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JeffC: Is there a tool de jour today Pam?

PamB: I thought we would look at the International children's digital library

JeffC: cool

AllisonL: sounds very interesting

PamB: Let's start by introducing ourselves

KatiH: student teaching

LoriBu: I'm Lori Burch and I'm an instructional technology specialist in Hilton, NY

PamB: I'm a school library/technology consultant in NY

AllisonL: I'm Allison. Student teacher in Houston

JenineB: My name is Jenine...I'm taking an Integration to technology into the curricula class. so thought this would be interesting

JeffC: I'm on Helpdesk here, involved with education for 15 years, I'm in Forest Grove Oregon.

PamB: I would like to look at a free digital collection of international books for kids.

PamB: It was started by the University and Maryland and supported by grants...so it's free.

LoriBu: free is always good

PamB: Thanks BJ

PamB: It's been up since Nov. 2002 and has close to 1,000 books in 26+ languages.

KatiH: neat

PamB waves to David

LoriBu: how would one access this collection, Pam

PamB: Let's take a look at it and then come back here to talk about it.

LoriBu: sounds good

PamB: the url is <http://www.icdlbooks.org>

PamB: take note of the many ways you can search for a book.

KatiH: kids could read books online?

LoriBu: what do the cover colors correspond to?

PamB: yes, Kati. kids can also become members and put their favorite books on their bookshelf.

PamB: the color of the book.

KatiH: this is so neat

PamB: young kids often will remember the color of a book rather than the title or author

LoriBu: okay, thanks

JenineB: Wow pretty amazing, but I find it difficult to read the text.

KatiH: my 2nd graders read like there is no tomorrow. I can't wait till I can introduce them to this

PamB: kids are on the team of designers and they help decide what the search criteria would be...hence the color of the book, the length, etc.

PamB: Kati,

JenineB: Never mind, found the zoom button

EmilyW: I am curious why the color of the cover is important

PamB: Kati, have them join and then ask them to choose a few favorites and submit them to ICDDL

AllisonL: how often are new books added? daily?

LoriBu: what does that do, Pam?

PamB: Emily, just because kids remember books by color... when I was school librarian kids were always asking me for the blue book on dogs, etc.

EmilyW: oh ok

EmilyW: I understand now

LoriBu: I see a link to "register/sign in" what does registration do for you?

PamB: new books are added all the time. the ICDL staff and board of advisors are always contacting state library around the world to recruit new donations.

PamB: registration lets you choose what language you want the interface to be in...I think there are about 10 languages.

EmilyW: how many books are there on the site?

LoriBu: cool

PamB: I think there is close to 1,000 books now.

JenineB: This is really neat and the icons are so easy to navigate though. Very specific and kid friendly

KatiH: can kids join free

PamB: yes, kids helped design everything and it was kid tested in a few countries.

EmilyW: it looks like a lot of the books are in other languages

PamB: the books are in the language that they were originally published

PamB: it depends on the book - each one is offered in as many "readers" as possible.

PamB: I few books are in pdf...I think because of copyright.

JenineB: I love the kid reviews and profile of reviewer. Kids love to hear what other kid's opinions are.

LoriBu: I like that it tells you at the bottom of a selection what categories it's in

KatiH: kids can read books online which is more interesting to them

PamB: Many kids like to "read" books in other languages, looking at the illustrations.

EmilyW: I like reading about the kids who reviewed the books

EmilyW: their profiles are interesting

AllisonL: I like that kids can have instant access to a lot of books.

AllisonL: they don't have to wait to go visit the library

PamB: The goal is to have 100 books in each of 100 languages.

PamB: and to make it more interactive.

KatiH: is this new or do teachers know about this website?

EmilyW: I find it interesting that only 200 books are in English

BJB2: I think the site is around 3 years old, Kati

KatiH: how do kids add books

PamB: It was started in Nov 2002 and I don't think many teachers know about it.

LoriBu: how do you get to the reviews? I seem to be in the wrong place to find them

KatiH: well I think that if kids knew about the site, then the more we will have kids excited about reading

PamB: kids can recommend books on the site to other kids , only ICDL can add books.

JeffC wonders if they'll add audio at some point.

PamB: go to Featured Books on the bottom of the screen

PamB: we have talked about audio books and also having sections of books read to kids.

LoriBu: Are the reviews only of the featured books?

LoriBu: Is there an archive of reviews for past featured books?

PamB: Click on Featured Books and it will take you to a list of books by date.

LoriBu: Thanks, I just figured that out

LoriBu smiles

LoriBu: How do kids submit reviews? Is it with the link in the pink box for Recommend Feature Books on the featured books page?

PamB: yes, exactly..the pink box.

MariaCara: this is very interesting-I was not aware anything like this existed

LoriBu: then does a panel decide which recommendation to print? Seems like there is only 1 per book

PamB: You can also recommend books, a lot of adults do.

