

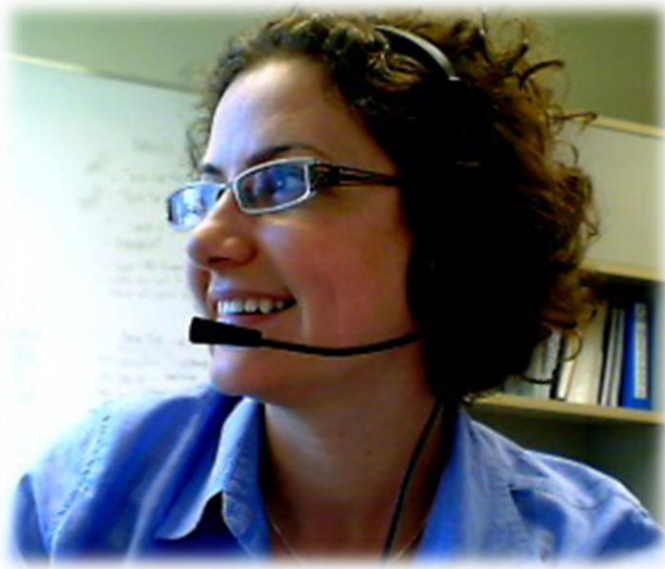
Using iPads in adult literacy class: benefits and challenges



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A few words about the hosts



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from the
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In order of presentation . . .

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Kim Bridle, Small Group Instructor



