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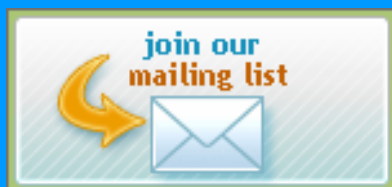
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This newsletter offers encouragement, tips, new tools, and other ideas to participants in More Things On a Stick, A Library Learning 2.0 Program sponsored by the seven Minnesota multicounty multitype library systems.

There are still More Things stickers available. See Issue 1 for details! Don't miss out.

→ Show Us Your Photos!

More Things On a Stick is inviting you to enter a National Library Week Photo Contest. Enter your pictures of libraries, librarians, library buildings, library events, or any library-related thing. Add your photos to the More Things On a Stick Flickr Group. Be sure to tag the photo with the category. Participants can enter as often as they want in these categories:



- Straight shot--no editing (tag: unedited)
- Enhanced or edited photo (tag:edited)
- Collage, mosaic or other mashup photo (tag:mashup)
- Other (tag:other)

See entries on the group page at:

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/morethingscontest/>

Deadline for entries is April 30, 2009 Questions? Email minn23@gmail.com

→ Thing 37. Photo Tales

One of the 21st century skills is the ability to tell a story. Photos are a key piece of storytelling either as illustrations to other storytelling formats--print, podcasts, movies, or whatever--or as stories in and of themselves. This photo is from the 23 Things On a Stick Group on Flickr. It is in #1Crazylibrarylady's [photostream](#). Nice editing, CLL!



[Thing 37](#) offers tools that let you combine photos into a story or manipulate photos in ways that enhance the story the photo is trying to tell. We encourage you to use some of these tools to enter the National Library Week Photo Contest. Have some fun telling us a library tale using your photos and Web 2.0 tools. Can't wait to see the results.

→ These Are a Few of My Favorite Things

Michael Scott of SELS really likes these Things!

Facebook - I have to admit that it took me until More Things on a Stick to actually jump onto the Facebook bandwagon. I had been resistant to joining the world of Facebook as I felt that: 1) Who cares what I have to say and 2) Isn't this for high school or college students? Well, once I received an invite from a college friend who is married with 2 kids, I decided to make the leap. I have to admit, it isn't half bad. I've actually been able to connect with old friends from high school and college that I haven't spoken to in years. I've found a few new friends to connect with that I probably wouldn't have otherwise. I realized that it isn't just for high school or college students but has really been taken to by all age groups. And as far as who cares what I have to say (or more to the point, what I'm doing), you get over that pretty quickly. People are fascinated by even the most mundane - I had friends comment that all I seem to do is go to meetings! Plus, there are plenty of cool applications in Facebook. I've added "flair" which is essentially buttons (like campaign buttons) for really any topic, celebrity, etc. The next cool thing that is coming - a MnLINK search app that can be added to a Facebook profile (I



was part of a small group that put it together!)

Mashups - In More Things on a Stick, Thing 32 and Thing 40 focus on mashups. In Thing 32, participants are asked to use Google Maps to create a mashup of some kind. At SELCO, we have been using mashups for awhile to create maps of the legislators in our region. The first time this was used was a mashup created with MapBuilder. Recently, I created a new mashup using Google Maps to update the legislators in our region (recent elections made some changes in who the legislators are). I used data from the Minnesota's Geographic Information Service (GIS) that allowed me to create outlined Senate and House Districts for the SE Minnesota legislators on a Google Map. This was a bit more difficult than I first thought as I needed to use some additional free programs to convert the files into something that Google Maps. Also, these files contained data for the entire state, so I had to strip out only the data for our region. The result is a map that has not only the legislative districts highlighted, but an information "bubble" that pops up and contains a the name, picture, and link to the Legislator's website as well as a list of the SELCO and SELS member libraries located in the Legislator's district with hyperlinks to the members' websites. Check it out at <http://tinyurl.com/semnlegislators>.

Twitter - I will admit I am hooked on Twitter (my username is MSCOTTMN). I have to "blame" some of my co-workers for this as they kept talking about Twitter and how they used it and I just had to give it a try. I actually use it everyday to just throw out a quick 140 character "Here's what I'm doing" message. Yes, it is very much "about me" but I actually use it mostly to figure out where all of my time is spent at work. It helps keep me honest and motivates me to finish up projects. It also lets me see where the roadblocks are. I've also use Twitter as my main way of updating my Facebook status and thus why friends comment about all the meetings. While that may seem a bit lofty, I do admit to following some celebrities on Twitter, such as Jimmy Fallon, @jimmyfallon, Ashton Kutcher, @aplusk, and Yoko Ono, @yokoono. Ashton (married to Demi Moore and played Kelso on That 70's Show) is quite the Tweeter and has made the headlines for his Twitter use. Yoko is just fascinating and it feels like she actually is doing her own Tweets as is Ashton and Jimmy to counter the whole "ghost" Tweeting thing that some celebs and politicians ran afoul of recently. I am following library colleagues and co-workers, old friends, and people I actually have never met in real life.

Have fun doing More Things On a Stick. Feel free to pass this newsletter on to your colleagues, family, and friends. Email questions to minn23@gmail.com.

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