

Cool Tool Day 3 Notes

Catie's - "Value Calculator" & "FreeFoodUbc"

- Value Calculator
 - Niagara Falls Public Library
 - Calculate the value of your library use
 - It doesn't subtract your fines or other glitches
 - You can see the value of your library card
- FreeFoodUbc
 - "Freefoodubc" Twitter account
 - Not interactive, instead just like calendars
 - Kept up to date

Bonnie's - "Web of Trust (WOT)"

- communitive based firefox add-on
- "revenge on malicious websites" and promoting safe websites, etc.
- Uses colour codes (ex. green means 'safe')
- Good for warning against sites with viruses/malware etc.
- Informative video available on youtube
 - video is called "WOT: Web of Trust demonstration"

Andrew's - "Readability" & "Redefine"

- "Readability"
 - Reformatting text tool
 - Designed to find large chunks of text, highlight it, crop it, and bookmark it
 - Can have small glitches in cutting out part of text at the beginning or the end of the text (because mistaken for advert image etc.)
 - Is a Firefox add on
 - Can change how the text displays on your browser
- "Redefine"
 - Need Adobe air
 - Or can use in web browser
 - Can do RSS, html, etc.
 - Will sync with Goolge Reader
 - Works really well with keyboard
 - Can upload files, copy and paste text
- Both tools can be used to change the display of online readings (like news sites, etc.), and are nice for net books

Justin's - "Quora"

- Fringe search engine
- Need to login
- Since it is a social search "asking questions and getting answers" instead of keywords etc.
- Gives guidelines on formatting questions

- It is other users answering queries (not spider bots)
- Place your queries according to topic categories (different users follow different topics)
- Can ask obscure difficult to Google questions - and people will offer synthesized answers
- Not very efficient
- Really used in the tech community
- There are a lot of opinion questions asked, library topics, many things to search and follow

Yolanda's - "linear footage calculator" & "Skim"

- "linear footage calculator"
 - Good for archival/preservation purposes (and class assignments!)
 - Tool meant for measuring boxes etc.
- "Skim"
 - pdf annotator for MAC
 - Highlight, make boxes around things, anchor notes, works on a lot of pdfs, can take notes and export them out other document

Schlyer's - "GoodReader" & "Dropbox" Review

- "GoodReader"
 - Free reader for the iphone
 - \$2.99 in the app store
 - Some issues - trouble getting annotated documents from the phone to the computer
 - Works well with dropbox!
 - For ipad use - good for changing documents into pdfs and then annotating them
- "Dropbox" review
 - www.dropbox.com
 - Online cloud based storage system
 - Organization tool - keeping all of your files, folders etc. in one place and accessible from any computer with internet access
 - Efficient back up strategy
 - If you get others to sign up from an invite, you then get extra file space
 - Starts off with 2GB free - which is plenty for pdfs/school readings