Webinar overview

Monika

- Housekeeping and helpful hints to get the most from the session

Helen

- The decision and the plan for integration

Wilma

- Facing the fear of implementation

Sue

- The experience - using iPads in Small Group for Reading

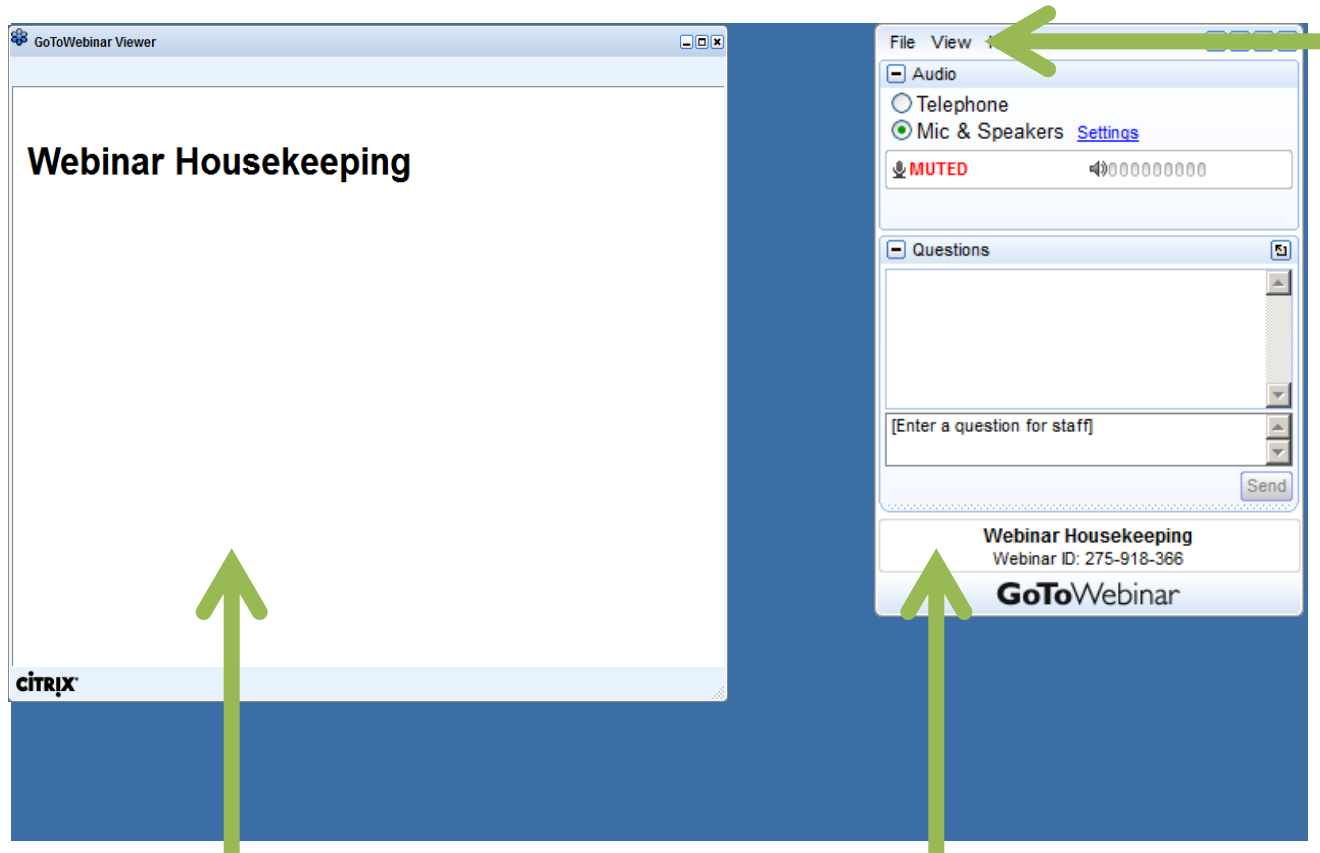
Kim

- The experience -using iPads with Small Group for Math

Maria

- How another program is using iPads and quick tips on finding apps

Webinar housekeeping tips



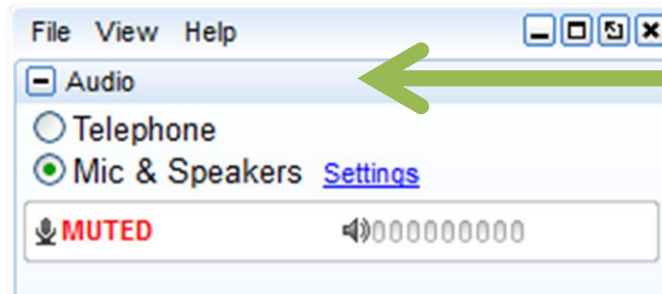
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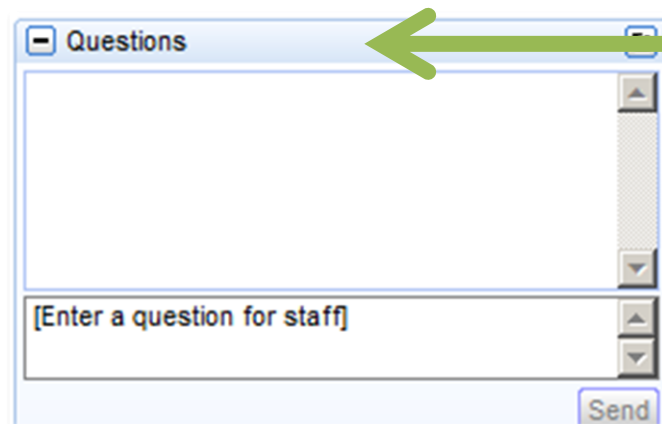
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Hamilton Literacy Council profile

1. Who are we?

A not-for-profit organization



2. What do we do?

Help adults improve their basic reading, writing, math & computer skills.

3. How do we do it?

By offering one-to-one tutoring delivered by trained volunteers & small group classes facilitated by paid instructors

4. How can we offer these services at no cost?

Funding for our programs is provided by:



The catalyst for change

Every year in June we hold a student focus group followed by a staff debriefing.



We discuss what went really well in the past year.



We discuss things we might want to try in the coming year.

2013 program evaluation results

We need to incorporate more technology in the classrooms!



Plan development.

Primary Considerations

1. Which device?
2. Costing Considerations
 - Devices
 - Peripherals
 - Apps
 - Training
 - Support
 - Security
 - Insurance
3. Source of Funds
4. Timing of Implementation



Covering the cost of iPads

We submitted an In-Year Funding Application to our Training Consultant

MTCU came through!





Tablet selection



1. Why an iPad vs Samsung?

- Elementary Schools in Hamilton introduced iPads in classrooms.
- Easier for parents to use same device as their child.

