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BJB2: The ISTE discussion for MS SIGs will start at the hour

RobertK: Is it possible to make the chat window larger?

BJB2: yeppers, Robert....go to Actions in the top right of the chat

BJB2: select detach

BJB2: and you also may want to select Larger Text

RobertK: That's better, thanks!

BJB2: you're welcome :-) I'll repeat that a couple times before we start

RobertK: Is there anyway I can get a "proof of attendance" for my district?

JeffC: you'll receive a transcript after you logout

LesleyF joined the room.

JeffC: Hi Lesley

LesleyF: hi, folks! Hear to talk about children's literature?

BJB2: Robert, when you log out you will automatically be emailed a transcript of this chat

JeffC is here to mostly lurk and listen

RobertK: Thanks!

BJB2: a reminder if you are new to Tapped In, go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select Detach. Larger text is also a choice.

BJB2 wonders if Lesley would like to wait a few minutes to see if anyone else is joining the discussion?

LesleyF: just a couple of minutes before we start in case people have a hard time

switching time zones.

BJB2 nods

LesleyF: In the meantime, we can introduce ourselves.

LesleyF: I'm Lesley Farmer, and I coordinate the librarianship program at California State University in Long Beach. I chair the MS SIG intrl. group.

RobertK: I'm Bob Kern. I'm a librarian and computer technology teacher in Interboro School District. (near Philadelphia.)

LesleyF: I used to live outside Kennett Square (and downtown Philadelphia); remind me where Interboro is

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

LisaPe: Hi. I'm Lisa Perez, an area library coordinator for Chicago Public Schools Dept of Libraries

RobertK: Down by the river between Chester and Philly.

LesleyF: nice part of the state, I remember, Robert.

BJB2 . o O (I'm a little west of you, Robert, nw of Harrisburg)

LesleyF: I was in O'Hare yesterday on my way back from the Canary Islands.

SamGst1 joined the room.

BJB2: how was your trip, Lesley?

BJB2 waves hi to Sam

LisaPe: It seems like half the travelers pass by O'Hare

LesleyF: My trip was pleasant == I was presenting for an elearning conference, but my son and I got to do some touring.

SamGst1: hi. just checking this out in advance of the ebss Eric meeting on Friday.

BJB2: nice that you got to go with your son!

LesleyF: Great, Sam. You can see that it's pretty easy to use.

LesleyF: If you have questions, both BJ and Jeff are great to ask (you can just click on

their names).

SamGst1: yes it is, thanks. I'll be back tomorrow.

BJB2 waves bye to Sam...see ya then!

SamGst1: later

LesleyF: As a tip to everyone, in this boxed area, you'll see the words Actions. One of the actions you can take is to detach the box -- and another is to click on enlarge text, both of which makes the experience a little more comfortable.

SamGst1 left the room (signed off).

LesleyF: So, Robert, what do you hope to get out of this session?

RobertK: I'm interested in learning more about ebooks and how they can be incorporated in the library when we have been so paper-based for so long.

LesleyF: Good. We will be talking about that, specifically in terms of what's available free on the net. I'll also be touching on other children's lit sites, OK?

RobertK: That's great!

BJB2: when Lesley shows you a url, you may need to press the ctrl key on your keyboard to override pop up blockers....

BJB2: or turn off your pop up blockers for this site

LesleyF: So let's get started.

BJB2 claps with anticipation!

LesleyF: One reason for this session is to think about digital collections around the world, especially targeted for children's literature

LesleyF: Many school libraries have small collections or little budget for books.

LesleyF: In some areas, there has been thought to build digital collections, or at least access open source children's literature.

LesleyF: The most developed such collection is the Intl. Children's Digital Library. Do you know about that source, Robert?

RobertK: No, I haven't heard of it.

LisaPe: I was introduced to it some years ago by Ann Weeks

LesleyF: super! -- because I can show you!

BJB2 smiles

LisaPe: but I haven't looked at it lately

LesleyF: Ready? Here it is. <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

RobertK: got it!

LesleyF: I'd like you both to take a couple of minutes to explore, and then we'll share a bit.

RobertK: I'll minimize and be back up in a few minutes

RobertK: Pretty impressive! i bookmarked it and added it to my Port-a-portal.

LisaPe: I'm ready

BJB2 . o O (all urls will also be in your transcripts)

LesleyF: So what impressed you?

LisaPe: The number of books available in so many different languages. There is great breadth.

RobertK: The range of books. I hadn't heard of most of them. I wondered if they are mostly non-USA publishers.

LesleyF: yes, they are mainly non-US publishers because the emphasis was on locally produced books

LesleyF: Some of them include translations; many include sound transcripts.

RobertK: I liked how the text can be enlarged.

RobertK: Nice touch

LesleyF: The latter is fun for English-only students to hear other languages -- and for ELLs it can help with their primary and school languages.

LisaPe: some of the illustrations are really quite good

RobertK: We have a number of ELLs I'll share this with the ELL teacher.

LesleyF: There are also special historical collections embedded or linked in this site that can be fun to see how children's literature has changed.

LisaPe: Did anyone notice books by famous authors?

LesleyF: Even ABC books...

LesleyF: there are award-winning books.

RobertK: I wasn't familiar with any I saw.

LesleyF: probably few current ones since they usually like royalties...

LesleyF: The emphasis is more on folk tales and other local stories.

RobertK: That's a good thought, how is copyright handled?

LesleyF: The authors have to agree to make it open source/no copyright.

LesleyF: I like the idea that students can choose by age/reading level, genre, language, country.

LisaPe: too bad that some of them don't do it anyway...many of these are really quite good, though

LesleyF: so as you can see, you can use this with ELL students as well as other students to get to know children's materials around the world -- as well as languages.

