

## 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](http://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

