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CATS Annual Meeting Presents:
Brian Pichman of the Evolve Project

Please join us on Wednesday 12/9/15 in the SCLS auditorium for the CATS Annual Meeting. There will be refreshments at 9:30 followed by the meeting at 10 AM. We are excited to welcome Brian Pichman of the Evolve Project.

We will join Brian on an adventure of laughs, thrills, and an opportunity to experiment and build with some of the latest and greatest gadgets in the market place. This workshop will guide you through the whys and hows of building environments that allow creativity through the use of innovative technology. During this jam packed, hands on session, you will be building circuits, programming robots, and more . There will be something for everyone at this event. It will leave you with new ideas that you can implement the very next day in your library.

About Brian Pichman:

Brian Pichman is the Director of Strategic Innovation at the Evolve Project. He speaks a lot about i.

nnovative technology as a presenter and loves collaborating with both libraries and companies. He is dedicated to bringing libraries into the future using cost   effective measures and strategies. Brian's passion for libraries stems from when he worked in a public library since he was 16 years old; where he moved from Page to Circulation to Director of IT before   re-designing the entire children' s library by partnering with innovative tech start-ups which s p a r k e d

one of the first ever virtual tour of a public library done by Google. From here, he launched his career into collaborating with start-ups and helping them grow by partnering them with libraries.

Brian also has a Masters in Informational Security and loves to share best practices on everything IT related, as well as on building effective teams, exploring funding alternatives, designing new spaces, and improving marketing and outreach.
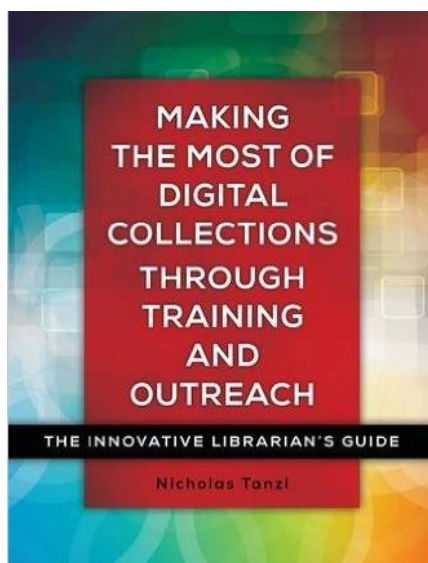
About Evolve Project:

The Evolve Project is a collaborative platform that works with libraries across the country. The Evolve Project believes that libraries should be creating stories rather than just providing them. They help libraries create maker spaces and fablabs along with the coaching and guidance to take their environments to the next level. Libraries are community anchors which should be positioned to provide the resources and connections to allow patrons to build innovative works, discover new things, and collaborate with others. By partnering with start-ups that have interactive and engaging technologies and integrating those products into library environments; everyone can start building towards a better tomorrow within their communities.

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*CATS Members Nick Tanzi, Bob Johnson, and Stephen Ingram looking good while presenting **The Digital Services Conundrum** at the 2015 NYLA Conference in Lake Placid, NY.*

*Nick Tanzi, Head of Digital Services at the Mastic Moriches Shirley Community Library, has authored a very exciting new book entitled **"Making the Most of Digital Collections through Training and Outreach.** Most of you know Nick and have met him at many meetings or professional gatherings. We wanted to highlight his achievement and offer our collective congratulations.*

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Realia:

A Technical Services Program and Discussion Forum

Everything from games and puzzles... to iPads and tablets... to fishing poles and backyard games are circulating at our libraries. How does Technical Services process these items? To answer this question, on Wednesday, 9/16/15 twenty-three people from fifteen different libraries Including public, academic and system, attended the CATS Realia Program at the Middle Country Public Library in Centereach. Many of the libraries brought unique realia items and discussed how they process them, cataloged them, then packaged and circulated them. Some interesting items included: fishing poles, Nooks, American Doll kits, GeoCaches, backyard games, iPod Shuffles, Findaway tablets, window draft detector, and much more. As each library presented their realia items, there was a lively discussion on the logistics of processing, cataloging, packaging and circulation.

Upcoming Events:

Technology Information Forum (TIF) Meetings:

12/3/15 Annual **TIF** Meeting and Gathering– 10 AM Connetquot
Library (Bring a $10 item for "Secret Techie" gift exchange)
1/14/16 TIF Meeting– 10 AM South Country Library
If your library is interested in hosting a TIF meeting, let us know!

CATS Board Meetings:

10 AM @ SCLS
1/13/16
2/10/16
3/9/16
4/13/16

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