**Digital Resources for Educators**

**Online Organization Tools for Your Classroom**

Dropbox

<https://www.dropbox.com>

Store your pictures and files here. Work on the same documents from anywhere.

Graphic Organizers

<http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/>

Graphic organizers that are ready to use.

Mary Lange's bookmarks on Delicious

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/dmail/ebmgnpkbhncfpnoeihkmkhmccbgagghc/mlange>

Mr. Mosler's 4th Grade

<https://sites.google.com/site/mosler4thgrade/>

Set up your own free classroom website on Google. See Mr. Mosler's page as an example.

Skype

<https://www.skype.com/en/>

Skype is a basic and easy offering free voice, video calls, conference calls, instant messaging and group instant messaging.

Symbaloo

<https://www.symbaloo.com/welcome>

Access your favorite sites from one place no matter which device you use.

**Resources, Lesson Plans, Virtual Ideas and Visits**

American Library Association

<http://www.ala.org/>

Teaching and Learning honors websites, tools, and resources. American Association of School Librarians' Standards for the 21st Century Learner.

Annenberg Media Lerner

<http://www.learner.org/>

Videos, interactives, workshops, and distance learning are all available on this site.

Common Sense Media

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/website-lists>

Organized by category, you'll find many links to websites for kids and their families.

Discovery Education

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/what-we-offer/DENCommunity/>

For teachers: lesson plans, videos, puzzlemakers, science fair ideas, contests, grants, science help and more.

Discovery Education for Teachers

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers/?campaign=flyout_teachers>

Free lesson plans, worksheets and other ready to use material for teachers.

Education World

<https://www.educationworld.com/>

Free lesson plans and templates among other things save teachers time and money.

Educational Technology and Learning

<https://www.educatorstechnology.com/>

Technology teacher founded site with resources such as web tools and mobile apps.

Field Trip Earth

<https://fieldtripearth.org/>

Field Trip Earth is a global resource for teachers, students, and proponents of wildlife conservation.

Global SchoolNet

<http://www.globalschoolnet.org/>

A site that supports 21st century learning and improving academic performance through content driven collaboration.

Google Earth

<https://www.google.com/earth/index.html>

Take a virtual journey to any location in the world. Explore 3D buildings, imagery, and terrain. Find cities, places and local businesses.

Google for Educators

<https://edu.google.com/teacher/>

Create your own free website so that you can communicate with your parents is just one of the free tools at this site.

Kathy Schrock's Guide to Everything

<http://www.schrockguide.net/>

Kathy Schrock's home base for all things technology. Not to be missed.

Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Provides more than 2,700 videos covering mathematics, science, history and finance

Learning Page

<https://www.learninga-z.com>

Membership required (FREE). Sharing worksheets, handouts and other resources.

Library of Congress

<https://www.loc.gov/>

The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution and serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts in its collections.

National Archives

<https://www.archives.gov/education>

U.S. government site with teacher resources.

National Archives for Educators and Students

<https://www.archives.gov/education>

Search for lesson plans connected to real documents in our history.

Partnership for 21st Century Skills

<http://www.battelleforkids.org/networks/p21>

Partnership for the 21st Century offers educators information, resources, and tools to understand, identify and integrate the 21st century skills of creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem-solving skills and communication and collaboration skills.

PB Works for Classroom Teachers

<http://www.pbworks.com/education.html>

Show off student work, connect with your parents, allow students to work collaboratively and allow students to build their own digital portfolios on this free wiki for teachers.

PBS Learning Media

<https://houstonpbs.pbslearningmedia.org/>

Requires a free membership. Resources from PBS.

PBS Teachers

<https://houstonpbs.pbslearningmedia.org/>

This site contains standards-based resources in the arts, health and fitness, mathematics, reading, language arts, science/technology, and social studies.

PD on the Go

<http://www.learner.org/>

Many of the professional development series from the Annenberg Foundation are available on demand here, with videos on teaching measurement, writing workshop, and more. You'll see master teachers at work and undoubtedly snag an idea or two for your own classroom.

Power Point Presentations

<https://www.pppst.com/themes.html>

This site contains presentations in powerpoint format for every subject from A-Z.

Scholastic.com

<http://www2.scholastic.com/home/>

From lesson plans to games, this publisher has it all!

School Tube

<https://www.schooltube.com/>

A free site where students and teachers can post videos.

SimpleK12

<https://community.simplek12.com/scripts/student/home.asp?#cat0>

From free workbooks to online professional development, Simple K12 has hundreds of ideas for the implementation of technology in your 2.0 classroom or library.

