll find something. . .

KarenL: okay, did everyone check icdl? what about children's book week?

KarenL: I got a couple more.. .

AmandaDB: ICDL is awesome. I just went to the site and registered as a library member. Thanks for introducing me to such a fantastic resource! I don't know that I could have found it on my own.

BJB2: I shared some info about the featured author from children's book week

BJB2 . o O (while you were jumping in and out)

KarenL: Jody Gerlock, a librarian, does a monthly list of events. In addition to May being Arthritis month and Better hearing and speech month, it is also get caught reading month.

KarenL: Check out the website <http://www.getcaughtreading.org>

BJB2: very cool, Karen

BJB2: you can order the posters of celebs reading

KarenL: Yep, I thought that was pretty cool, too!

KarenL: Then, another reading week is reading is fun week

KarenL: that website is http://www.rif.org/rif_week.msp

BJB2: funny cartoon....relates to the harry potter comments earlier ;-)

BJB2 . o O (it's all in your point of view!)

KarenL: yep. . .

KarenL: how much time do we have?

KarenL: does anyone want to talk about anything else before we say goodbye?

BJB2: our time is just about up, Karen. Will you be doing a session in June or will you take June and July off?

BJB2 . o O (except for the TI Festival July 23 and 24)

AmandaDB: I do have sort of a technical question....how can I email this discussion to my email account?

DavidW is trying to find reference for a e-book format for cell phones, playstations, etc., that featured children's books

KarenL: I think I may take June and July off and return in August.

BJB2: when you log out, Amanda, the script is automatically emailed

BJB2 nods to Karen

KarenL: Last minute thoughts, anyone?

BJB2: Thanks, Karen! Have a good summer.

BJB2 . o O (pretty quiet participants today)

DavidW smiles

KarenL: Then, I will say, thank you for coming and participating. Have a great end of the school year

BJB2 waves goodnight

KarenL: and hope to see you all in August!

DavidW: Take care, Karen

KarenL: goodnight!