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MarianneH: Jan, I really liked the note you sent to the group today. It gives us a good start for our conversations.

NatalieGst2: greetingskeyoardprolems

Jan_NS: Ok, I guess that we are ready to go.

NatalieGst2: spacebarisnotworking

Jan_NS: Natalie - not sure if we can fix your problem. It should not be a problem due to Tapped In.

MarianneH: Is your caps lock down, Natalie?

NatalieGst2: itisnottappedin

NatalieGst2: wearetryingtofixthekeyboard

MarianneH: Once when I had that happened I went off and signed back in and it worked... Have no idea why??

Jan_NS: check your keyboard and make sure nothing is jamming the space bar

BJ nods to Marianne. Sometimes that helps

MarianneH: Lynn, You are up in Portland?

Jan_NS: lots of ideas

BJ . o O (cookie crumbs do that for me)

NatalieGst2: doingthatnow

LynneW: Yes, Portland, Oregon

MarianneH: And do your students spend time at Powell's

Jan_NS . o O (ooh... cookies!)

MarianneH is green with envy

Jan_NS: Powell's is awesome!

LynneW: I, too, appreciated the message Jan sent out today.

Jan_NS: Why thank you!

LynneW: Most everyone I know would gladly pay for a cot to sleep at Powells!

Jan_NS: So I hope everyone came prepared.

NatalieGst2: Iwillauditthissession

MarianneH: I haven't been there but I do need to mention that those folks started in Chicago.

Jan_NS: that is fine. although we can read what you are typing.

MarianneH: Natalie... we will read fast... just speak right up... we can make it work.

LynneW: Gosh, I thought Powells was homegrown. Good to know.

MarianneH: use... between words if that helps you tonight

NatalieGst2: signingoff..andthensigningon

NatalieGst2: Thanks..for..the..suggestion...

NatalieGst2: Great...idea

MarianneH: Jan, want to get us started?

NatalieGst2: I..am..told..it..is..a..keyoard..problem..at..this..end

Jan_NS: sure. We could think of our web resources in two categories.

Jan_NS: One is student resources in terms of clarifying pedagogy, etc. in the general area of teaching and integrating technology.

Jan_NS: The other area would be web resources that address the teaching of subject/content and methodology

Jan_NS: Anyone think of other areas that we could address.

MarianneH: I got a wonderful one sent to me the other day but 'scuse me while I go find it.

LynneW: I can go with these categories for now...they seem broad enough.

BJ: JeffC was talking to a former Pepperdine student who is now teaching...

Jan_NS: I agree, Lynne.

NatalieGst2 listens

BJ: she was interested in discussions on support for teacher ed folks...

BJ . o O (which this is)

Jan_NS: exactly.

BJ: apparently you need to work on advertising this group...would you like to do a group profile for next month's newsletter?

MarianneH: Hope Jeff invited her/him to join us.

BJ . o O (do you have a group room?)

Jan_NS: we could focus on sharing sites or talk of the broad issues that we face - lots of issues there.

MarianneH: not yet for this group. We need that soon, eh, Han

MarianneH: Jan

BJ: a group room is really good as a resource room

MarianneH: We could set up link topic areas for supporting teacher ed.

Jan_NS: sharing the web sites would be a good way to get that started.

LynneW: I'll certainly provide whatever resources I can.

BJ: why don't you create the group room now?

BJ: each TI member can create two group rooms

MarianneH: I can put in the link to my public backflip files which are organized by topic.

Jan_NS: ok, lets' do our intros before we get too much farther.

BJ . o O (who has a group available?)

BJ nods to Jan

Jan_NS: BJ we have a teacher faculty group room already - I own it and it is set up.

Jan_NS: shall we go there?

BJ: oh, great. Thanks, Jan

MarianneH: Jan, besides the preservice?

Jan_NS: yes,

MarianneH: YEAH for Jan!

LynneW: I thought I was there earlier today...glad I'm not loosing more of my mind!

MarianneH: How do we go there and we can add to our Favorite Places.

BJ . o O (and I'm already a member of the group! duh)

Jan_NS: I'll go then you can join - then we do intros.

MarianneH: Am I?

Jan_NS left the room.

LynneW left the room.

BJ: look on your favorite places menu, Marianne

MarianneH left the room.

BJ left the room.

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BjB joined the room.

Jan_NS: I just told Lynne that everyone needs a vacation.

