

My Favorite Tools

Technology and Web 2.0 Tools for the Library and the Classroom

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The text of this presentation handout as a Wordle
<http://www.wordle.net/>

❖ Why Web 2.0?

“Would you like to:

- move students beyond 'searching for information' to using it and creating it?
- get better results from student projects and research?
- provide more equitable access to digital tools and resources?
- integrate 21st-century skills into the curriculum?
- foster more collaboration with teachers to benefit student achievement?
- create a website in seconds and post information, images, video, hyperlinks, and sound?
- share information (and labor) with your colleagues online?
- showcase library media center activities and promote your program online?
- do more in less time and make your budget go much further than you - or anyone else - thought you could?

If you said 'Yes' to any or all of these questions, Web 2.0 tools may benefit you and your school community.”

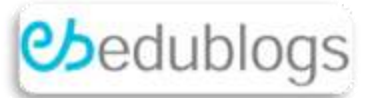
--Dr. Donna Baumbach and Dr. Judy Lee from the web site Webtools4U2Use
[http://webtools4u2use.wikispaces.com/Why+WebTools%3F+\(Web+2.0\)](http://webtools4u2use.wikispaces.com/Why+WebTools%3F+(Web+2.0))

❖ **Fay School Library Web Site**

<http://library.fayschool.org>

❖ **BLOG--Read This Book!: Mrs. D'Elia's Reading Log**

<http://ldelia.edublogs.org>



- Promotes reading and books
- Allows discussions around books
- Provides online entry form for participating in the library's Reading For Pleasure program
- Highlights student work
- Example of a library using a blog for its online presence: The Unquiet Library (<http://theunquietlibrary.wordpress.com/>)

❖ **DIGITAL STORYTELLING--VoiceThread**

<http://voicethread.com> (or <http://ed.voicethread.com>)



- Strengthens visual literacy
- Allows easy sharing
- Encourages discussion

Student projects:

Fay Library A to Z (First grade) http://library.fayschool.org/Pages/a_to_z_library.htm

Fifth Grade Digital Storytelling Book Reviews <http://ldelia.edublogs.org>

❖ **SCREENCASTING--STAR Academy (Skills for Technology And Research)**

http://library.fayschool.org/Pages/star_academy.htm

- Creates online video tutorials
- Engages the visual learner
- Supports varied learning speeds
- Allows for lessons to be delivered repeatedly

Tools used:

Camtasia—screencasting

<http://www.techsmith.com/>

Voki—speaking avatars

<http://www.voki.com/>



❖ ANIMATED VIDEOS—GoAnimate

<http://goanimate.com>



- Creates animated videos
- Engages the visual learner
- Supports varied learning speeds
- Allows for lessons to be delivered repeatedly
 - “Library Gadget 3000”
<http://library.fayschool.org/Pages/lg3000.htm>
 - “What Happens If I Lose a Library Book?”
http://library.fayschool.org/Pages/library_faq.htm
 - “Why You Should Love Subscription Databases”
http://library.fayschool.org/Pages/library_faq.htm
 - “How to Take Good Notes with Mrs. D’Elia”
http://library.fayschool.org/Pages/research_toolkit.htm

Tools used:

Jing—screencasting and image capture

<http://www.techsmith.com/>

Audacity—audio recording

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>



❖ OTHER TOOLS THAT I USE

- AuthorStream — Turn PPT’s into Embeddable Video
<http://www.authorstream.com>
- Shelfari – Social Networking Site for Book Lovers ☺
<http://www.shelfari.com/>
- ClustrMaps – Maps of your site’s visitors
<http://www.clustrmaps.com/>
- StuDIYo – Embeddable Quizzes
<http://www.mystudiyo.com/>
- Poll Everywhere – Embeddable Live Audience Polling
<http://www.polleverywhere.com/>
- Wordle – Embeddable Tag Clouds
<http://www.wordle.net>

❖ Want More?

For more about web 2.0 tools, go to Technology Resources for School Libraries

(<http://maschoolibraries.org/content/view/728/355/>) under the Resources tab on the MSLA home page (<http://maschoolibraries.org/>).