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LynneW: Welcome to this month's Web 2.0 Tools for Schools session.

LynneW: My name is Lynne Wolters. I'm an asst. prof. of ed tech at a university in Portland OR. Please introduce yourselves.

DanaMB: I'm Dana Buchanan, I'm a middle school librarian in Missouri

JeffC: I'm Jeff Cooper, in Forest Grove OR and I'm on Tapped In Helpdesk.

Lynne W: Please introduce yourself.

JudyCa: I cannot use detach or my browser crashes. I'll view as is

LynneW: Where are you from and what do you teach?

JudyCa: I am a library media high school specialist from Minnesota

LynneW: BJ?

BJB2: I'm a retired teacher in south central Pennsylvania

DanaMB: happy retirement!

BJB2 smiles. Thanks

LynneW: Is anyone new to this group?

JudyCa: I am

DanaMB: I've been here a couple of times.

DanaMB: There is always something interesting!

LynneW: Do you need an explanation for what Web 2.0 is or shall we just dive in?

JudyCa: A review would be OK

LynneW: In a nutshell, Web 2.0 is an improvement on the ways the Internet is being

used.

LynneW: The focus is on the user experience.

LynneW: Generally the sites and services are free with registration.

LynneW: They are usually (but not only) a single focus web site.

LynneW: They also are generally focused on providing a service or feature that is easier to use than previously.

LynneW: Takes the place of paid for software located on a particular computer.

LynneW: Anyone else want to add to that "nutshell"?

DanaMB: I think you did a great job.

LynneW: As usual, when I don't have a guest speaker, I do have several links I hope will be new to you and of interest.

LynneW: Jeff has a "big one" to share so let's look at these individual ones first.

DanaMB: I'm ready

JudyCa: Me too

LynneW: If you look below the "Welcome" above, you will see "Featured Items".

LynneW: The folders and links there are in alph order. Many are from previous sessions. I'll name the site we want to visit and provide the link in chat here.

LynneW: The first one is a fun reminder service. Hassle Me

LynneW: http://www.hassleme.co.uk/

BJB2 checks to make sure everyone got the url

LynneW: This would work great with kids and spouses who spend a lot of time online.

LynneW: Of course, also with yourself.

JudyCa: Do you want us to select the link?

LynneW: Sure. Go take a look and let me know when you have returned.

BJB2: it is funny ;-) I like the reminder to call your mom...maybe I should send that to a

certain son

JudyCa: fun that could help a person stay organized no more excuses

DanaMB: That is cute!

LynneW: Exactly.

DanaMB: But do I really need to be hassled by myself?

LynneW: Our next site is Animoto http://animoto.com/

LynneW smiles at Dana

DanaMB: Now I like animoto

LynneW: Have you used it Dana?

DanaMB: I have done some family pictures and set them out

DanaMB: I just need help in linking it to a website or blog.

LynneW: Was it easy for you to use?

DanaMB: It was easy to use.

DanaMB: However

LynneW: We can help you with that later.

DanaMB: If you don't like waiting

DanaMB: be sure to have something else to do while the pictures are uploading.

LynneW: Judy, go take a look and let me know when you have returned.

DanaMB: I'm thinking of using the full service for my Daughter's graduation

LynneW: What a great idea.

JudyCa: Does it store them for you like other digital imagery sites?

DanaMB: yes it does.

JudyCa: cool

JudyCa: Does it crop or compress the digital imagery?

LynneW: You might want to look at the FAQ section (help?) for more information about the site.

LynneW: Ready for another site?

DanaMB: yep

JudyCa: yup

LynneW: Gizmos provides free interactive science and math simulations.

LynneW: http://www.explorelearning.com/index.cfm

DanaMB: I just found this somewhere else today.

LynneW: Great minds....

LynneW: Ready for another?

LynneW: Don't mean to rush anyone.

JudyCa: Is there a fee for some of these

LynneW: I didn't think so but there may be some kind of restriction on use (bandwidth).

DanaMB: I'm back

LynneW: Ready to move from math and science to language arts?

JudyCa: yes

DanaMB: sure

LynneW: This site is writing prompt and timed writing site called One Word.

LynneW: http://www.oneword.com/

JudyCa: fun the language arts teachers I work with will like this

LynneW: I think kids would like it too.

LynneW: I have not tried it multiple times so don't know about their inventory of writing prompts.

LynneW: Everyone ready for the next LA sites?

JudyCa: yes

DanaMB: yes

DanaMB notes site for author's pen group.

LynneW: There are two sites that are collaborative fiction writing communities.

LynneW: The first one is StoryMash

LynneW: http://storymash.com/

LynneW: I thought these two sites might be of particular fun over the summer months.

LynneW: The second one is Protagonize

LynneW: http://www.protagonize.com/

LynneW: Let me know when you have finished viewing both of those sites.

JudyCa: These would be fun for students to get quick feedback from peers

DanaMB: I think I'll use both if the kids can access these from school.

LynneW: Good.

JudyCa: nay concerns about appropriate entries?

DanaMB: Good point...

LynneW: That's why many teachers use instructional blogging. They can control the release of postings.

