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DonnaW joined the room.

BjB cheers. Hi, Donna!

DonnaW: Hi, Everyone!

ChantelT: Hi

BjB: Donna is the discussion leader, Chantel.

DonnaW: Did I every get the NCTE website listed?

DonnaW: Yes, it is my big night.

DonnaW: Yes, they are under featured links.

BjB: I see grants from NCTE.

BjB: good job!

DonnaW: This is the topic tonight.

DonnaW: I'm at the discussion board but I don't see anything listed under July meeting.

BjB: look in the Grant Resources folder

DonnaW: Ah-Ah!

BjB: you should be getting those in your email when I post them, Donna

BjB: Chantel, if you want to get the posts to the discussion board you'll need to join this group...takes a second

DonnaW: Which one will give me a mobile computer lab with laptops for the classroom. I'm really interested in one of those.

BjB chortles. You and everyone else! Try Dell.

BjB . o O (or Microsoft)

DonnaW: Chantel, what kind of grant are you interested in?

DellaP joined the room.

DonnaW: Hi Della

BjB: hi, Della. Are you here for Grreat Grants?

DellaP: Yes, am I late.

DonnaW: Nope!

BjB: nope...we will start in 5 minutes

DellaP: thanks!

BridgetM joined the room.

BjB: we usually start the discussions with introductions

BjB: and then Donna will lead the discussion.

BjB: while we wait...a couple tips

BjB: one, go to the ACTIONS menu in the top right of this chat window and click on DETACH

BjB: that will make your chat window larger and easier to read

BjB: and two, if Donna shares a url, hold down the ctrl key on your keyboard to override pop up blockers

BjB . o O (or turn off your pop up blocker to this site)

BjB: hi, Bridget!

BridgetM: k-2 special education, public school, eastern Long Island, NY

BridgetM: Hi, BJ! great email of grants today. thanks

BjB . o O (Bridget just can't wait to get started!)

DellaP: kindergarten teacher, public school, lake charles, LA

BjB: thanks, Bridget.

ChantelT: Hi. 11th & 12th Language Arts, Salt Lake City, UT

BjB: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In. I'm going to be announcing this event...just ignore it

DonnaW: 6th grade language arts in a small town in west TN

BjB: we're all spread out!

ShirleyBro joined the room.

BjB: Hi, Shirley

BjB: here for Great Grants?

DonnaW: Hi Shirley

ShirleyBro: Hello, I am here to find out more info about grantwriting.

BjB: can you tell us where you are located and what you teach, Shirley?

PamBu joined the room.

DonnaW: Please let me know if any one has written a grant before.

BjB waves to Pam...just doing introductions, Pam

PamBu waves to all

BridgetM: several 1000 grants

DellaP: Beginner

ChantelT: Yes. small local grants only.

PamBu: Washington Post grant but beginner

DonnaW: Good for you Bridget, Chantel, Pam.

BridgetM: mine were local also

DonnaW: I started this group to learn about grants, but I haven't had time to write one.

ShirleyBro: I am a Library Media Specialist in Monroe, LA. Yes, I have written and received some grants. The most recent and the one I am most excited about is the Laura Bush grant for school libraries. I received 5G!!

BridgetM: wow!

PamBu: How do you find out where the grants are

DonnaW: WOW! Way to GO!

ShirleyBro: I spend a lot of time surfing the net and some people in my district forward me info.

BridgetM: BJ's email today was a great source

DonnaW: Thanks Shirley.

BridgetM: lead time before deadlines

DonnaW: I found some at the NCTE website.

BjB . o O (if you would like to get the posts to this group about grant resources I can show you how to join this group when Donna is finished.)

DonnaW: Shirley, Where do I go to find a grant that will give my grade level a mobile computer lab?

PamBu: I just joined the group

ShirleyBro: Do we have time to look at some of the featured items during this discussion?

DonnaW: Welcome mat out for Pam

DonnaW: Sure!

PamBu: Please

BridgetM: toshiba does big grants

ShirleyBro: Donna about the mobile computer lab, I would suggest the HP site or Toshiba possibly.

