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**ElisaFi:** are you expecting more people?

**BJB2:** I would hope so....but this is a reschedule of the event.

**BJB2:** we'll wait a couple more minutes. I have some stuff I can share if Karen doesn't make it

**ElisaFi:** ok

**BJB2:** how was the tour you took with Corinne on Monday?

**ElisaFi:** good I liked it

**BJB2:** great!

**ElisaFi:** there's another event tonight right?

**BJB2:** you're taking a class that requires you to participate in Tapped In events?

**ElisaFi:** yes

**BJB2:** this is the last event for today. I promise I'll make it interesting :-)

**BJB2:** who is your instructor?

**BJB2** . o O ( I'll say something nice ;-)

**KendaylC** joined the room.

**KendaylC:** sorry I'm late!

**BJB2:** Hi, Kendayl!

**KendaylC:** hi!

**BJB2:** no problem, Kendayl. Karen hasn't arrived yet.

**KendaylC:** oh ok!

**ElisaFi:** My professor is Maxine Fisher

**BJB2:** so I'm going to do the session, if that's ok?

**BJB2:** thanks, Elisa.

**BJB2:** Why don't we start with introductions?

**BJB2:** please tell me where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach

**KendaylC:** Falls church, VA. I teach first grade

**ElisaFi:** New Jersey, getting my masters in early childhood education

**BJB2:** I'm a retired communication and art teacher and Tapped In helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In. I'm in Pennsylvania

**BJB2:** so we need to focus on the little ones for this discussion

**BJB2:** April is full of great stuff for language arts: poetry month, volunteer month, earth day, and April Showers

**BJB2:** do you know about Teacher Domain?

**ElisaFi:** no...

**KendaylC:** no

**ElisaFi:** Is it the campus

**BJB2:** They have video and lessons for all grade levels. Take a few minutes to explore and come back with your impressions

**BJB2:** <http://hosted.vresp.com/235290/42d60c983b/551000752/1912bb2230/>

**KarenL** joined the room.

**BJB2** faints

**KarenL:** Hello everyone! I apologize for my tardiness. . .

**KarenL** gives a hug and smelling salts to BJ

**BJB2:** Karen, just showed Elisa and Kendayl the Teachers Domain newsletter <http://hosted.vresp.com/235290/42d60c983b/551000752/1912bb2230/>

**KarenL:** Oooh, I like Teachers Domain!

**BJB2:** I started the discussion by mentioning that April is Poetry Month, Volunteer Month, Earth Day, and April Showers...lots of stuff for language arts

**BJB2:** Elisa and Kendayl are looking for ideas for the little ones...early childhood/first grade

**KarenL:** Well, I do have resources for Earth Day, and I KNOW you have resources for poetry:)

**BJB2** nods

**KendaylC:** That's a great site!

**ElisaFi:** I guess you have to register

**ElisaFi:** but it looks really good

**BJB2:** it's free, though, Elisa

**KarenL:** Did everyone introduce themselves?

**ElisaFi:** oh ok

**BJB2:** Karen, why don't you introduce yourself?

**BJB2** . o O ( yes, we did intros )

**KarenL:** Okay, my name is Karen Lemmons, and I'm a library media specialist in an elementary school in Detroit.

**KarenL:** Thank you for coming and your patience!

**KarenL:** Now, we are a small group this evening. What is your pleasure - earth day resources, poetry resources, both?

**ElisaFi:** both sound good to me

**KarenL:** okay. I'm going to start with earth day since today is earth day, then move to poetry.

**KendaylC:** both

**KarenL:** So my first website that has a ton of resources is Thinkfinity. Are both of you

familiar with thinkfinity?

**KendaylC:** I love that site!

**KarenL:** If not, you will love it! <http://www.thinkfinity.org>

**KarenL:** or is .com?

**BJB2:** org works

**KendaylC:** org

**BJB2:** I never remember the 'new' name. I keep having to do a search for MarcoPolo

**ElisaFi:** I've never been to this site

**KarenL:** You will love it! Let's check out the earth day resources!

**BJB2:** The partners are what make the site so rich

**KarenL:** yes, it does and it is FREE!!!!

**ElisaFi:** wow there's a lot of stuff

**KendaylC:** it's awesome

**KendaylC:** The interactive Foot print resource is really neat

**KarenL:** ready for some more earth day links?

**KendaylC:** yea!

**ElisaFi:** ok

**KarenL:** okay, here is a link from the science perspective. <http://www.sciencenetlinks.com/earthday/index.cfm>

**JeffC** joined the room.

**BJB2:** Hi, Jeff

**JeffC** waves

**JeffC:** Are we looking at a particular site now or is there just a lull in the action?

**BJB2:** we're looking at a site

**ElisaFi:** I am definitely bookmarking these sites

**KendaylC:** <http://www.sciencenetlinks.com/earthday/index.cfm>

**JeffC:** thanks

**KarenL:** Thank you! Hi Jeff!

**BJB2** . o O ( a reminder that these urls will be in your transcript )

**ElisaFi:** oh yeah :)

**KarenL:** ready for the next one?

**ElisaFi:** yes

**KendaylC:** yes

**KarenL:** okay, now I'm going to show you two sites with a literature spin to earth day.

**KarenL:** first one is from readwritethink. [http://www.readwritethink.org/calendar/calendar\\_day.asp?id=128](http://www.readwritethink.org/calendar/calendar_day.asp?id=128)

