

TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION FORUM

East Islip Library, April 4, 2014

Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:15am. He thanked Jason Terhune from East Islip Library for hosting the meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed, and on a motion from Jim Balletta, seconded by Evan Gape, accepted. Bob then reminded the members that he, Stephen Ingram, Ellen Druda, and Ted Gutmann would be giving a program called *I.T. vs. Librarians* at the Long Island Library Conference on May 1st. He also encouraged anyone not a member to join SCLA and the CATS division.

Anthony Martocello from Northport-East Northport Library, gave a presentation on MinecraftEdu, which is modified for use in schools and libraries. It was created for teachers by teachers and it offers educational discounts, custom versions of the game that supports classroom use, and onsite workshops and training. Anthony included a brief overview of installation, settings, and playing modes, as well as links to support tutorials.

Chris Minshke, from SCLS, demonstrated the Encore mobile site (encore.suffolk.lib.ny.us).

Eric Cohen then spoke about the \$179 (without screen or keyboard) Chrome Boxes he set up in his library as OPACs using an article in *Computers & Libraries* that listed the settings needed to set them up.

- Promevo.com has everything Chrome related
- Needs Google Apps for education or business
- Control them from the console
- Takes about 10 minutes to have one up and running
- Need a DVI to display port adaptor and Kensington Lock/Anchor
- Licenses are \$30 each
- They update themselves – “Set it and forget it”
- Not compatible with Active Directory
- Can be set up for web-enabled apps
- Can print with Google Cloud Print

A discussion on mobile devices followed. The education of patrons and staff as well as marketing of mobile services are essential to promoting the use of mobile devices. The use of the Nexus tablets that the libraries received were discussed briefly, with some libraries using them for services such as Zinio and OverDrive exclusively. As for printing from mobile devices, BizHub, Envisionwear, and Printeron were some of the solutions mentioned.

Other subjects touched on:

- Staff Calendars: Calabunga, web calendar service; When to Work, web-based
- Office 365 free to libraries
- Ipads for children’s games—not good for multiple uses as patrons set up passcodes, change settings, etc.
- If still using Win XP:
 - Set default browser to Chrome or Firefox
 - Have two accounts for the user for better security—standard user to be used as default account and administrator to be used to change settings, download apps, etc.
 - Uninstall Java and upgrade to Win7 or 8

The next TIF meeting will be held at Half Hollow Hills Library on Thursday, May 8 at 10am, 9:30am refreshments. This will be the first joint technology meeting of the CATS Division’s Technology Information Forum Committee and the Nassau County Library Association’s Technology Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Schott, Floyd Memorial Library