DonnaW: I may try toshiba, I've heard they are better than Dell.

DonnaW: Does anyone have a grant they would like to read and discuss?

BridgetM: HP grants are fantastic. they supply a mentor along w/ equipment

PamBu: where do you go to get hp grants

DonnaW: That sounds real good. I need a mentor. I still a novice at the computer. I'm teaching myself how to use powerpoint.

BridgetM: not direct site but description

<http://www.grantsalert.com/grants.cfm?id=3&gid=138>

BjB: http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/grants/us/programs/tech_teaching/index.html

DonnaW: Thanks Bridget.

PamBu: I will check these out. Thanks

BridgetM: hp grants are for a team of teachers. they specify equipment for grant

PamBu: So they would work for say a middle school team of math, science, social studies and language arts teachers?

DonnaW: That's okay, I will share with the other 4 6th grade teachers. I can handle this.

BridgetM: I rated hp grants for next year. teams were from all grades k-12

BjB: another HP source is http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/grants/us/other_resources.html

DonnaW: Thanks Bj

BridgetM: there were other raters for higher ed & community grants

PamBu: Where are some good places to go to do classroom reading projects?

ChantelT: it seems easier to get grants that involve technology. i have had trouble receiving grants for paper texts and such. any advice?

BjB: TAPPED IN, Pam!

BjB: try publishers, Chantel

PamBu: Grant money?

DonnaW: NCTE

BridgetM: I miss tech & books

DonnaW: What about literacy grants, especially in the lower grades.

ChantelT: Grant money. Yes.

BridgetM: it's hard that the grant source I use (NY state teacher centers) will not go for sets of books

BjB: Chantel, there are some grants listed in the NAEA post on the discussion board

ShirleyBro: My principal is interested in forming a grantwriting committee incorporating all grade levels for this coming school year. Has anyone done anything like that?

BjB: look in the folder Grant Resources

DellaP: The school I am transferring to has a grant writing committee.

ChantelT: Thanks!

DellaP: Several teachers have received grants and they will proof and assist anyone from the school writing a grant

BridgetM: It's good to work in a team

BridgetM: not that I have -wish I did

DonnaW: NCTE Has an elementary and secondary list of available grants.

ShirleyBro: I am interested in grants for character development. 2 years ago I wrote for the Ezra Keats mini grant and used several of his books to highlight good character traits. The kids enjoyed looking at the books from that angle, in the past they were just good books.

DonnaW: I wish our school would have a grant committee. I am fortunate to have a fellow teacher that has written and received grants.

BjB: most grant pages have very specific instructions for their grant writing requirements.

DonnaW: <http://www.ncte.org/about/grants/elemgrants>

BridgetM: I gave our librarian the Ezra Jack Keats grant guidelines. She got a grant for online dialog with students in Japan

DonnaW: Yes and the written must follow ALL the directions. Many grants are lost over missing a small detail in writing the grant.

BethHi joined the room.

DonnaW: Welcome Beth

BethHi: Thanks, sorry so late.

DonnaW: Are you here for the Grrreat Grants?

BethHi: Yes

BridgetM: I think it's a good idea for someone not involved in grant development to read over proposal

DonnaW: Tell us what and where you teach.

BethHi: Marine Science and Adv Anat and Phys - Mountain Brook HS - Birmingham, AL

DonnaW: Are you looking for science grants?

BethHi: yes

BridgetM: <http://www.toshiba.com/tafstage/jsp/home/default.jsp>

BridgetM: science has edge in toshiba grants

BridgetM: math too

BethHi: good to know - will check that one out

DonnaW: I just check the secondary listing from NCTE (National Council Teachers of English) has grants that include science.

DonnaW: <http://www.ncte.org/about/grants/secgrants>

DonnaW: Don't forget to check the list here at TAPPED IN.

DellaP: I have been browsing the resources and they are amazing. THANK YOU!

BethHi: wow- lots of good info here - will this all be archived for future reference?

SusanR joined the room.