BjB thinks that must be true!

LynneW: I'm leaving for the Oregon coast Tuesday. Can't wait!

MarianneH: We lost one member of our group..

Jan_NS: Oh, lucky you. One of my favorite places.

BjB: Lynne, before you go, send me a date, blurb and time for your June presentation?

MarianneH: And I am going to China on May 25... will report to all in June.. virtual dinner..

LynneW: Will do. I'm thinking about doing the NW Center for Children's Literature one first. Sound okay?

Jan_NS: Wow, lucky everyone.

MarianneH: Is that a web site, Lynne?

MarianneH: I will do the i4c site next then, OK?

LynneW: We have a web site. We are a new organization just starting up.

<http://www.nwcccl.org/>

BjB: sounds good, Lynne

Jan_NS: Thanks, Lynne

MarianneH: wow, our reading folks will love this...

LynneW: We hope so!

BjB . o O (it will be announced in the May newsletter)

Jan_NS: really great - I can't wait to share this site

LynneW: Great BJ..thanks!

MarianneH: the calendar piece is really nice, Lynne

LynneW: Thank you.

Jan_NS: So we have started our sharing, it seems.

MarianneH: <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/> is for helping teachers use the internet

LynneW: If any of you have connections to publishers, authors or illustrators, please let me know.

Jan_NS: Tell us a bit more about the site, purpose, goals, future plans for the site.

Jan_NS: please, Lynne

LynneW: Oh, sorry. I was just checking out the site Marianne shared. Looks good and it is new to me.

MarianneH: we can go later... tell us more about your group.

LynneW: We have been meeting with authors, illustrators, children's bookstore owners, teachers, librarians, other higher ed folks

LynneW: There is no preview center for what is newly published in children's and young adult literature.

LynneW: There is also a hole in the NW for providing information about how to use literature to teach reading, leveling classroom libraries, etc.

LynneW: We will have a physical presence in the university library for books, programming and events.

Jan_NS: you want to create a preview center for the site.

Jan_NS: ?

LynneW: We will also have the web site as a comprehensive (eventually) clearinghouse for all that is happening in children's and young adult literature.

LynneW: There is so little money going into the purchase of books in schools - at least around here.

LynneW: Also, school librarians are basically a thing of the past.

Jan_NS: We have lots of teachers with up to 6 years of teaching getting Riffed in Ohio.

LynneW: Now, there is a district librarian and a part-time staff person functioning as the librarian at the building level.

Jan_NS: so books for libraries are not happening.

Jan_NS: this site will provide a much needed resource then.

LynneW: We want a place where teachers, parents and other important adults in the lives of children can go to see what has been recently published. And, to have the services to help them make best buying decisions with the money they do have.

LynneW: If you don't mind, I'll go get a quote from the Portland Library about our Center. It might help you better understand. BRB

BjB: while we wait, go to the search tab, click on groups and enter dcf book

BjB: Roger Crowley might be a good person to invite to the discussion

LynneW: "The Northwest Center for Children's Literature fills a long-time void in Portland. Now parents, librarians, educators and children's book lovers will be able to examine and learn about current books and the latest trends in publishing for young people. Exciting conference speakers will bring new points of view to the Metropolitan area and educators will learn engaging new ways to integrate great books into their curriculum and get kids excited about reading. I'm thrilled that Concordia University has taken the lead in making this new resource available in Portland."

BjB: thanks, Lynne

LynneW: We have identified the themes we will be working with this coming year. They are:

LynneW: May and June: Summer Reading/Library Programs

LynneW: July: Geography and Travel

LynneW: August and September: Back to School (Wondering What Books to Read Aloud?)

LynneW: October: Fantasy

LynneW: November: Legends and Folklore

LynneW: December: Multicultural Celebrations

LynneW: January: Award Winning Literature

LynneW: February: Black History Month

LynneW: March: Nature

LynneW: April: Informational Text (Non-fiction)

Jan_NS: So are you looking for articles, info. etc.?

LynneW: Yes, anything that will enrich our offerings to teachers.

MarianneH: You might want to contact William Nikola-Lisa at our university as he is an author of several children's books.

LynneW: Thank you!

MarianneH: Are you thinking about providing links to other colleges that have web pages for their reading centers as our Reading and Literacy program provides?

