

Emerging Technology for Scholars Lunchtime Discussion Series

The Office of Teaching and Learning and OTL Faculty Fellow Bill Warters are hosting a series of lunchtime sessions exploring emerging technologies that have special relevance to people working in higher education. Come, have a box lunch on us and see what's new on the technology horizon. Our focus will be on free software tools, services and open source initiatives you might want to keep an eye on. Come at 11:30 for socializing and first pick of available food. Presentations start at 12:00. If you have done work in an area listed and would be willing to discuss/present your experiences during a session, please contact Bill Warters in advance at w.warters@wayne.edu so that he might save some space on the agenda.



Thurs Oct 19th - 11:30-1:00 – Technology Resource Center (Purdy-Kresge Library)
Social Book and Article Finding Tools for Scholars

In this session we will explore a growing crop of online article, citation and book management tools especially well-suited for academics. See how “the wisdom of crowds” can enhance your work and occasionally even delight or surprise you. Featured tools will include CiteULike, LibraryThing, and WorldCat.org

Thurs Nov 9th - 11:30-1:00 - Technology Resource Center (Purdy-Kresge Library)
Automated Information Gathering Using Free “WebScraping”, News Harvesting and Tag Searching Tools

In this session we will check out some of the exciting, easy, and just-a-little-bit-complicated information harvesting tools now available online at no cost. These tools use automated “webscraping” and news and archive harvesting procedures, custom designed by you, to bring targeted results to you and your students.

Thurs Nov 30th - 11:30-1:00 - Technology Resource Center (Purdy-Kresge Library)
Make Your Own “Mash-ups”

Participants will be introduced to the wonderful world of Web 2.0 “mash-ups” in this session. A mash-up combines two or three different online data sources (book information, locations, timeline information, news, etc.) to produce something new and unique. We will explore a popular approach to building a mashup that involves using tools (web APIs) provided by Google or Yahoo maps and data of our own design.

Thurs Dec 14th - 11:30-1:00 - Technology Resource Center (Purdy-Kresge Library)
News Flash: High Quality and Free Teaching Materials Found Hidden in Learning Object Repositories Worldwide

In this session, we will dig into some of the growing collections of free course modules, training curriculums and flash widgets available in various learning objects repositories around the world. Prepare yourself with fresh content for next semester!