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✧ NoteShare ✧

"When we talk about multiple intelligences and learning styles, we often need to develop a wide range of ways for the students to respond. In the fundamental design of the NoteShare program, we find a large variety of these tools that students can use to THEIR advantage to produce a record of their knowledge or learning on a certain subject and still enclose it within the same medium as their peers." - NoteShare Training Participant

TEACHER LEARNING TEAMS

Apple/ MLTI NoteShare training for Teacher Learning Teams is well underway across the state. Each school was asked to send two people to one of the 2-day regional sessions. The



response from participants has been very enthusiastic as they learn how to use this powerful new tool in their classrooms and as they make a plan for sharing their new learning with colleagues in their buildings.

Quick Tips

•If your class is reading a novel together, have students "fly" from school to the setting of the novel using Google Earth. Find current event locations too!

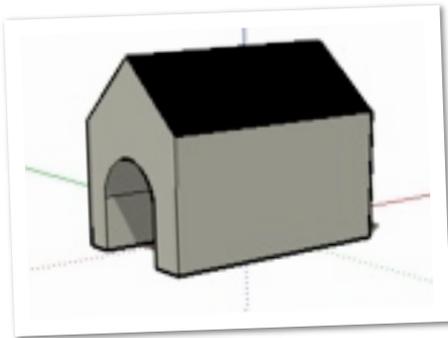
•Keynote will open your old PowerPoint presentations so there's no need to recreate them. Try exporting your presentations to Flash and dropping them in a NoteShare notebook.

•Check out the podcast collection in the iTunes store. There are many free educational podcasts for classroom listening.



Net Logo

On Friday, October 27, a special *NetLogo* workshop was held at the Liberty School in Blue Hill. Max Crain from Pemetic Elementary School and Jim Bonnes from Liberty School hosted the session and Seymour Papert was the keynote speaker. After perusing the *NetLogo* models library and listening to an inspirational talk by Seymour Papert, participants were challenged to program in *NetLogo* to solve “puzzlers.” At the close of the session, discussion centered around how to disseminate information about using *NetLogo* in the curriculum areas and setting up a listserv for interested educators. For more information, contact Jim Bonnes (jwb@libertyschool.us) or Max Crain, mcrain@u98.k12.me.us.



SketchUp Pro

Have you and your students checked out *SketchUp Pro*? Jim Moulton has and he’s written about it in *Edutopia*’s “Spiral Notebook” blog. Jim says, “I think the thing I am enjoying the most about introducing *SketchUp* to kids and teachers I am working with is the level of “spontaneous creativity” it engenders. Lots of kids, and more than a few adults start doing cool things that require perseverance and complex thinking, and they are doing these things without being asked to. ‘They don’t need no stinkin’

assignment!’ It’s just so cool.” Watch for Jim’s blog entry, soon to be published on Spiral Notebook at <http://edutopia.org/community/spiralnotebook/>.

Collecting Images

As students create more and more multimedia products, learning to collect and manage images becomes an important skill. There is an new article on [*MaineLearns*](#) that may help teachers and students make best use of iPhoto for collecting images, whether they are photos taken with a digital camera, scanned art work, or images culled from the internet. The article offers links to sites that have copyright friendly images and suggests a technique students can use to capture the citation information for internet pictures as well. Once the images are in iPhoto, they are available in other iLife and iWork applications through the media browser. To learn more, read the [article](#) in the Graphics and Images for Teaching section of [*MaineLearns*](#).



SourceAid

MLTI is pleased to announce that *SourceAid* Citation Builder is now available for free to all MLTI teachers and students. The use of this online tool for creating citations for bibliographies, end notes, and footnotes has been donated by *SourceAid*, LLC, an educational resource company in Massachusetts. Students can build citations for a wide variety of print and digital resources and save their bibliographies online, download them to their computers, or email themselves a link to their work to access it from another computer. To learn more about *SourceAid* and how to set up a free account, read the [MaineLearns](#) article in the Information Fluency section.



MLTI Email Accounts

In response to the many questions we have received, the MLTI email system **is** up and running. All MLTI iBook users may have an email account. Teacher accounts, by default, may send and receive email with any public email account on the Internet. Student accounts can be configured to send and receive email only with other students in the school, only with other students at other MLTI schools (who also have the same level of access), or full public email access. Email access levels may be set on individual accounts. Schools may use special exports from the MEDMS data system to facilitate mass user account creation. Talk to the tech lead in your school for more information or contact Jeff Mao, jeff.mao@maine.gov

Dial-up Home Internet Access

The Maine Learning Technology Foundation in partnership with Great Works Internet is continuing to support free and reduced rate internet connectivity for students using MLTI iBook computers. This service is available to students who qualify for the Free and Reduced School Lunch Program and who do not currently have internet access at home. For more information about the program, please see: <http://www.gwi.net/residential/mlti.html> Forms to sign up for accounts are available at <http://www.mltfoundation.org/homeaccess/2007mltfaform.pdf> and <http://www.mltfoundation.org/homeaccess/2007frslpform.pdf> All questions related to this opportunity should be directed to homeaccess@mltfoundation.org



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Award Winner!

Bette Manchester, Director of Special Projects at the Maine Department of Education is the latest recipient of the Brazee Award, given on October 19 at the 2006 Maine Association of Middle Level Educators conference. The award is made periodically (not necessarily annually) “to acknowledge people who have helped promote quality middle level education in Maine in ways other than public school service.” In 2002, the award was renamed The Brazee Award in honor of the numerous, ongoing contributions of Dr. Ed Brazee.

The award was given to Bette in acknowledgment of her years of service and contribution to middle level education and her leadership and vision in helping to establish and administer the Maine Learning Technology Initiative. Please join us in congratulating Bette for this well-deserved award.



BARBARA’S AND PHIL’S PICKS

Barbara’s picks this month are web sites where audio files of books and poems can be downloaded for students who need or prefer to hear text as well as read it. Many of you are aware of *Audible*, <http://www.audible.com> where audio books read by actors can be purchased and downloaded for listening on your computer or iPod. But many public domain texts are available in audio formats for free.

LiteralSystems, <http://literalsystems.org/abooks/index.php> offers audio recordings of many public domain works. Most of them are read by actors and are very pleasant to listen to. These performances are licensed under a Creative Commons license allowing users to copy and distribute them with attribution. Another source of free audio books is *Librivox*, <http://www.librivox.org/> where recordings by volunteer readers are available. The performance quality may vary, even within chapters of the same book, because they are often read by different readers. Regardless of this variation, most listeners will find these recordings more enjoyable than listening to a book read by a computer voice.