

**Title of Session:** Teacher Tools That Integrate Tech-Publishing on the Web

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**KimberlySL:** Hi everyone - glad you could join us

**KishaB:** hello

**BJB2:** looks like a nice group, Kim. Would you like to start with introductions?

**BJB2** . o O ( and, since you've already learned to look above the chat window for resources, go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select Larger Text to make your chat easier to read )

**KimberlySL:** sounds good - I'm on the staff at Ohio State Univer in the college of education and I work with inservice and preservice math and science teachers - one of my projects in the NSDL Middle School Portal

**KimberlySL:** Where is everybody else from and what are you doing this summer?

**BJB2:** I'm in Pennsylvania and I'm a retired communication teacher...I'm going to spend the summer thinking about not going back to school :-)

**LeysR:** I am in Virginia. I am taking an ITECH class at University of Mary Washington

**SarahRP:** I am from Fredericksburg, Virginia and I am taking 3 classes at UMW. Before I know it summer will be over and back to work I go.

**SusanSi:** I teach 4th grade in Texas-math & science-I'm resting after surgery 3 weeks ago

**KimberlySL:** Susan Si - hope you are doing well!

**KishaB:** I'm from Virginia. I teach special needs students in grades 9-12. I am currently working on my master's degree to become a Literacy Specialist.

**SarahSm:** I'm in the state Penn in Virginia and I am earning my college degree and waiting to go on parole

**KimberlySL:** Well - the tools we are going to look at tonight are not specific to middle school math and science. They can be used by anyone.

**MaureenB** joined the room.

**MaureenB** waves to all

**BJB2**: welcome, Maureen

**BJB2**: we've just done intros

**KimberlySL**: hi Maureen - where are you from and what are you doing this summer?

**KimberlySL**: I have a question - how many of you have some content that you have written that is now sitting on the internet?

**KimberlySL**: BTW - please tell me if I'm going to slowly or fast...

**SarahRP**: I have a website thanks to my IT class, and I am posting a web based lesson on it.

**SarahSm**: I do but you know they monitor those things

**KishaB**: I do - I have a portfolio for my ITEC class

**LeysR**: I created a webpage in my ITECH class.

**KimberlySL**: Great - so you've had some experience. I use blog software to publish most of the content that I put on the web. How many of you have a blog?

**KishaB**: I do

**BJB2** does

**LeysR**: I do

**SusanSi**: no

**SarahRP**: My IT class requires us to use a blog at UMW.

**SarahSm**: I blog

**SarahSm**: I had some other blogs but I took them down

**KimberlySL**: That's great - you are all pros! Tonight we'll look at three free ways to publish to the web - Instructional Architect, Filimentality, and Teacher Tube. Are any of you familiar with any of these?

**SarahRP**: no

**LeysR:** no

**SarahSm:** no I am more into personal blogs

**BJB2** is slightly familiar with Teacher Tube and Filimentality

**KishaB:** no

**KimberlySL:** Instructional Architect lets you build folders of resources as you browse the internet and then publish those links - it can be private or not. Click on the link in Featured Item window that says Publishing to the Web and read the intro and first part of the blog post about IA. Click on a link or two and come back to TI in a few minutes.

**SarahSm:** I found out several years ago you have to watch what you write in your blog because you can get into trouble

**KimberlySL:** that is very true! I don't have a personal blog - I just write for middle school math and science teachers - Connecting News Blog and the one I just directed you too - <http://expertvoices.nsdl.org/middle-school-math-science/2008/07/07/teacher-tools-that-integrate-technology-publishing-on-the-web-middle-school-version/>.

**SarahSm:** oh that is neat

**SarahRP:** That is cool. I teach high school math.

**KishaB:** That is a nice blog site

**KimberlySL:** In the welcome screen there are four windows - welcome, quick look, featured items, and the whiteboard - do you see it now?

**KimberlySL:** Our second blog Connecting News is at <http://expertvoices.nsdl.org/connectingnews/> - this one is about current news and ideas for incorporating it into your science teaching.