LoriBu: but you must get more than that, or maybe not?

EmilyW: can only kids review books?

PamB: You can do one and when it is posted, use it as an example for the kids.

KatiH: I don't like that I can't find any Eric Carl books

BJB2: he probably won't give permission

MariaCara: I was searching for Eric Carle as well. It a perfect time of the year-butterflies

PamB: His books are copyrighted.

KatiH: oh

KatiH: didn't think of that

PamB: ICDL has to get permission from the author, illustrator or publisher

BJB2: . o O (you probably won't find any Seuss books either)

LoriBu: Is there a list anywhere of the authors you have gotten permission from?

PamB: some US authors have given permission but most won't

MariaCara: This is nice to put at a computer center for students to interact with. Also, I think, as a teacher, having this as a resource is very helpful.

MariaCara: An Author list would be helpful

MariaCara: How often does this website get updated?

LoriBu: How do you go about deciding who to ask for publishing permission from?

KatiH: do you think we would have to have this website approved by districts before allowing students to view

EmilyW: there is an author list

AllisonL: <http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/AuthorList>

EmilyW: (author and illustrator combined)

LoriBu: Thanks. Is there a link to that list somewhere on the site? I can't seem to find it.

PamB: thanks Allison

AllisonL: you're welcome

PamB: The ICDL staff is constantly contacting publishers, speaking at conferences, etc.

MariaCara: I like that you can show the students the books in other languages-it's an easy and practical way to tie in multiculturalism

PamB: it's great for ELL kids.

PamB: one of interesting things is that kids don't mind reading online...adults want to print the books

KatiH: yep

MariaCara: I agree

MariaCara: I was just thinking of printing one

LoriBu: I did find the Author Illustrator list link on the site. It's a little hidden though. It would be nice to have it on the home page, easily identifiable.

MariaCara: I agree; it is easier sometimes to search by author than subject or title

LoriBu: or just to see who is published before you start searching

PamB: the age target is 3 to13, but older kids like to read the books also.

KatiH: yep, especially if kids like reading books by one certain author

MariaCara: How long do the books stay available?

KatiH: is this something that needs to be approved by districts before showing kids

PamB: Consider doing a brief presentation to your faculty on the ICDL....

AllisonL: good question Kati

PamB: They are posted permanently...unless in some cases the publisher gave it for a certain period of time.

MariaCara: Is there any way to make the image of the pages larger? I have clicked on it, but some text is still difficult to read.

MariaCara: thanks

PamB: you can zoom in on the text

MariaCara: I see now.

PamB: It depends on your district's policy

LoriBu: You mentioned that this was funded through grants. Will it permanently be available for free on the web?

KatiH: I can't wait till I can introduce this to others.

PamB: but this is an educational site owned by the School of Information Studies at the University of Maryland.

MariaCara: Would it not be acceptable to use this site in collaboration with the students? If I were to read from one of the stories from this site with the class, do you think I would still need to check with the district?

PamB: Right now it's funded by the National Science Foundation and IMLS...hopefully it will continue forever!

LoriBu: Do you all have to check with your districts before using any online site?

KatiH: it could be a classroom reward to those that finish work early, or do good on a test

PamB: Show it to your school librarian. (;>

MariaCara: I have never had to check with the district, as long as I have reviewed the site, I have felt comfortable showing the students

MariaCara: the librarian would love this

JeffC: Do you Lori? That sounds like an incredible burden.

LoriBu: No, but so many were asking about checking with their district that I was wondering

KatiH: I do!

LoriBu: We have filters that block inappropriate sites and sometimes also block appropriate sites, but we can request to have a site blocked or unblocked. Otherwise, if it is accessible we don't have to ask permission to use it

MariaCara: I am very happy I know about this site. I cannot wait to share this with others

KatiH: well thanks so much for introducing this old/new website to me

PamB: Great!

AllisonL: I agree. Now that I know about it, it could come in very handy when planning out lessons and activities.

KatiH: YEP

PamB: I'm glad you think it is valuable...I do.

PamB: Thanks for coming this evening.

MariaCara: the site is pretty easy to use also...which is nice-not too time consuming

KatiH: have a good evening!

KatiH: bye

MariaCara: Thank you for sharing your resources with us.

LoriBu: We have a school in my district that is applying for International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program status and they have to have international content. This would be a great site for them to use. I'll pass it along

PamB: yea, they worked hard on the technology.

MariaCara: Have a nice evening everyone

PamB: Absolutely, that's a perfect fit.

PamB: and remember to have your kids submit Featured books and yourselves...I'll watch for them.

LoriBu: Thanks, Pam!

LoriBu waves good-bye to all

AllisonL: yes, thank you Pam

PamB: you're welcome

PamB waves goodbye