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BJB2: wow! nice group. Welcome, Everyone :-)

TapioH: good morning all

PamB : Hi Everyone!

BJB2: A reminder if you are new to Tapped In to go the Actions menu in the top right of the chat window and click on DETACH

BJB2: Pam, do you want to start with brief introductions?

PamB : yes, let's introduce ourselves.

BJB2: please state your location and what you teach or hope to teach

BJB2: I teach remedial communication and am located in Pennsylvania

JamesBa: I teach high school math in Wisconsin

WayneM: I am Wayne Merchle I teach Chemistry at Greenfield High School in Wisconsin

ArethaM : Hi. I am located in Trinidad.

KateMS: I teach elem. special ed in Wisconsin

PamB : I'm Pam Berger, a school library consultant. I work with school districts around the country and I'm on the faculty of Syracuse University

RachelHau: I teach 1st grade in WI

TapioH: Tapio, teacher from Finnish Lapland, computer science, mostly basics...

ArethaM : I Teach Education technology at University of the Southern Caribbean

SusanR : Ottawa, Ontario I am an Occasional Teacher. Tomorrow I will be teaching a GLP class..General Learning Program. I also facilitate the K to 3+ Great Resources sessions here at Tapped In

BJB2: since we have such a lovely large group, let's take the cue from Pam on how the discussion will go.

BJB2 . o O (because I know Pam has a lot of great stuff to share!)

PamB : We are going to talk about the Top Web 2.0 Tools for 2007...or least what we think are some of the best...maybe 5 to 10 tools.

BJB2 . o O (Tapped In is number one of course ;-))

PamB : I had a hard time narrowing the list to 5!

PamB : Tapped In is the always number 1 ---

SusanR . o O (anxious to compare my list with Pam's)

PamB : Let's start my throwing out what you think is your favorite Web 2.0 tool...

PamB : but first....

PamB : consider the criteria...

PamB : it has to be a real web 2.0 tool...

PamB : collaborative, social, interactive...

PamB : support collaborative content development or perhaps communication, etc.

PamB : My first choice at the moment is a social bookmarking tool called Diigo.com

PatriciaCS : Google docs, communicate with each other.

TrinieL: I'm Trinie Laplander, and I teach 6th grade language arts in Trevor,
WI   Tapio... Lapland you say?

BillW: Google docs is a wonderful tool

SusanR : Twitter

TapioH: Finnish Lapland, Rovaniemi

PamB : diigo is similar to delicious but has sticky notes and annotations and highlighting.

BJB2: when Pam or anyone shares a url, hold down the ctrl key on your keyboard when you click on the url

PamB : the url is http://www.diigo.com

PatriciaCS : This could be useful. maybe we should do this when we do our homework?

PamB : I see twitter, google docs...others?

PatriciaCS : Does spelling count?

PamB : no!

PatriciaCS : Good!

BJB2 : Sue shared some great sites during her K-3 Resources discussion yesterday

PamB : Let's take a look at diigo for 5 minutes and then come back and talk about it.

LouisL : sadly our school filter blocks diigo

KrisWe : Diigo looks like a combo of many of the things that Google offers. What can we do with Diigo that may go beyond what Google offers?

SusanR : Diigo is still holding my bookmarks from 2006

PamB : diigo is a bookmarking site where as google is a search engine and other parts of google offer a home page, docs, etc....

PamB : I don't think google offers bookmarking.

JeffC : yes... google toolbar now has a bookmarking feature.

PamB : It's something like favorites on IE but it's web based and has tagging.

PamB : Jeff, does it use tagging and the other features of diigo. I haven't use the google bookmark feature.

JeffC : I don't use it, just know it exists... but I'd recommend diigo or other social bookmark sites over google's.

BJB2 : why, Jeff?

JeffC : well... for the simple reason that it's easier to collaborate using diigo or others... especially if you want to tag and collaborate.

PamB : http://del.icio.us is one of the most popular social bookmarking but it doesn't have all the features of diigo.com

SusanR : I have my network of delicious users that I follow so I am reluctant to change

BillW: Sounds very interesting, I will look into it more from another site. I am currently blocked

SusanR agrees about Diigo..it is feature rich

PamB : Another one of my top picks is Ning.com

PamB : have you used it? what do you think?

TomMu: I have heard of ning

BJB2: I've used a few of the ning sites...for art teachers and for librarians. They have a lot to offer

SusanR : I just joined the Technospud Ning

PamB : Let's take a look at this ning   http://classroom20.ning.com/

PamB : come back in 5 minutes. okay?

PamB : There is also a school librarian's Ning at   http://teacherlibrarian.ning.com/

LouisL: I did get into http://www.classroom20.com/

BJB2: is the librarians ning Joyce's?

PamB : yes

BJB2: can anyone create a ning, Pam?

PamB : both nings have rich content and conversations.

PamB : yes, it's free.

PamB : and members have all rights...

BJB2: is there real time text chat? voice? video?

PamB : to create sub groups, webpages within the ning, etc.

PamB : you can post videos and podcasts but I don't think there is live chat...

PamB : Jeff. do you know?