DonnaW: Let me remind you that after this session you will receive a print out of our discussion with all the websites mentioned.

DonnaW: via e-mail.

BethHi: awesome

BjB: and, if you join the group, you can add any resources you find to the discussion board

BjB . o O (and receive posts from others to the discussion board)

DonnaW: Yes it will be archived.

BjB: past discussions are edited and archived at www.tappedin.org/transcripts

DonnaW: Welcome Susan.

SusanR: Hi Donna

SusanR listens

DonnaW: Susan, where and what do you teach?

BjB: Sue also leads the K-3 Resources discussions here in Tapped In.

SusanR: I am from Ottawa, Ontario. I teach K to 8 on an occasional basis

SusanR: Tuesday's session is based on Leisure Time

BjB: thanks, Sue

BridgetM: hey, that sounds relaxing, Sue

BjB: while we wait for everyone to look at the resources in the room

BjB . o O (which can take a while!)

BjB: if you go to the welcome screen by either clicking on Welcome on the blue menu on the left or ROOM VIEW at the top of your screen...

BjB: everyone see the welcome screen?

BethHi: yes

DellaP: yes

BjB . o O (there is a welcome note at the top left)

BjB: scroll down on the welcome note....

BjB: to THIS IS THE GROUP ROOM FOR GRREAT GRANTS

BjB: and click on the green i next to the group name

BjB: you'll see the group ID page. Click on JOIN THIS GROUP at the top of the page

BjB: once you've joined the group, the group is added to your pull down favorite places menu in the top right of your screen

BjB: this allows you to enter this room from any location in Tapped in

BjB waves hi to Jeff

JeffC waves

DonnaW: Hi Jeff

ChantelT: I am a new teacher and I am trying to get a young adult literature course started. I have checked out schoolgrants.org for tips on how to write a grant and links to resources (federal and otherwise).

BjB: might want to check the ALA site for grants, Chantel

ChantelT: What is ALA?

PamBu: Thanks for all the help. Bye

BjB: American Library Association

ChantelT: Ahh.

JeffC: I'm Jeff Cooper and believe that Bill Gates should take a piece of that \$47billion and fund a number of fantastic sites that have lost their federal funding (enc.org, altec, nwrel, etc.) and hire me to help bring education into the 21st Century (at a very modest salary).

BridgetM: sounds great - go for it

BridgetM: I miss enc

DonnaW: Yea! Jeff!

BridgetM: those sites were all functioning very well

JeffC: Which explains why the feds pulled their funding.

BridgetM: it's a disgrace

JeffC hands the soapbox back to Donna and lurks.

BridgetM: public funds developed the resources and now there are fees for profit

BridgetM: I'll stop now, too

DonnaW: Someone did a 21th century classroom in our 4th grade eons ago--and the students are still using the same computers.

BridgetM: sustainability! good plan

BjB: Chantel, look at <http://www.arts.endow.gov/grants/recent/index.html>

ChantelT: Thanks!

ShirleyBro: Sorry, I have been so quiet. I have enjoyed the discussion

BjB: any questions?

BjB: Shirley, there's a lot to see and do...sometimes it can be a little overwhelming

DonnaW: Doesn't this just ignite your desire to write a grant? I really do want to write one.

DellaP: I will also take the opportunity to say thanks for the information! Good night

DonnaW: Good night!

ChantelT: Thanks to everyone for the info.

BjB: the next Ggreat Grants meeting will be the second Tuesday of August

DellaP left the room.

BridgetM: fast session!

ChantelT: I'm inspired to check out grants!

DonnaW: Does anyone have a topic to discuss?

BjB cheers for the inspired grant writers

DonnaW: I will have started school!!!

ShirleyBro: I plan to attend the next meeting. Bye!

SusanR: Thanks Donna!

BjB waves bye and heads for the Music Across the Curriculum discussion.

ChantelT smiles

ChantelT: bye

DonnaW: Bye everyone.

BjB: Thanks, Donna. You've inspired us!

BethHi: Lots of great info - will be back soon - thanks so much - I, too, am inspired