**KimberlySL:** I use WordPress blog software - it's free. BTW - blogging is going to be next month's conversation

**KishaB:** Can you get that software online?

**KimberlySL:** WordPress - yes it's free.

**SarahSm:** wordpress is fun

**SarahSm:** we used that back when I was in high school

**KimberlySL:** If you have had a chance to read about Instructional Architect on the blog

post <http://expertvoices.nsd.org/middle-school-math-science/2008/07/07/teacher-tools-that-integrate-technology-publishing-on-the-web-middle-school-version/> - do you have any questions?

**KimberlySL:** When I was looking for Middle School examples to highlight - I had trouble finding ones that really took full advantage of IA. Some of the high school examples are much more in depth. The directions are very easy to follow and you can build quite complex lessons

**KimberlySL:** The second publishing tool is Filamentality - the thing that is good about this tool is that there are templates so you can "fill in the blanks" - however, the lessons are only as good as you build it. Go ahead and look at the second section of the article and look at the different kinds of templates and examples.

**KimberlySL:** Is anybody finding any examples that are really good that you would like to share with the group?

**SarahRP:** no help

**KishaB:** I like the scrapbook on exploring China.

**KimberlySL:** I agree - I would think that creative students would really enjoy the scrapbooks

**KimberlySL:** Kisha - what is the URL of the scrapbook on exploring china?

**SusanSi:** The treasure hunt for Weather sounds great-searching the web purposefully, students are given questions to answer and websites to visit

**SarahRP:** where are the lesson plans that you fill in on filamentality?

**KishaB:** <http://www.filamentality.org/wired/China/scrapbook.html>

**SarahRP:** this was really cool <http://www.kn.att.com/wired/webtime/>

**KimberlySL:** Susan - if you start one of those from scratch - the template asks you for a question and then continues to ask you questions so it sort of leads you from point a to point b.

**SusanSi:** just what I can use!

**KimberlySL:** Sarah - AT&T has lots of wonderful tools for teachers - filamentality is just one of them

**KishaB:** check out this quiz [http://www.filamentality.org/wired/BHM/bh\\_hunt\\_quiz.html](http://www.filamentality.org/wired/BHM/bh_hunt_quiz.html)

**LeysR:** I like it.

**KimberlySL:** The third publishing tool is TeacherTube - I'm sure you've heard of YouTube - well this is the education version - you can upload videos but there are lots more rules for what can be uploaded. YouTube is wild!

**LeysR:** I have used it and it is great. It is helpful for Foreign Language classes

**KimberlySL:** Another one of my projects - Beyond Penguins and Polar Bears (<http://beyondpenguins.nsd.org>) we have started uploading digital stories into Teacher Tube so that everyone can see them - check out [http://www.teachertube.com/view\\_video.php?viewkey=f375abfd1b271744cf74](http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=f375abfd1b271744cf74)

**KimberlySL:** I've also provided some other examples in the Publishing article

**SarahSm:** teachertube is useful I used them in my undergrad work

**KimberlySL:** Leys - have you uploaded your own videos?

**LeysR:** No I haven't

**SarahRP:** The teachertube is really cool.

**LeysR:** But I would like to do it.

**KimberlySL:** One thing with teachertube - they can't handle as big as files as YouTube so you do have to compress really big files

**SarahRP:** I found really good stuff to use for math teachers.

**KimberlySL:** One other thing - make sure you know your school's policy about including students' pictures on the web if you were going to include students

**KimberlySL:** Sarah - have you watched the Abbott and Costello movie clip

**LeysR:** no

**SarahRP:** Not yet but I do love Abbott and Costello. They are from my era.

**KishaB:** ok

**KimberlySL:**  
[http://www.teachertube.com/view\\_video.php?viewkey=93b89d8fbee5667d077f](http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=93b89d8fbee5667d077f)

