



# News from the IMC

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## Harnessing the Power of Web 2.0: Tools for 21st Century Learning

The Internet allows students to access a myriad of resources for research, for leisure activities, and for collaboration. The collaborative features of the Internet, called Web 2.0, allow students to be content creators and foster the development of 21st century skills.

There are many Web 2.0 tools on the Internet that you can use to engage students in meaningful and educational ways and enhance their 21st century literacy skills. The following are a few Web 2.0 tools that are user friendly and easily incorporated into your curriculum.



Tired of your students copying and pasting their work into PowerPoint? Try **Slide** ([www.slide.com](http://www.slide.com)). This tool incorporates music, pictures and captions to create a slide show. The best thing about Slide is that students cannot copy and paste. Slide only allows captions so students have to present their research findings to the class.

Use **Skype** ([www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com)) to videoconference with classes all over the world. All you need is a Skype account ([www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com)), an Internet connection, and a webcam. Skype can be used to bring experts or authors to your class. Social studies and World Language teachers can use "Skype to connect with classes in foreign countries." Science teachers could demonstrate a lab activity using Skype's video capability and share it with other classes or invite a researcher to discuss the latest developments in his/her field. Additionally, students could make presentations to other students within or outside the district or with different countries." The possibilities are endless when using Skype as an online collaborative tool.

Many Social Studies and Language Arts teachers have their students create cartoons to develop critical thinking skills. Your students can use these Web 2.0 tools to create their cartoons. **Cartoon Creator**

(<http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/comic/>) from Read Write Think, **Bitstrips** ([www.bitstrips](http://www.bitstrips.com)), and **ToonDoo** ([www.toondoo.com/Home.do](http://www.toondoo.com/Home.do)).

These are just a few tools to engage students as the read, write, and create in collaborative learning environments. Next month's newsletter will examine the use of podcasts in the classroom.



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## Thank You



Because of you, over 700 lbs. of food has been donated to the Food Bank of South Jersey for the month of October.

We would like to triple that amount.

Please send your donations to the IMC!

**The Food Drive ends on  
November 20th**

# New Arrivals: It's the Real Thing



The Summer of 1787 (342.73 Ste)  
In a Time of War: The Proud and Perilous Journey of West Point's Class of 2002 (33 Mur)  
The Anti-Federalists 342.73 Mai)  
The 21st Century Economy: A Beginner's Guide (330.9 Epp)  
Creative Capitalism: A Conversation with Bill Gates, Warren Buffett and other Economic Leaders (330.12 Cre)  
Gandhi & Churchill: the Epic Rivalry That Destroyed an Empire and Forged Our Age (325 Her)  
Mugwumps, Morals and Politics (320.9 MCF)  
Now the Drum of War: Walt Whitman and his Brothers in the Civil War (811 Rop)  
Making Sense of the Molly Maguires (364.1 Ken)  
Blood and Honor: Inside the Scarfo Mob (364.1 Ana)  
America on the Brink: How the Political Struggle over the War of 1812 Almost Destroyed the Republic (320.97 Bue)  
The Book of Lasts: The Stories Behind the Endings

Renegade: The Making of a President (324.97 Wol)  
A Long Time Coming (324.97 Eva)  
Becoming Manny: Inside the Life of Baseball's Most Enigmatic Slugger (B Ramirez)  
Scarface Nation: The Ultimate Gangster Movie and How It Changed America (791.43)  
The Soloist (B Ayers)  
Three Cups of Tea (371.82 Mor)  
The Poet of Baghdad:  
A Story of Love and Defiance (B Yasin)  
The Lincolns: A Scrapbook  
Look at Abraham and Mary (973.3 Fle)  
History's Greatest Lies (001.9 Wei)  
Hands of My Father: A Hearing Boy, Deaf Parents, and the Language of Love (B Uhlberg)



**November**

## **The Middle Place by Kelly Corrigan**

Kelly Corrigan is living deep within what she calls the Middle Place—"that sliver of time when parenthood and childhood overlap"—comfortably wedged between her adult duties and her parents' care. But this abruptly changes when she is diagnosed with cancer and forced to face certain realities.

**A poignant and funny memoir.**

## **Changes in MLA**

MLA has updated its formatting and style guide. Here are some of the changes:

No more underlining. Italicize titles of books, periodicals, CDs, DVDs.

No listing of the URL from web sites and databases.

Publication medium. Most citations will use Print or Web, but other mediums include TV, Photo, DVD.

New abbreviations for no publisher (N.P.)

no date (n.d.), and online journals with no page numbers (n. pag.)

Online databases no longer include the name of the publisher or library.

The IMC MLA Style Guide is on the IMC home page

**[www.wtps.org/wths/imc/index.html](http://www.wtps.org/wths/imc/index.html)**