DO Get Technical!
Using technology in library instruction

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Session Outline

• New ways of student engagement:
  ▪ Xtranormal
  ▪ Poll Everywhere
  ▪ Wikis
  ▪ Skype

• Technological aptitude not required!
www.xtranormal.com

- Preset scenes and characters
- Characters “speak” what is typed in the script
- Can add expressions, animations, and camera angles
- Low cost
Getting started is easy...

Begin by choosing the 1) set, 2) actors, 3) sounds and music, and 4) typing what you'd like your actors to say. You can make changes as often as you like and create a preview before you create your final movie.

Type what you want your actors to say:

Auto cameras
Cameras
Motions
Faces
Look-at
Pauses
Points
Sounds

Type here to make me say something. Drag and drop icons into the text to make me do stuff. Change who is talking by adding a new text box using the "+" button.
Xtranormal – Uses:

• Introduce or summarize a lesson
• FAQs
• Student created to demonstrate their understanding of a topic
• Other ideas?
Poll Everywhere

- Instant voting system
- Like clickers but without the hardware

Students today are much more difficult to engage than before

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Text a CODE to 37607 | Submit a CODE to http://poll4.com
How To Vote via Texting

1. Standard texting rates only
2. We have no access to your phone number
3. Capitalization doesn’t matter, but spaces and spelling do
How To Vote via Poll4.com

TIP: Capitalization doesn’t matter, but spaces and spelling do.
Poll: Students today are much more difficult t...
Poll: What's your favourite classroom engagement...
Create New Poll

**Multiple choice poll**

"Choose your favorite color"

**Free text poll**

"What is your name?"

**Goal poll**

"Set goals or raise money"

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**What is it?**

With multiple choice polls, you define a list of possible answers. Graphs will display the results in real-time.

**What is it?**

Your audience can text in anything. Gather feedback or identifying information, like names or ID numbers.

**What is it?**

People text in numbers and a thermometer climbs towards a goal. Use this to track pledges, donations, or sales goals.
New Multiple Choice Poll

Ask your audience a short question and provide a few answers to choose from.

Question

Ask "What is your favorite color" with answers "Red", "Blue", & "Green"

Answers

Keyword (7)

- Answer
  - AUTO KEYWORD
  - Customize this keyword

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Add an Option

Save new poll or cancel creating poll
Students today are much more difficult to engage than before.

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Yes 71419
No 71437
Who knows? 71443

Total Results: 0
Students today are much more difficult to engage than before

What's your favourite classroom engagement tool?

There's no point in using library resources... everything is available on Google.

Plagiarism is not like cheating

You are plagiarizing if:

Which of the following is not a citation style:

A call number is:

The library catalogue is where you can find:

A library catalogue can tell you:

The best way to tell the difference between a scholarly journal and a magazine is if the word 'journal' appears in the title.

Peer review means...

A database is where you can find:
Poll: Peer review means...
Poll Everywhere – Uses/Benefits

• Instant feedback
• Pre- and/or post-tests
• Anonymous
• Brainstorming
• Paperless surveys
• WOW factor; fun!
“a wiki is a perpetual work in progress where anyone can add content, edit content, and create relationships between content through hyperlinks.”

Definition from Social Software and Libraries by Meredith Farkas
Wikis

- Website can be open to anyone or restricted to a particular group of users
- Collaborative
- Helps create meaning
- Promotes active learning
How we used a wiki...

- Liberal Education 1000 – 6 week lab
- **How is knowledge created?** - Looked at the Information cycle after the Montreal Massacre
- Students added weekly citations
### My Workspaces

A list of all the workspaces that you have created or can access. You can't leave workspaces that you have created, but you can delete workspaces you no longer need from the workspace's Settings page.

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- A space you created
- A space you administer
  - other spaces: editor access or lower

### Preferences

Notify me when my workspaces change

At most once per day

This setting applies to each workspace individually: you might get two emails in a given hour about two different workspaces.

Submit

Join a workspace

Enter the name of the workspace

Submit
Activity

1. Go to: https://wilu2011.pbworks.com/

2. Log In to pbworks using the user name and password provided.

3. On the home page make a comment:
   Tell us if you have ever been to WILU before
   Make a comment about your WILU experience so far
Welcome to WILU!

This is a real wiki workspace! You can edit this page, create new pages, and invite others to use this workspace with you.

In the comment section below please tell us how many times you have attended WILU.
My PBworks

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• FREE and paperless
• Engages students in knowledge creation
• Course discussion board
• Subject guides – collaboratively created and maintained
• Staff planning and project documents
Skype

• [http://screencast.com/t/t1pgyfQD](http://screencast.com/t/t1pgyfQD)
What the audience sees...

• [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xHTsBwNYO8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xHTsBwNYO8)
Skype – Uses/Benefits

- Free & easy to use
- Quick install
- Live video
- Screen share
- Interactive
  - Teaching classes
  - One-on-one reference help
Conclusion

- Student engagement
- Digital natives
- Pedagogically sound
Thank You

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Resources:

• http://www.xtranormal.com/
• http://www.polleverywhere.com/
• http://pbworks.com/
  – http://www.webjunction.org/social-software/articles/content/438229  Using Wikis to Create Online Communities by Meredith Farkas
• http://www.skype.com/intl/en-us/home