2. Why an iPad Air 2 vs other iPads?

- Larger screen size makes it easier for novice users.
- Thinner, lighter iPad easier for instructors to take 'to and from'.



Training

- ✓ Apple Dealer Classes
- ✓ Private Library Training Session
- ✓ AlphaPlus
- ✓ Self-Discovery Learning



Wouldn't it be nice if after all that training, the switch flipped, and staff became expert? With today's advances in technology and new apps everyday, ongoing PD is a necessity!

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Monika

Maria

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Tech support



The value of good Tech Support can not be overstated, not only on initial set up, but ongoing.

iPads are not high maintenance devices, but things do happen and at very least updates are required.

Somewhat of a surprise: iPads were outside the realm of our computer technician guy's experience, luckily for us he has a great attitude and trained right along with the rest of us!



Most Important tips for implementation!



- Consult with staff and students.
- Involve them in the planning process.
- iPads properly integrated into the classroom will certainly liven things up, taking the learning and teaching experiences to new levels.



Questions



Facing the fear of Implementation



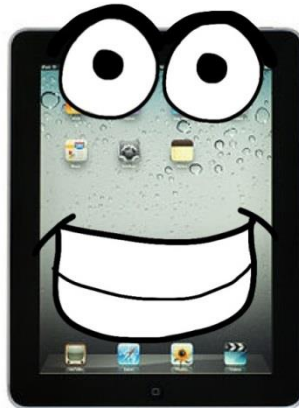
- Reluctance to let go
- Fear of failure



Managing the Fear



- Learning new tricks
- My new best friend



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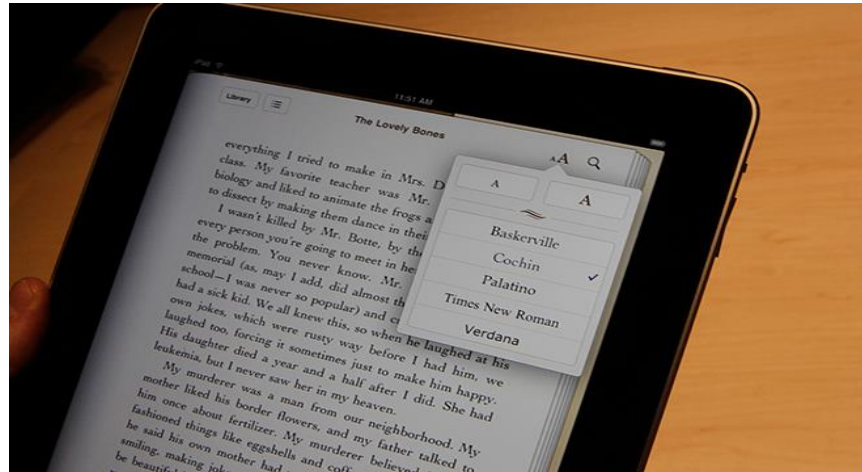
Using iPads in the classroom



Security precautions and procedures



iPads in Reading Class



Novel Studies – Pros and Cons of reading on a iPad
Expanding the Reading - Maps



iPads in Essential Skills Class

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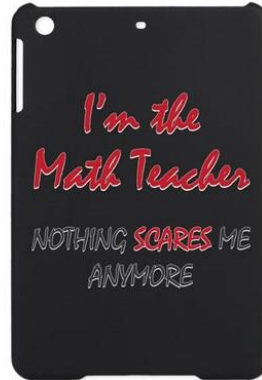
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iPads in the Math Class