LynneW: We are certainly willing to do so. It will go quicker if they are sent to me - I'm the webmaster. Otherwise, it will be a research piece done when I can get to it.

Jan_NS: I am chair of an award - Eva L. Gordon Award for Science and Environmental Writing for Children - it is a life work award.

LynneW: I'm so thankful for TI!

LynneW: What is the timing on the award?

MarianneH: Neat, Jan. One of the neat things is how we learn about each other.

Jan_NS: I will get more info to you by email

LynneW: Great

BjB: Lynne, look up Roger Crowley in TI

LynneW: Okay, will do. Who is this person?

Jan_NS: Usually yearly but the sponsoring org. is having difficulty at the moment - Gordon Award.

BjB: He has something to do with the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's book award in Vermont

BjB: <http://homepage.mac.com/crowleyvt/dcfaward/dcf/index.html>

MarianneH: I just heard about a great book that Junko Yokota on our faculty recommends. I am going to get it. By Eliza Dresand -- Radical Change: Books for Youth in the Digital Age. Do you know it?

LynneW: No but I'm going to get it. Sounds fascinating.

MarianneH: I love the book cover award. I know that some books have different covers in each country.. like the H.Potter books. Can you imagine a room wall-papered with all the different covers of one of the books!!

BjB: <http://www.sharyn.org/authors.html>

LynneW: I truly appreciate these wonderful contacts and resources.

Jan_NS: we will keep you busy - that is what networking is all about!

MarianneH: Me, too. I add them to the list for the Teacher Educator Portal I hope to develop.

Jan_NS: I have a resource that I would like to share. To preface....

MarianneH: I am putting the URL I posted before.. that I think is useful.
<http://www.internet4classrooms.com/>

BjB: <http://www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist/11437262>

MarianneH: It was new to me and is loaded with stuff.

MarianneH: <http://www.backflip.com/members/mhandler1>

MarianneH: Nice list, BJ.

BjB: Thanks, Marianne

BjB: btw, Lesley Farmer is doing Digital Storytelling next Wednesday

BjB: . o O (Lesley would be a great contact for you, Lynne)

BjB: she leads Targeting Librarians

LynneW: I'll have to contact her. I won't be connected next Wednesday.

LynneW: Okay.

MarianneH: And so would the digital storytelling center from CA!! I am hoping to go to that someday.

MarianneH: Is that ongoing group, BJ?

MarianneH: or just Wednesday?

BjB nods to Marianne. Lesley does Targeting Librarians every third Wed

BjB: lots of great archives at www.tappedin.org/transcripts

MarianneH: But not always on Digital story telling, eh?

BjB: no, a different topic each month

BjB . o O (I requested digital storytelling)

BjB: last month she did digital images

MarianneH: I think we should, in the fall, have a session in this group on the use of digital resources in teacher education.

MarianneH: Oh.. is that archived?

Jan_NS: I agree Marianne

BjB nods

LynneW: I agree. There is so much on this topic!

MarianneH: Another interesting topic is around the one you started once before, Jan, and that is educationally sound web-cams. I have really built on that in a lot of the stuff I have done since we had that session.

BjB: I think that one of the greatest problems new teachers and teachers not familiar with tech face is the overwhelming amount of resources and information available!

MarianneH: Jan, looks like this hour has gone to quickly, right?

LynneW: I have a web site I really like to share to help students understand what "ed tech" is/can be. You may be familiar with this but if not...

<http://www.netc.org/classrooms@work/>

LynneW: Comprehensive resource with videos and complete planning documents for units at elementary, middle school and high school.

MarianneH: A gem..

Jan_NS: And I have another idea that the TLT group provides resources. Low threshold activities - LTA's to share with other teacher faculty and students to improve tech skills.

MarianneH: I am very found of the GLEF site for using with teachers

LynneW: Yes! to both of you!!

Jan_NS: <http://www.tltgroup.org/LTAs/Home.htm>

Jan_NS: all within the context of higher education

MarianneH: Here is a challenge. How about each of us adding the links we mentions to the Links here in the Forum Group?

LynneW: Okay. Will do. Thank you so very much. Heart hugs to each of you.

Jan_NS: make sure to check the LTA site. - could get our reluctant peers to try some more technology integration into their preservice courses.

Jan_NS: so thanks for joining us Lynne and BJ.

Jan_NS: never seems like we have enough time - we just get rolling and then we are done.