

March Media/Tech Talk

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DID YOU KNOW

March is Reading Month – Check out a book today and start reading. Have you forgotten that reading is one of the simplest forms of relaxation for mind and body? The BBC RaW campaign is reminding us all that picking up a book and allowing our minds to add color to the black and white pages, can relieve the stresses and strains that modern life places upon us. (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland/healthyminds/relaxation>).

TECHNOLOGY TRAININGS

21 Things for the 21st Century Educator, is a free professional development opportunity for staff based on the National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers. The course was created by staff from Clinton RESA, Ingham ISD, Macomb ISD and Shiawassee RESD. Staff can opt to earn up to 12 SB-CEU's or up to 4 college credits for this course. Over 200 teachers have successfully completed the course. It is an online course for educators who want to develop and expand their technology skills to improve efficiencies and impact instructional delivery. Participants will learn how to use a variety of free Web 2.0 programs appropriate for teaching and learning. Also, participants can join professional learning communities and create projects that can be used in the classroom. Areas included are digital storytelling, podcasting, research, assessment, video resources, collaboration tools and much more. Participants must attend the first session in person and the remainder of the course is self-paced, with tutorial sessions offered online.

The next session of the course will start in May and run through August. If you would be interested in registering for this course, you can access the PD Portal at <http://pd.inghamisd.org/>

The website for the course is <http://www.21things4teachers.net/> You can go in at any time and complete any of the modules you are interested in learning about.

Microsoft Elevate America

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Don't have the time to sit in classrooms?
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Suite 2003 or 2007

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89 different IT Professional programs

Testing vouchers for certification in Office 2003 or 2007

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“WORTH THE SURF”

[CueCard](#)- CueCard is a simple and intuitive flash card program. Just make up cards for what you want to memorize, and CueCard will quiz you on them. CueCard automatically focuses on the cards you are having trouble with. CueCard also offers printing, pictures and sounds on cards, Unicode support, a multi-lingual user interface, Import/Export and a variety of study modes.

[Flash Card Exchange](#)-Web based flashcard program



Cool site for creating visual schedules and charts. Theme based and simple to use
<http://www.dltk-cards.com/chart/>

