Tech Tuesday: Technology Workshops at San Jose State University's King Library

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What is Tech Tuesday?

A workshop series to introduce new technology to the King Library staff, SJSU & San Jose Public Library.

Workshops are held bi-monthly. 2nd year of workshops.

Taught by staff members with some technology expertise and enthusiasm to share with co-workers.

Sponsored by the SJSU Library Professional Development & Staff Training Council.
Why Tech Tuesday?

• For work:
  
  Reference
  Information Literacy
  Communication with students & faculty

• For individuals:
  
  Personal Interests
  Research needs
  Networking with friends & family
Goals of Tech Tuesday

• To provide in-house technology training for King Library staff.
• To develop teaching opportunities for staff and librarians.
• To create opportunities to try new technologies.
How do Tech Tuesday Workshops Develop?

- Needs of the King Library staff and users
- Survey feedback on topic suggestions
- Informal suggestions from co-workers
- Annual library survey on training needs
Technology Experts

Can be found all over the library including:

- Support Staff
- Staff Supervisors
- Librarians (part-time, tenure track, retiring)
- Library School Interns
iTouch & iPhone

Ashour Benjamin, Periodicals Supervisor, discusses his iTouch experience. 03/09

Lorene Sisson, SLIS Librarian, uses her iPhone to talk with students and colleagues.
Zotero

• John Wenzler, Associate Dean for Digital Futures, Information Technology and Technical Services, shares his experience in teaching Zotero to his students, 09/08
Jing & Camtasia

- Randall Studstill, Humanities adjunct faculty and SLIS student demonstrates how to create digital learning objects using Jing and Camtasia, 05/09
Gmail & Twitter

Erin Lee, part-time librarian, teaches a workshop on forwarding email from the local mail server to Gmail. Gmail & Twitter discussions made this a popular workshop! 04/09
Elluminate

- Adriana Poo, SLIS Student and Librarians for Tomorrow Scholar, describes the student experience in learning and using Elluminate in the online classroom, 06/09
D2L: Desire to Learn

Bernd Becker, Assistant Librarian, discusses his plans to embed himself in his department’s D2L course pages during the Fall 2010 SJSU-wide implementation of D2L, 04/10
Tech Tuesday: Other Workshops

- PageFlakes, 10/08
  Veronica Cabrera & April Gilbert, Technical Services

- Resources for staying Current in Library Land, 11/08
  Sarah Houghton-Jan, Digital Futures Manager, SJPL

- LibGuides, 09/09
  SJSU Liaison Librarians: Kathryn Blackmer Reyes, Crystal Goldman, Valeria Molteni, Tina Peterson, Lorene Sisson, Diana Wu

- Searching library databases with mobile technology, 03/10
  Peggy Cabrera, Tech Tuesday Coordinator / SJSU Library Liaison
Technology Adoption

- Workshop attendees are surveyed on adoption of technology.
- Surveys are submitted at the end of the workshop.
- Workshop attendees vary every workshop.
- More consistent measure of technology adoption needs to be utilized.
Findings

• Librarians have been adopting technology introduced the previous year:
  April 2010 demonstration of Jing clip originated from May 2009 workshop on Jing.

• Librarians have used new technologies in their interaction with SJSU students.

• Growing interest in presenting topics by workshop attendees.
Comments on Tech Tuesday Workshops

“Repeat it again so other librarians who can’t attend today can learn; also use this at InfoLit meeting.”

“Yesterday’s session was great and I learned some new tricks.” SJSU Associate Librarian

“Repeat today’s workshop (mobile searching) and make sure all attendees have mobile access to practice.”

“More on Cells.”
Questions?

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Thank you for your questions, comments & interest!