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The Problem: Librarianship's Great Divide



Librarians with limited or no access to training include:

- K-12 librarians and media specialists
- Librarians in rural areas
- Librarians serving disadvantaged populations
- Solo librarians
- Community-college librarians

One Solution: Five Weeks Online

All-online course on social software

- Six librarians: Virginia, Vermont, New York, Texas, and Wisconsin
- 40 participants: US, Europe, Latin America

Weekly coursework

- Screencasts and podcasts
- Designated readings
- Exercises designed to get participants interacting with the software
- Once-weekly small-group chat
- One or two live web presentations
- Optionally, chat with the week's presenters
- Post to group blog reflecting on the week's content

Final capstone project

- Social-software proposal for the participant's library
- Comments and critiques from other participants

Planning Tools

Skype conference calls didn't work out! Too much noise.



Blogs

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Related changes

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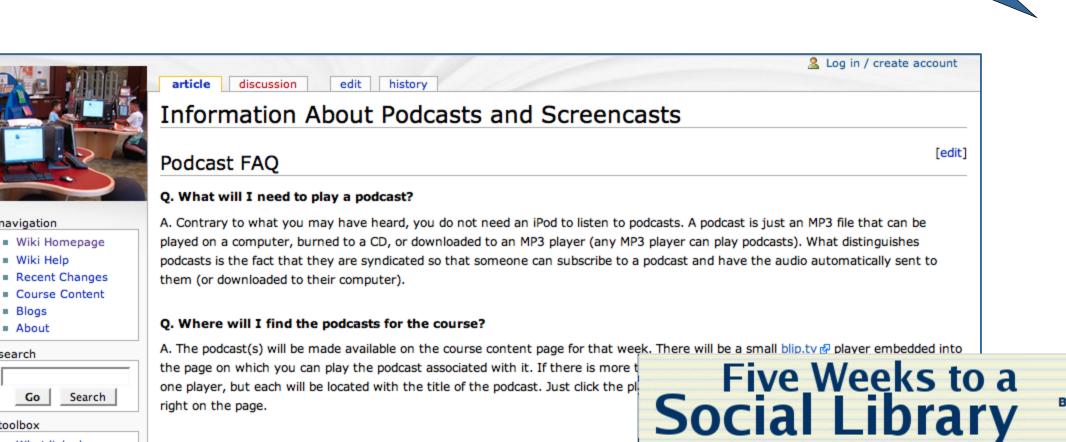


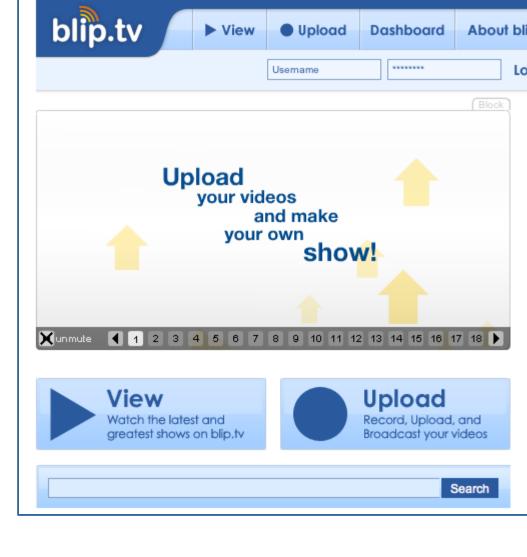
AIM chatrooms to the rescue!



Google Docs: fantastic for co-writing CFP, counting votes on participant applications.







Search



Week 3: Wikis

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A. You may want to receive the podcasts in an aggregator, especially if you plan

subscribe to the podcasts using the following RSS feed http://sociallibrary.blip.tv

learning about social software. The course will be taught using a variety of social software tools so viewable by interested parties and all live Webcasts will be archived for later viewing. The course will cover the following topics: Blogs RSS Wikis Social Networking Software and SecondLife · Social Bookmarking Software Selling Social Software @ Your Library

About Five Weeks to a Social Library

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Five Weeks to a Social Library is the first free, grassroots, completely online course devoted to

teaching librarians about social software and how to use it in their libraries. It was developed to

provide a free, comprehensive, and social online learning opportunity for librarians who do not otherwise have access to conferences or continuing education and who would benefit greatly from

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consider Yugma!

For very small groups,

Web Conferencing: The Missing Link

No free web-conferencing application would cover the number of participants we had.

We therefore owe tremendous thanks to Online Programming for All Libraries (OPAL; http://opal-online.org) for volunteering to host and archive twice-weekly live web conferences for Five Weeks!