Sites for Teachers

<https://www.learninga-z.com/>

Requires joining for free. Shared resources, quizzes, activities and handouts for classroom teachers.

SMART Exchange

<http://exchange.smarttech.com/#tab=0>

Lesson plans and resources for educators with a SMART board.

Smithsonian Education

<https://learninglab.si.edu/>

The section for Educators includes a browsable lesson plan area (searchable by subject, keyword or grade level) and Idea Labs, student interactive tutorials that enhance the use of the site.

SomeSchoolGames.com

<http://smartboard.someschoolgames.com/>

Interactive games you can use with your IWB.

Teacher Tube

<https://www.teachertube.com/>

You Tube for teachers. Post and use your videos at school.

Teacher TV

<http://www.teachers.tv/>

Through engaging videos, practical resources and an active online community, Teachers TV supports the professional development of anyone working in school, enabling them to widen their skills, develop their practice, and connect with others in the field

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Teachers First

<https://www.teachersfirst.com/index.cfm>

Teachers First is a free, advertising resource web site offered as a service to teachers by The Source for Learning, a non-profit learning and technologies corporation. Requires FREE membership.

Teachers Post-It

<https://www.post-it.com/3M/en_US/post-it/ideas/study-featured/teachers/>

Activities, lesson plans, and resources for teachers. Categorized by subject, grade level and interest.

Teachers Scholastic

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/resources-for-teachers/>

Many resources and Lesson plans

Teaching Tolerance

<https://www.tolerance.org/>

Along with an excellent blog that tackles some of the more difficult aspects of education, Teaching Tolerance offers activities and teaching kits on topics ranging from the civil rights movement to the separation of church and state.

Tech & Learning Online

<https://www.techlearning.com/>

Ideas and tools for Ed tech teachers

The Idea Box

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

Especially for early elementary, this site has games, crafts and lessons for using with our youngest students.

The Teaching Channel

[https://www.teachingchannel.org/](https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos?landing_page=General+Teacher+Videos+Landing+Page&gclid=CLjbhJSGtLgCFUkV7AodfAcA-Q)

Free Lesson plans, activities, and resources for teachers. All grade levels, and subject

areas.

**Digital Tools for Use by Students or Teachers for Creativity**

20Q.net

<http://www.20q.net/>

A fun way to test your students' knowledge? Play 20 Questions: an online version of Twenty Questions.

Animoto

<https://animoto.com/create>

Create free 30 second videos using your photos with this online software

Bitly.com

<https://bitly.com/>

Use bitly to customize your urls, get a QR code, and track your hits.

Canvases

<https://www.tes.com/lessons/>

Website for creating canvases, online posters or billboards for content.

Comic Life

<http://plasq.com/downloads/comic-life-desktop/>

This online software allows students to create their own comic.

Crayola.Com

<https://www.crayola.com/for-educators.aspx>

With hundreds of lessons for every grade level, you're guaranteed to find a colorful idea for your

class, such as the "Chinese Dragon Drum" for Chinese New Year or the "What Do You Love?" project for

Valentine's Day. Sign up to be a Gold Star teacher so that you're first on the list to test new Crayola products.

Edublogs

<https://edublogs.org/>

Edublogs lets you easily create & manage student & teacher blogs, quickly customize designs and

include videos, photos & podcasts

Flipsnack

<https://www.flipsnack.com/>

A super easy and indispensable tool for teachers who want to share student work. In short, Flipsnack converts PDF files into really cool flipping books. Using this site is a snap simply upload your PDF. Flipsnack works great for displaying student work or sending out information to parents

Glogster.com

<http://edu.glogster.com/>

Glogster bills itself as a tool for making "digital posters," or glogs, containing pictures, text, video, links, and animation.

Jing

<https://www.techsmith.com/screen-capture.html>

Take a picture of a video you are watching online or snapshots of what you see on the screen to create new presentations or even Tweet what you see.

Lino It

<http://en.linoit.com/>

Online bulletin boards. Perfect for visual learners, your students will love building projects just like pinning

items to a bulletin board. Set the background to look like a cork board or even use a picture such as a world map. Then add content with stickies, images, videos, documents and more.

Microsoft Office Timer

[https://templates.office.com/](https://templates.office.com/?legRedir=true&qu=timer&origin=CT010117272&CorrelationId=a9014b6f-9dff-4cf7-9659-ccdae3d81f73)

Need a PowerPoint template for staying on track during a lesson or presentation? Download free timer/clock templates.

Photo Story

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=11132>

Turn your digital photos to videos with royalty free music with this free download from Microsoft.

Podbean

<https://www.podbean.com/>

Free and easy site for posting podcasts.