DanaMB: What I had seen didn't seem to get bad...

LynneW: You have to gauge how your students will respond.

DanaMB: Of course I quickly glanced at a few entries

JudyCa: I'll see if these are blocked in our school. a few of the English teachers would like this for students

LynneW: You can start by having them read others' posted work.

DanaMB: I don't think our firewalls will let students in with all of the advertisements.

LynneW: Then you could have them write a following chapter within your classroom walls.

JudyCa: good idea

LynneW: I actually chose these for you to use this summer.

DanaMB: I was wondering about using a story and adding it to a blog for the students?

LynneW: Jeff has a wonderful site with a catalog of educational web 2.0 sites. Jeff, please introduce this great find.

JeffC: ok.... I'm afraid I'm going to have to run. Before I go I'd like to share with you a "one stop shop for web 2.0 tools."   I've created a redirect where you'll see links and explanations for over 100 web2.0 sites: http://snurl.com/web2tools

LynneW: Dana, I'll get back to you on your question.

JeffC: sorry... but something came up here... discuss as you like, but I'm going afk.

LynneW: Thank you Jeff.

DanaMB: Thanks Jeff

DanaMB: I would ask permission from the original author>>>

LynneW: Yes, you would need to seek permission and have it documented and saved.

LynneW: If the author agreed, I would encourage you.

LynneW: You could also have the author as an in-class guest speaker via SKYPE, email, or whatever means you have available.

DanaMB: Wow!!! Hadn't thought of that!

LynneW: From the resource site that Jeff offered, you will see some familiar and many new to you sites.

DanaMB: I have been getting to these sites from the featured link

LynneW: Would you like some time to visit several of these sites or would you rather spend the remainder of our time in discussion?

BJB2 . o O (classroom in the K-12 Student Campus in Tapped In)

LynneW: Excellent suggestion.

DanaMB: what?

BJB2: Tapped In has a safe and secure K-12 Student campus where you could meet with a guest author

LynneW: Set up a K-12 Classroom here in TI and invite your author to a session like this one.

DanaMB: I'm don't think that chat is available for my students

DanaMB: We have a problem with altering the firewall for chat

DanaMB: I guess because we receive the e-rate funds.

JudyCa: Our firewall is a subscription that updates automatically by category

LynneW: Dana, you might want to just give it a try on a student accessible computer and see what happens.

JudyCa: I am working with the Tech staff to ask for fewer restrictions because reply and comment, etc are blocked categories

DanaMB: I've tried...I've talked with our tech....

DanaMB: They think I'm crazy

DanaMB: for asking for things....

LynneW. o O (you aren't the "crazy" one)

DanaMB: I'm often questioned about "why would a librarian need these things?"

LynneW: That is why we need tech savvy principals and administrators.

JudyCa: true

DanaMB: I had one

DanaMB tears up

DanaMB: He is leaving for another district.

BJB2 hands Dana a tissue

LynneW: Librarians must have these accesses to teach information literacy, and collaborative content creation.

DanaMB: He thinks it was the new things I taught him that helped him get the job.

LynneW: Probably so.

DanaMB: He really liked the e-portfolio that I had put together.

JudyCa: We have used Google Docs and Google notebook for collaborative writing projects

LynneW: It is rare to not have an IT dept. anywhere that is not hostile to appropriate educational use of ed tech.

DanaMB Nods thanks to Lynn

LynneW: Any questions or comments before we end our session?

DanaMB: Sorry Judy...Google doc and notebook?

JudyCa: Any other cool Web 2 resources to share

LynneW: Sure I have more.

LynneW: Ready?

DanaMB: I'm ready

JudyCa: Yes - a free component in Google docs that can be setup with an administrator to monitor for appropriate use

LynneW: Zamzar is a site that will convert file formats of documents for free.

LynneW: http://www.zamzar.com/

JudyCa: I will try the video compress options later. looks promising

LynneW: BJ, didn't you post a few items in discussion for our group?

BJB2 nods

LynneW: http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/245

BJB2 loves TED

DanaMB: I've seen this..

DanaMB: Has anyone tried the Johnny Lee whiteboard?

LynneW: No have you?

DanaMB: Not yet...

DanaMB: I thought that it might be fun to try this summer

LynneW nods agreement with BJ about TED

DanaMB: I already have the remote.

LynneW: How do you like it?

DanaMB: The Wii game...

DanaMB: I love it.

DanaMB: We get a little competitive..

DanaMB: for being couch potatoes.

LynneW smiles

LynneW: That is all I have for you tonight. I teach grad classes in the summer so won't offer another session here until September. I would like to recommend the TI Festival next month. BJ, want to give it a plug?

BJB2: Tapped In Festival 2008 will be on July 23 and 24

JudyCa: Thanks for your website suggestions. Will keep me busy trying them this week

BJB2: the Theme is Beyond Conflict: Building Peaceful Communities

DanaMB: Thank Lynn

LynneW: You are most welcome.

DanaMB: I hope to participate this year.

BJB2: if you participate in three events you receive a Certificate of Participation

LynneW: Please come back in September.

JudyCa: OK

DanaMB: See you then!!!