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PLN’s & PLC’s

Personal Learning Networks
Who do you go to with a personal question to help you continue on your quest for learning?

Professional Learning Communities
Who do you go to with a professional question to help you continue on your quest for learning?

Nobody can keep up with emerging technology in isolation.
How can we extend our reach, expand our horizons, and create opportunities through PLN’s and PLC’s within Information Science professions?

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Collaboration Across Distance

- Blogs & RSS
- Wikis
- Social Media (FB & Twitter)
- Nings & Networks
- Online Communities
- User-generated Content & Web 2.0
- Virtual Worlds & Augmented Reality
Social Networking
Best practices for PLN’s & PLC’s
Asynchronous Networking

Physical World
• Book study
• Committee work
• Exhibits
• Traditional methods (Letters & files)

Virtual World
• Social Media
• Blogs
• Listservs & email
• VW messages
• VW exploration
Synchronous Networking

Physical World
- Conferences
- Workshops
- Committee meetings
- F2F meetings
- Lunch or coffee!

Virtual World
- Social Media (live)
- Webinars
- Virtual Worlds
Social Media in Libraries and Information Professions
How can you develop a PLC through sharing of digital content through environmental scanning and content creation in online communities?

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Environmental Scanning - Brown and Weiner (1985) define environmental scanning as "a kind of radar to scan the world systematically and signal the new, the unexpected, the major and the minor."

Content Curation - As Rohit Bhargava (2009) points out a content curator continually seeks, makes sense of, and shares the best and most relevant content on a particular topic online.
My Top 6 Tools

Searcheeze  Resource Shelf  Twitter

Bundlr  Kurat  Scoop It
How can we share information about the legalities of Web 2.0, user-generated content in our PLC’s?

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Who I contact for assistance

- Mentor
- Colleagues from professional boards
- Colleagues from professional societies
  - ALISE, AALL... electronic forum (Facebook type interface, Google +...)
Electronic Collaboration Networks

- Social Science Research Network (SSRN)
- Berkeley Electronic Press (B Press)
- D Space
  - Permission from journals
    - Copyright
      - Differ for new and older articles
  - Pirating scholarship
  - University scholarship repositories
Wikis for collaboration

- Scholarship
  - PB Works, wikispaces, wiki.com
- Legal interpretation
- Law library resources
  - Case law, statutes...
- Educational endeavors (team teaching)
  - Possible legal ramifications
  - FERPA issues with wikis...
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

- 20 U.S.C. § 1232g
- Applies to all educational agencies and institutions (e.g., schools) that receive funding under any program administered by the Department of Education
- Students can have access to his or her educational records
- Cannot divulge ANY personally identifiable information from an eligible student's education records to a third party unless the eligible student has provided written consent (grades, conduct information...
Legal ramifications regarding any collaboration site

- Slander/libel
  - Facebook...
- Privacy
- Loose lips sink ships
How can doctoral students form a homegrown network of peers and faculty in their personal/professional learning network/community?
Freshman Orientation

- Before You Start
- First Day
- Orientation
Professors Galore

- In class
- In the halls
- In the cyberhalls
- In other departments
Now the How

- CMS options
- Boot camp
- Hit the pavement
Future Trends

• Virtual Worlds
• Augmented Reality
Q&A
References