Podomatic

<https://www.podomatic.com/>

Upload podcasts and embed them into any webpage.

Poll Everywhere

<https://www.polleverywhere.com/>

Poll Everywhere is a voting platform that can be used in classrooms and libraries to gather

answers to a particular question.

Power Point Games for Teachers

<http://www.jc-schools.net/>

Looking for game templates for livening up your lessons? Here you can find Smarter than a Fifth grader and other popular games.

Primary Access

<http://www.primaryaccess.org/>

Primary Access is a suite of free online tools that allows students and teachers to use primary

source documents to complete meaningful and compelling learning activities with digital movies, storyboards, rebus stories and other online tools.

Professor Garfield

<http://professorgarfield.org/pgf_home.html>

Full of games, drawing videos, creating your own comics, this site may be my new favorite.

Ready Made Rubrics

<https://www.teachersfirst.com/lessons/rubrics/ready-made.cfm>

Here are links to the cream of the crop for ready made rubrics. Why invent the wheel?

Screencastomatic

<https://screencast-o-matic.com/>

One click screencasting software for free. Record up to 15 minutes and upload to YouTube. Create screencasts with this free web-based site.

Smilebox

<https://www.smilebox.com/?partner=google&campaign=search_core_smilebox&gclid=CN2Q04_i3LQCFcsWMgodNjsALA>

Create slideshows, invitations and more with your own photos.

Storybird

<https://storybird.com/>

Students can create short stories to share with family or friends.

The Rover App

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

Need to see a site on your iPad that requires Flash? View it from the Rover app and it works!

TinyURL.com

<http://tinyurl.com/>

Is your URL long and complicated? Shorten it simply by pasting the URL at this site. A new, shorter

URL will be created.

Tony Vincents' Podcasting

<https://learninginhand.com/podcasting/>

Though this field changes continually, there are some good tips and how to's on Tony's site, including a downloadable handbook.

Voki

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

Use this free site to create a talking avatar. Add it to your classroom website

or leave a talking message for your class when you have a substitute.

Words Myth

<https://www.wordsmyth.net/>

An online dictionary and thesaurus for teachers and students.

Xtranormal

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

Moviemaking has never been easier than where all you have to do is write a script and choose a background and characters, and the text is transformed into a short animated clip.

**Collaboration Tools for Teachers**

Classroom 2.0

<https://www.classroom20.com/>

Join this network of educators interested in using 2.0 technology to share ideas and learn from

others.

DonorsChoose.org

<https://www.donorschoose.org/>

Fill in the online grant form. Someone grants your wish. You take pictures

and write thank you notes. What could be easier?

Edudemic

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

The goal of Edudemic is to connect teachers, administrators, students, and just about everyone

else with the best technology on the planet.

Global Education Collaboration

<https://www.globaleducationconference.org/>

This website allows you to collaborate all over the world with other schools. Find out what projects they are doing.

Libraries Matter: Deborah B. Ford Blog

<https://deborahford.blogspot.com/>

Personal blog of Deborah B. Ford, award winning international speaker, librarian and author.

Mr. Holtmeyer's Class Blog

<http://mrholtmeyer.edublogs.org/>

Great example of a class blog. Check out his 2.0 version of Flat Stanley-Bill D. Bear.

**Books, E-books & Online Textbooks**

Bookshare

<https://www.bookshare.org/cms/>

provides free digital copies of books to meet

the needs of students with qualifying disabilities

CK-12 Flexbooks

<https://www.ck12.org/student/>

This uses an open content, Web-based collaborative model to provide online textbooks for K-12 students. Content can be edited by teachers and delivered via multiple devices

Classic Reader

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

Free digital versions of classic books

Digital Book Index

<http://www.digitalbookindex.org/about.htm>

Provides links to more than 165,000 full text digital books from more than 1,800 commercial

and non-commercial publishers, universities and various private sites.

International Children’s Digital Library

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/index.shtml>

Provides a collection of books that represents historical and contemporary books from many cultures. P

resents materials in the original language in which they were published.

LibriVox

<https://librivox.org/>

Provides free audiobooks from the public domain

SearchLit

<https://searchlit.org/>

Free website that offers a variety of resources for reading. Extensive online database of eBooks and a large library of lesson plans.

VoiceThread

<https://voicethread.com/>

Allows users to share images, documents, and videos with added narration by the authors and others.

Wolfram Education Project

<http://www.wolfram.com/education/>

Textbooks, lesson plans, widgets, interactive demonstrations

*Adapted by the Online Resources for Teachers & the Kentucky*

*Department of Education*