**KarenL:** oops! let's do this instead: <http://www.readwritethink.org>

**ElisaFi:** cool

**ElisaFi:** all these links work

**KendaylC:** very nice

**KarenL:** my next one is [http://www.childrenslit.com/childrenslit/th\\_earthday.html](http://www.childrenslit.com/childrenslit/th_earthday.html)

**KarenL:** now children's lit costs. I do not know the subscription fee, but you can get a free trial.

**JeffC** has a couple of sites to share as well (let me know when, Karen).

**KarenL:** hello?

**KarenL:** everyone is checking out the website?

**JeffC:** looks like!

**JeffC:** maybe they're signing up for the free trial.

**ElisaFi:** hi!

**ElisaFi:** I was reading the descriptions sorry

**BJB2:** another site that has a newsletter I get is Writers in the Schools <http://www.witshouston.org/>

**KarenL:** that's okay, did you see the children's lit website?

**KarenL:** or do I need to repost it?

**ElisaFi:** yeah that's what I was just reading

**KarenL:** okay, I'm switching to poetry since we have about 15 minutes left.

**KendaylC:** it's a great site

**KarenL:** you can certainly go to thinkfinity and readwritethink.

**ElisaFi:** that is so cool

**KarenL:** I'd like to take you to some different sources, like:  
<http://www.eduplace.com/monthlytheme/april/poetry.html>

**BJB2:** another excellent writers site for all ages is the National Writing Project. They have a terrific search engine. <http://www.nwp.org/>

**KarenL:** of course, the national writing project!

**BJB2:** . o O ( WriteTalk is about NWP ....they meet in Tapped In on the second Thursday of the month )

**KendaylC:** I have to run, but thank you so much for the resources! They are fabulous

**KarenL:** you are welcome! thank you again for coming and your patience! have a great evening!

**KendaylC:** you too!

**KendaylC** left the room (signed off).

**BJB2:** The next K-12 Language Arts discussion will be on May 20

**KarenL:** and another one is <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/webcasts/index.html>

**BJB2** chuckles...I've been listening to a LOC webcast on Irving Berlin, Karen!

**ElisaFi**: I know that name but....I can't remember who he is

**BJB2**: he wrote White Christmas

**ElisaFi**: oh

**BJB2** . o O ( and hundreds of other songs...God Bless America is one )

**ElisaFi**: ah

**KarenL** hums twilight zone theme song.

**ElisaFi** laughs

**ElisaFi**: these websites are great!

**ElisaFi**: I feel like it's gonna take me so long to get familiar with them

**JeffC** adds one more site: <http://www.tikatok.com> ...it's an online book creator (teachers create accounts for students)... even 1st graders could make their own books (and use their own drawings). they may also collaborate with others... free to use... free to read books by other students... \$15 if you want a softcover book, \$18 if you want a hardcover.

**ElisaFi**: wow that's awesome!

**KarenL**: okay, I think I have one more before we end. . .

**ElisaFi**: the things they have nowadays

**KarenL**: <http://www.theotherpages.org/poems/>

**ElisaFi**: This is free??? I think this one is my favorite

**ElisaFi** loves poetry

**JeffC** adds one more... this is for Karen (not for ECE teachers)... more for middle/high school: <http://www.shmoop.com> ...probably the best literary analysis of books read by middle and high school students... also poetry analysis, U.S. History, and they're working on a paper writing generator to help students write thesis style papers on the books.

**KarenL**: I believe it is free. . .bj?

**KarenL**: oh yes, shmoop! I did sign up for shmoop!

**KarenL:** just to learn about the website. . .

**ElisaFi:** yeah looks like it

**ElisaFi:** nice

**KarenL:** okay, does anyone have anything else they want to share?

**KarenL:** before we say goodnight?

**BJB2** hugs Karen goodnight. Thanks for all the great resources!

**BJB2** . o O ( and the discussion )

**ElisaFi:** Thank you so much!

**BJB2:** join Karen next month, Elisa....she's always a treat ;-)

**ElisaFi:** Have a great night everyone!!!

**BJB2** waves goodnight

**KarenL:** goodnight! thank you, bj!!!!