PamB : I have never done that on a ning.

JeffC: they're working on it

JeffC: no live chats on ning at the moment

SusanR : Thanks ..easy to create and set up

PamB : Jeff, are you in classroom 2.0

JeffC: yes... but I don't "hang out" there much.

PamB : any other comments on the nings? how do you see teachers using it with students?

PamB : How about a class ning?

KrisWe : With ning, could a student edit another students' work?

PamB : I think a better tool to use to edit each other's work would be Google docs or Wikispaces.

PamB : Are you familiar with these tools?

KrisWe : actually, we are seeking a tool where students cannot edit others' work

PamB : http://www.wikispaces.com

LouisL: and http://www.pbwiki.com

JeffC: I'd also recommend http://www.thinkfree.com if you're looking to do collaborative documents (it's a free MS Office emulator).

KrisWe : Yes, I have a Pb Wiki page for my classroom and I use Google Docs often for class prep because it's blocked at our school.

PamB : you can sign up for a free wiki without advertising at http://educationalwikis.wikispaces.com/

JeffC: Have you tried to convince your IT people to unblock google docs, Kris?

BJB2: how are you doing on your list, Pam? 20 minutes left

PamB : Jeff, I just went to thinkfree and it said the premium service will expire for all users in June 2008, what's the premium service?

PamB : Okay back on track...

PamB : the next tool I picked was Voicethread!

JeffC: well... I know they're shifting around... but don't know about their Premium.

SusanR : http://jottit.com/ is simplistic but cool

PamB : one of my real favorites! take a look at it http://www.voicethread.com

PamB : jottit looks interesting

PamB : rather than powerpoint have kids use voicethread.

PamB : they have some good examples for elementary through HS

BJB2: voicethread was demoed during another TI discussion...it's pretty awesome

SusanR : I have been playing with Voicethread..quite easy to use

PamB : I agree. It was used a lot in the K12 Online Conference

LouisL: I love voicethread

PamB : I like the interaction of it.

LouisL: very powerful

PamB : Louis, how have you used it?

BJB2: http://www.sjbrooks-young.com/id148.html

BJB2 . o O (example of voicethread)

LouisL: I have used it - mostly in demonstration - but I have also done items like my family picnic

LouisL: adding recordings and pictures

PamB : thanks BJ

PamB : my last pick is skype.

PamB : http://www.skype.com

PamB : There is a very good article in School Library Journal this month (online) about using skype with students.

PamB : do you use skype?

TrinieL: Thank Pam for letting us join you!

TomMu: I have used skype

KateMS: thanks for letting me watch!

LoriS : Thank you for letting us be a part of the discussion

BrendaTi: Thank you for letting us join in the chat.

BarbaraH: thanks

ChrisY: Thanks

LouisL: I have used skype as well as another - let me look it up

BJB2: I've used skype also

SusanR : ditto

BJB2 . o O (if BJ uses it, it must be easy!)

ArethaM : I learned so much. Most of them are new to me. Thanks

LouisL: Have you used SightSpeed?

PamB : http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6515247.html

ArethaM : I hope next time I will be able to actively participate

TomMu: how about utv.com...I think that is the site

PamB : that's the article I mentioned.

SusanR : What is sightSpeed, Louis

LouisL: like skype it is cross platform - and does video - but it also lets you record (free) up to 30 sec video emails

LouisL: the pay for version lets you record longer

LouisL: video is stored on their server - only a link is in the email

TomMu: is the video new to skype?

PamB : http://sightspeed.com

SusanR : there is FLIXN ..video and audio email

PamB : no you use a cam on skype.

TomMu: I thought that skype was just voice

LouisL: I think it has had video for at least 6 months

PamB : it has both audio and video capability

TomMu: ahhh...that explains it.

TomMu: thanks for your time!

PamB : Before everyone leaves, share your favorite tool!

PamB : just type the URL

BJB2: Pam, I think the regulars in TI are so used to seeing a lot of new sites that we take it in stride...

LouisL: http://sodaplay.com/creators/soda/items/constructor

BJB2: but it's overwhelming to the newbies

SusanR : http://www.flixn.com/

PamB : thanks Susan

KrisWe : Thanks

PamB : Good night

JeffC: http://www.wiziq.com and http://www.yugma.com for online meetings and desktop sharing (yugma). wiziq also is collaborative and has video.

BJB2: Thanks, Pam. Wonderful group!

LouisL: www.vyew.com also is wonderful for online

PamB : thanks Jeff and Louis

BJB2: and all you 'newbies' welcome to the Tapped In community!

LouisL: thank you so much for letting us join - I hope we did not rock the waters too much as we learned with you

BJB2: Louis, lots of great discussions on the Tapped In calendar!

PamB : not at all. thanks for coming.

LouisL smiles

ArethaM : thanks

SusanR : Thanks Pam

SusanR : more to explore

LouisL: will this chat be available for viewing later?

PamB : good to see you Susan, bye

BJB2: Louis, when you log out you will automatically be emailed a transcript

PamB waves goodnight

ArethaM : cool

LouisL: as always - greatly appreciated