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PamB waves to everyone

ElizaM: waves back

AndrewCP tips his hat to all

PamB: Would you like to introduce yourself?

PamB: I'm a library/ technology consultant from New York City

EmilyW: I am from Dallas, TX and a web designer

AndrewCP: I am a pre-service teacher at the University of Akron, Ohio

ElizaM: I am a French teacher candidate in Akron, Ohio

BjB waves. I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

PamB: I had planned to look at blogs in education this evening.

PamB: Do you any of you blog? or have your own blog?

EmilyW: I have a blog

ElizaM: I don't

AndrewCP: I have thought about it, but never got around to starting one.

PamB: great, maybe we can sneak a peak, if that's OK

EmilyW: I recently just started updating it

PamB: Emily, can we start by looking at your blog? I don't want to put you on the spot....

BjB: There is a BlogStreams Salon that meets in Tapped In every Sunday.

PamB: but most bloggers love to be showcased.

PamB: cool. I'll have to stop by one Sunday.

PamB: Let's go look at Emily's blog for 5 minutes or so and then come back. Thanks Emily

SusanR joined the room.

SusanR waves

EmilyW: Sue is a regular visitor to my blog

BjB waves hi to Sue

AndrewCP welcomes Sue

PamB: is everyone back?

EmilyW: I am here

PamB: Emily , your blog has lots of great tips and ideas.

ElizaM: I am too

AndrewCP: Yes, very interesting posts on your blog

EmilyW: thanks

SusanR . o O (used Emily's site to gain further insight into tagging using del.icio.us)

PamB: I plan to go back and read more. Thanks Emily

EmilyW: no problem

AndrewCP: I had no idea such a utility existed, referring to the tagging -- thanks for the heads up

PamB: Do you know who is reading your blog?

EmilyW: yes

EmilyW: some of the readers

ElizaM: I didn't know about the tagging either, it seems like a great way to find online resources!

EmilyW: (by the comments and bloglines subscriptions)

SusanR: You can use this add on http://trainque.com/code/delicious_lookup.php

SusanR: allows a maximum of 7 tags to limit your search

MarianneH joined the room.

ElizaM: How does it work differently from a google or askjeeves search engine?

PamB: I'm not familiar with the tag search. Can you explain it?

SusanR hands the floor over to Emily

EmilyW: you actually don't need to go to the site for searching

EmilyW: there are many places for tags, but delicious seems to be the most popular site

EmilyW: I explained the basics in my post

EmilyW: if you go to <http://del.icio.us/>

EmilyW: then after / put tag

EmilyW: if you wanted to lookup something with the blog tag

EmilyW: you would put <http://del.icio.us/tag/blog>

EmilyW: and if you wanted to find something with both blog and education tags then you would put

EmilyW: <http://del.icio.us/tag/blog+education>

EmilyW: (you could also put education+blog)

AndrewCP: very cool!

PamB: this is very cool!

PamB: Do you have any other tips to locate educational blogs?

EmilyW: have you been to weblogged?

AndrewCP: no

PamB: yes, it's a great site

EmilyW: there are links to educational blogs from there

BridgetM joined the room.

PamB: let's take a look...for those who haven't seen it.

PamB: wait a minute and I'll get the url

EmilyW: <http://www.weblogg-ed.com/>

PamB: thanks

PamB: let's come back in 5 minutes

AndrewCP: ok

BridgetM: explore weblogged-ed ?

EmilyW: yes

MarianneH: I clicked on bloglines.. How did that list get developed? Are there only individual educator webblogs there?

EmilyW: do you know what bloglines is?

MarianneH: NO, hadn't seen it before. Is it a regular portal for blogs?

EmilyW: it's a site where you subscribe to blogs

EmilyW: (or anything with rss feed)

MarianneH: So this is the subscription list of the owner of the blog we are on?

EmilyW: right

MarianneH: s/he seems to look for individuals. Is that how most ed blogs are listed. Some of the names are very familiar.

EmilyW: it depends

MarianneH: Do the icons tell you where the blogs are located?

PamB: Am I correct that classroom and school library blogs are not listed?

EmilyW: I do not see any

PamB: but perhaps the personal blogs of various educators?

EmilyW: that is what it looks like

EmilyW forgot what links were there

MarianneH: there is hypergene media blog but others are folks

ElizaM: What is a hypergene media blog?

SusanR: I have as one of my feeds Weblogg-ed News, Pamela

AndrewCP: if you go under the practices tab in the weblogged website there is a list of different read/write links that seem to be linked to the classroom

EmilyW: I've started searching for educational blogs

ElizaM: Thanks!

PamB: good, I'm so glad they are still there. It's such a great list.

AndrewCP: I know, there seems to be a blog on pretty much any topic or classroom setting you could think of

EmilyW: I found a great blog about math education and technology

AndrewCP: at least you could use these as examples to build blogs into your own classroom

EmilyW: the blogs I look at are more about educational topics

PamB: Emily, do you remember a posting on this site listing a very long bibliography of articles on blogging in education? Probably about a month ago?

EmilyW: I don't remember

PamB: I thought I saved it but I can't find it.

MarianneH: Would it be in an archive?

PamB: OK I'm sure I'll find it...and then I'll post it in the WebTools room feature sites

EmilyW: The person who wrote the math blog is very into blogs

PamB: yes, I have to go search. I just looked for it before the session started

SusanR: This was done as a part of a workshop presentation, Emily and Pam...using weblogs in education

SusanR: <http://www.eastasiacenter.net/apcampbell/2005/05/11#a401>

SusanR: it may suffice until you go back to the archive

EmilyW: <http://futureofmath.misterteacher.com/blogs.html>

EmilyW: this is about blogs and math, but it can give you ideas for blogs in education

AndrewCP: I found a link for a blog that a teacher set up in his classroom for his students to use

AndrewCP: <http://www.pb5th.com/index.shtml>

PamB: He's a very reflective writer.

MarianneH: Is that a web page or a blog.

EmilyW: Andrew, where is the blog link on that site?

SusanR: . o O (it's being used for class/school communication)

EmilyW: never mind, I found it

AndrewCP: it appears that way

MarianneH: Lower right shows recent posts but it is very selective not like most blogs.

EmilyW heads out

EmilyW waves bye

ElizaM: Thanks for the tagging tips.

AndrewCP says bye to Emily, and thanks her for her tips

PamB: It's almost time to end. Thanks Emily

PamB: Are there any questions?

AndrewCP: none here, I got a lot of good tools for blogging tonight

PamB: well, good night everyone. Thanks for coming

AndrewCP: thank you

ElizaM: No questions. I feel like I have a lot of exploring to do though.

AndrewCP: I'll second that

ElizaM: Yes, thanks for your time.

SusanR: Thanks Emily.

PamB: me too!

SusanR: ditto

PamB: Good night everyone - happy blogging!