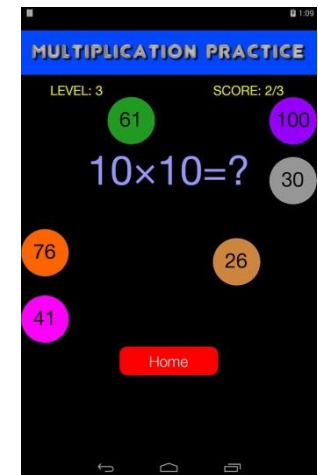
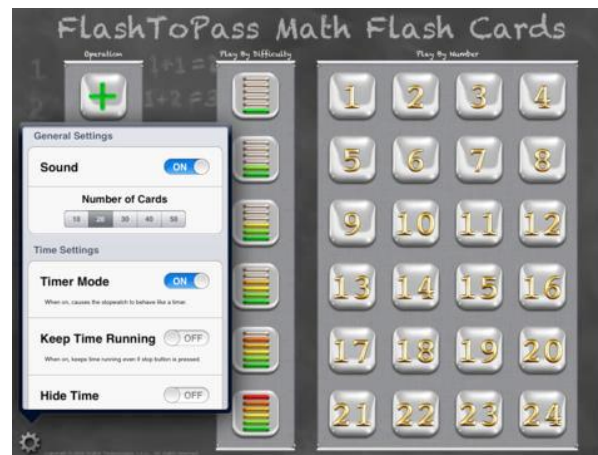
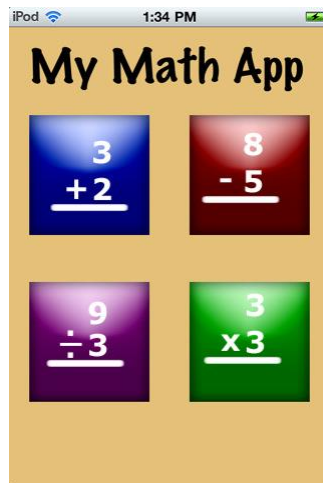
A Few Math Apps

- My Math
- Flash to Pass
- QS Math



Using iPads to teach Math

- the Pros & Cons

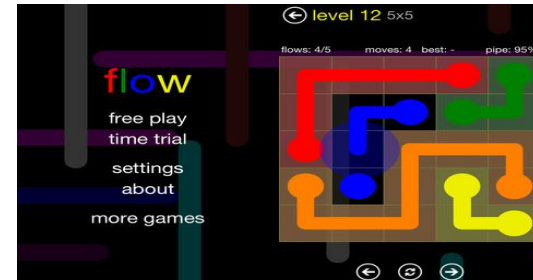


Using iPads in other classes

Watching Videos Food Handling Exam Prep Course



Free Apps like Flow Free



Career Cruising



Questions



iPads - the Irish connection!

Galway Adult Basic Education Service iPad Project

“We are using iPads now – it feels great to be part of something new. We are able to download our blog so it looks like an app. I never in a million years thought that I would be writing things like that and using words like that. It makes me feel good to get an iPad every class- cause I’m worth it.”

https://www.nala.ie/sites/default/files/publications/literacy_matters_issue_14_winter_2014.pdf



It's not just the apps...

iPad accessibility features:

Voice Over - Screen Reader

Speak Selection - Reads the selected text aloud

Zoom - Built-in Magnifier

Large Text - Increases Font Size

Subtitles & Captions - For movies and TV shows



Resources to help you find Apps

[The App Store has over 75,000 education apps for the iPad](#)

[App Recommendations for Mobile Devices](#)

[Guide to choosing appropriate apps](#)

[Kathy Shrock's iPads for Teaching](#)

[A Handy Chart featuring 75 Educational Apps for Teachers](#)

[5 Good Apps for Learning Vocabulary](#)

[Two Very Good Guides to help you effectively use iPad in your teaching](#)



Getting to know your iPads

[GCF Learn Free - The Basics](#)

[Apple manuals](#)

[101 iPad Tips and Tricks](#)

[Mashable – Beginners Guide to iPads](#)

The best way to get to know your iPad is to use it!
Have fun with it! Try things out!
If you get lost, press the round home button.

Apps and OALCF

Find and Use Information

- Kobo
- Dictionary.com
- E-Book Search
- Canadian Red Cross
- CBC News
- Google Maps



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Communicate Ideas and Information

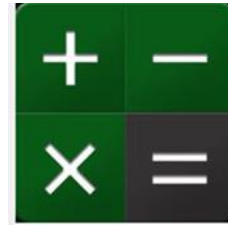
- Speak It
- Dragon Dictation
- Adobe Voice
- Skill Builder Spelling



Apps and OALCF

Understand and Use Numbers

- Big Calculator
- My Math Flash Cards App
- Fraction Calculator Plus
- Math Academy
- Khan Academy



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