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Books and Bytes

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Welcome New Technology Facilitators!



All schools in Utah have access to a valuable and useful tool called **Pioneer Online Library**. This online library is filled with credible resources of high quality content.

Pioneer Online Library contains such tools as Worldbook Encyclopedia, CultureGrams, and SIRS Discoverer. It also has a wonderful section called **Preschool Pioneer** that has learning activities for young children.

Check out Pioneer Online Library at: <http://pioneer.uen.org/>

For home access use the following:

Username: **pioneer**

Password: **search**



John and Leslie (Center), U of U Rio Mesa GPS K-12 Course

We are excited to have John Kelly and Leslie Lewis join the Educational Technology & Library Media Department this year. They have been busy this Summer and Fall delivering professional development for teachers and working with students in schools.

Leslie Lewis is delighted to be a technology facilitator in our district. She has long been an advocate of using technology in the classroom. In her fifth grade classroom at Escalante Elementary she could be seen near the Jordan river teaching students about geospatial technology.

She also participates annually with the University of Utah and teachers from across the state in a CMAP institute. This Community Mapping Course uses geospatial technology including GPS and GIS, to evaluate the quality of the local watershed. Leslie has a Master's of Instructional Design and Educational Technology from University of Utah. She is an eMINTS certified technology teacher and has a Technology Endorsement. Leslie is a proud granny and loves taking walks with her 15 year old dog, Max. She loves working with students and teachers across the district.

John Kelly has enjoyed teaching third and fourth grade at Riley Elementary. A recent graduate of the eMINTS program in our district, John spent two years learning about the philosophy of integrating technology with curriculum and best teaching practices. He is amazed at how his students and his own young children at home, find new ways to use technology to enhance their learning. Having grown up in many places, including beautiful Hawaii, he brings an "Island" flavor to the department. He is an avid Utah Jazz fan, a Rose Park resident and he loves to read. John has a Master's of Education in Literacy and a Technology Endorsement. This year, he is working with Northwest Middle School in the implementation of a Federal Technology Grant. He is enjoying making statewide technology connections and keeping up with the latest in the field. John is excited for the next opportunity to share new ideas with students and teachers in our district.

Enhanced World Book Access

The Salt Lake City School District Library Department recently purchased an enhanced version of World Book Online.

We have access to all that World Book Online has to offer, plus additional specialized databases including:

- Living Green
- Early People
- Inventions and Discoveries



- Dramatic Learning
- World Book Discover
- Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos
- Gran Enciclopedia Hispanica
- L'Encyclopedie Decourverte

All computers in the school district will have immediate access to the enhanced version at www.worldbookonline.com. Free home access is available from the site with the following:

Login: saltlakedistrict

Password: student

Library Technology Teachers: Lifelong Learners

Library Technology Teachers have been very busy this fall learning how to create and manage school websites using Adobe Contribute. Each month our Library Technology Teachers participate in professional development so that they continue to be technology leaders in their schools. They meet together to stay informed about new technologies, and library procedures and practices. They also collaborate on ways to increase student achievement.

It is no longer a quiet place where students are "shushed"!

Some of the things we will be focusing on this year are:

- Using technology to promote literacy
- Engaging students in learning using eMedia

- Creating easy, fun and engaging reading blogs
- Cool technology tools for library learning centers that improve student achievement

If you haven't stopped into the library learning center recently, you need to do it! It is no longer a quiet place where students are "shushed!" The library learning center is an active place where learning, collaboration and research takes place with students who are excited about learning.

Beehive Book Awards 2011

This year our district will once again participate in the Beehive Book Award selection. The Beehive Book Award program is sponsored by the [Children's Literature Association of Utah](http://www.clau.org). Each year, several books are nominated for the Beehive Book Awards. Library Technology Teachers share the books with the students and they vote for their favorite book in each category. The categories are: Picture Books, Children's Literature, Poetry, Children's Nonfiction, and Young Adult Literature. In April, the votes are tallied and sent into the site to be counted with all the student votes across the state. To find out the details, stop in and visit your Library Technology Teacher and visit the website, <http://clau.org>.





Northwest Middle School

The Educational Technology Department has been working extensively with Northwest Middle School which received an Enhancing Education through Technology (EETT) / American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Title IID Technology Grant this year. The grant focuses on using the eMINTS research-based instructional model, from Missouri, which:

Inspires educators to use instructional strategies powered by technology

Engages students in the excitement of learning

Enriches teaching to dramatically improve student performance

All classrooms teachers have been participating in extensive professional development two nights each month. Upon completion of the two year professional development, all classroom teachers will receive the Utah Educational Technology Endorsement.

Each core (Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies) classroom will have 30 netbook computers and a color laser jet printer for students to use in their classrooms at all times.

Every classroom at Northwest has received a smartboard, projector, and document camera. Each participating teacher will also receive a Flip camera and an iPad for use in the classroom. We are carefully selecting applications that will engage students in active learning.

We will be purchasing 120 iPods for students to use in their Science and Math classes. These iPods will be checked out as classroom sets and will be loaded with information and applications by the educational technology specialists at Northwest.

A fulltime educational technology coach, Marilyn Walker, will be onsite to collaborate with teachers who need assistance as they learn and use new technology in their classrooms.

Worth Reading

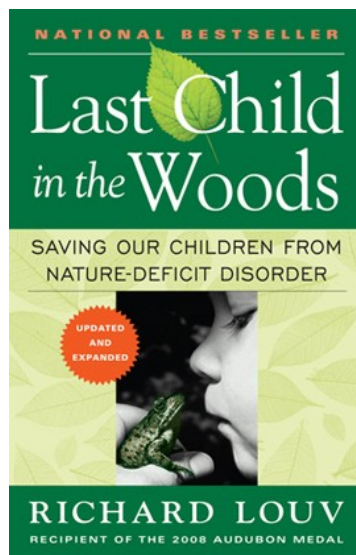
Balancing our lives in this technology rich age isn't easy.

Last Child in the Woods shows all of us how important it is to let go of our technology tools and toys and go outside to play!

Author, Richard Louv, was honored with the 50th Audubon Award Medal for this book.

For a list of great outdoor activities visit this web site:

<http://education.audubon.org/family-time>



<http://richardlouv.com/>

Ed Tech Website

The Educational Technology Department has compiled a webpage that can assist you with hundreds of questions you might have regarding technology. Some of the topics on the site are:

- UTIPS
- Smartboards
- My.UEN teacher webpages
- FLIP camcorders
- Webquests
- Youtube

View this helpful site at

<http://my.uen.org/myuen/215616>