LesleyF: And the historical collections can be paired with historical lessons/units to see what kinds of children's literature was available at the time.

LesleyF: other thoughts?

RobertK: It could be useful for a country study.

LesleyF: exactly

LisaPe: and for students studying other languages

LesleyF: Most digital collections are historical, and most are done by either universities where children's lit is taught, or by big/national libraries.

LesleyF: The Library of Congress has such a collection:
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/rarebook/digitalcoll/digitalcoll-children.html>

LesleyF: The library of Congress also has webcasts of famous children's authors:
<http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/>

RobertK: There's a great deal there!

LesleyF: So you don't have to crawl through the whole webcast base, the following metasite lists the children's authors/illustrators: <http://www.digital-librarian.com/childlit.html>

LisaPe: this looks very nice

LesleyF: This metasite has a LONG list of links that you can spend hours exploring, including intl/non-US sites

LisaPe: I can see that a lot of teachers would be interested in this.

LesleyF: especially when children can mesh the book and the author, it comes more alive.

LesleyF: The historical collections can also be used in history classes to see how children's reading has changed and to see how adults PERCEIVE children.

LesleyF: Here are a couple more historical children's book collections, which you can look at later since this session will be archived. Ready for the URLs?

LisaPe: yes

LesleyF: <http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/archives.html>

LesleyF: <http://content.lib.washington.edu/childrensweb/index.html>

LesleyF: <http://www.lib.muohio.edu/pictbks/>

LesleyF: <http://special.lib.umn.edu/clrc/>

LesleyF: <http://palmm.fcla.edu/juv/>

LesleyF: http://digilib.usm.edu/cdm4/degum_technical.php

LesleyF: <http://studentzone.roehampton.ac.uk/library/digital-collection/childrens-literature-collection/>

BJB2: You don't have to look at all the sites now! The urls will be in your transcript

LesleyF: The other way that you can locate children's ebooks (free source type) are the open source book collection/projects, such as the Gutenberg Project. Do you know about

that?

LisaPe: I'll also post them over to the SIGMS ning...

LesleyF: there's more to come too, Lisa....

LisaPe: yes, I've heard of it, but haven't looked in a long time

BJB2 smiles about the Gutenberg Project. Michael Hart is a member of TI

LesleyF: here's an easy place to start: http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page

LesleyF: it's changed a bit.

RobertK: Yes, I've seen some of the Gutenberg Project.

LesleyF: The problem with these ebook collections is that they tend not to have much in the way of children's literature.

RobertK: While browsing through some of the last collection I found this. It's from the UK. Even though it's for the UK there is still some access that might make it useful.

RobertK: <http://www.storiesfromtheweb.org/index.asp>

LesleyF: Thanks, Robert. You'll see some of sites linked from the Children's lit metasite.

LesleyF: here's another metasite about children's literature, which included ebook collections: <http://www.lib.unca.edu/library/rr/childlit.html>

LesleyF: another professional organization that is looking at children's lit globally is the Intl. Assn. of School Librarianship. they have a SIG on children's/YA lit, which links to resources: http://www.iasl-online.org/about/sigs/sig_chlit.html

LesleyF: IASL also has a Giggle-It project, which solicits children's writing (usually their versions of jokes and riddles and funny stories). <http://www.iasl-online.org/sla/giggleIT/index.htm>

LisaPe: this is a great list of resources

LesleyF: When I'm trolling for good sites, I often start with these metasites.

BJB2 looks at the clock on the wall. Did you want to plan on another ISTE discussion, Lesley?

RobertK: I really like the Giggle-it site. It has some great possibilities.

LesleyF: so here's the surprise: I have a bibliography of my own children's lit resources, which you'll see under FILES on the left hand side.

BJB2: . o O (btw, Lesley leads a monthly Targeting Librarians discussion in Tapped In)

LesleyF: So you see it? This will conclude our time together, but set you on your path of children's lit collections and their use

BJB2: if you detached your chat, go to the web window or attach your chat

LisaPe: I wonder if we can consider moving this to 8pm ET. We seem to do better with getting attendees at that time.

BJB2: Files is in the blue menu on the left of the Web window

RobertK: CHILDRENlitandtech.doc ?

LesleyF: that's the one, Robert.

LisaPe: I know that is not necessarily a popular international time, but would work well with more SIGMS members

LesleyF: So let's try 8pm EST (my 5pm) for next month.

BJB2: and the date?

LesleyF: Jan. 21?

LesleyF: and what topic would you like to discuss?

LesleyF: remember that the emphasis should be intl.

LisaPe: hmm, thinking...

RobertK: What about Google's digitizing efforts?

LesleyF: we can extend the idea of children -- and focus on ways that school librarians can do global projects.

LisaPe: how about resources and websites that support research of other countries

LisaPe: it is practical and immediately useful with students

LisaPe: yes, global projects would be good too...like iEARN

LesleyF: that sounds good, Lisa, and there are some great sites -- let's focus on

interactive ones, OK/

BJB2 . o O (Global Project Based Learning?)

LesleyF: YES, BJ!

LisaPe: yep, like Global Project Based Learning

BJB2 cheers....wonderful!

LesleyF: everyone OK with BJ's spin? I think it's brilliant

LisaPe: love it

LisaPe: Global Project Based Learning

LisaPe: Jan 21 at 8pm ET

RobertK: Sounds good.

LesleyF: so see you then. Hope today's little time was useful for you folks

LisaPe: let me check one thing...we have a 2nd Life event but I think that is later in the month

RobertK: Thank you!

BJB2: we'll be spending hours looking at those sites, Lesley!

LesleyF: right after the holidays...

LisaPe: yep, the other one is the following week

LisaPe: I've got to log off now...thanks so much Lesley

LesleyF: thanks for sharing -- see you next year.