**KimberlySL:** I'm not sure whether your students would know who they are but it is a fun

black and white clip from one of their old movies

**SarahRP:** Costello is the funny one. Bud Abbott is too serious.

**SarahSm:** I don't know about them

**SarahSm:** I was born in the 80's

**LeysR:** I don't know about them either

**KimberlySL:** Some of the quality of the videos that have been shot in classrooms is pretty bad - you can't hear what students are saying so if you are thinking about doing one beware of how the sound is going to be recorded

**KimberlySL:** About Abbot and Costello - they are from the dark ages but funny is funny!

**KishaB:** that is very true

**SarahSm:** yeah I get humor don't get me wrong

**KishaB:** I absolutely love these sites. I can't wait to play around with them a little more later on.

**BJB2 . o O ( dark ages?! )**

**KimberlySL:** One more thing to pay attention to - copyright laws. Teacher Tube has a good section on what you can't and can do.

**KimberlySL:** I was born way before 1980!

**SarahSm:** hahaha

**BJB2 . o O ( likewise )**

**SarahRP:** I was born way before the 80's. We won't go there.

**KishaB:** That is my birth year.

**KimberlySL:** There are so many tools that are free to use it can be overwhelming - IA is great because it's simple - you make folders of your favorite websites and then include them in text that you write and publish

**KishaB:** Kimberly, can we copy the publishing on the web resource file you have?

**KimberlySL:** Filamentality has templates but there might be resources that have been

written by some one else so that you don't have to start from scratch

**KimberlySL:** Feel free to download the file - I try to model good intellectual property manners - you'll notice that I have a copyright statement and creative commons license included in the document.

**KishaB:** thank you

**KishaB:** I think this information would benefit other teachers in my school. I will share these sites with them this upcoming school year.

**SarahRP:** We all have to be careful with copyright laws.

**LeysR:** You are right.

**KimberlySL:** That would be wonderful - my main project is the NSDL Middle School Portal - <http://msteacher.org>. There is a pathway for science and math teachers - our focus is increasing content knowledge.

**SarahRP:** thanks I can use that

**KimberlySL:** We posted quite regularly to the website and blogs during the year but have slowed down a little bit this summer but we'll be going full speed again starting in September.

**KimberlySL:** any questions about IA, Filamentality, or Teacher Tube?

**SarahRP:** no

**KishaB:** Great - no

**KimberlySL:** Do you have any topics that you would like us to address either on the website, blog, or in a Tapped In chat?

**LeysR:** No. This information is new and useful to me

**KishaB:** No, not right now. I will take this information and use as much as I can.

**BJB2** looks at the clock on the wall

**KimberlySL:** I'll share one other thing - earlier someone pointed out the story website. We have electronic books in the Beyond Penguins online magazine - if you go to <http://beyondpenguins.nsd.org> and click on any of the issues and then click on feature story you'll see printable, foldable, and electronic books that will read themselves - check it out

**SarahSm:** oh man this was way to much fun to end

**KimberlySL:** There are always great chats happening in Tapped In!

**BJB2:** Tomorrow is the Beyond Penguins discussion for elementary teachers

**KishaB:** Oh wow! That will be great for my students who have reading disabilities.

**BJB2** . o O ( check your calendar for the time in your time zone )

**SarahRP:** I think it can be very useful.

**KimberlySL:** That's right - Jessica Fries-Gaither is going to talk about literacy and science and highlight some of the books. Thanks for reminding me!

**KishaB:** No problem. Is that during the upcoming session?

**KimberlySL:** I'ts tomorrow at 7pm EDT - Beyond Penguins and Polar Bears chat

**SusanSi:** Thanks! I'll be sharing what I have learned

**KishaB:** ok

**KimberlySL:** Great discussion everyone - thanks so much for coming. Please check back next month - the topic will be more teacher tools that integrate technology

**SarahRP:** see you later

**KishaB:** Excellent job and great resources. Good night

**LeysR:** See you later and thanks

**BJB2:** Thanks, Kimberly

**KimberlySL:** You are welcome!