

SUCCESS STORY WEBINAR:

# Using Evernote with multi-level adult literacy students

GUEST SPEAKER:

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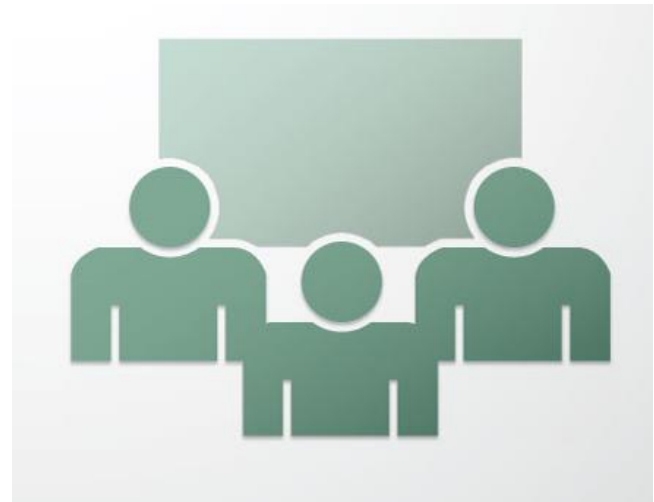
# WEBINAR HOUSEKEEPING TIPS

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organizing webinars together...  
**Please be patient with us😊**



# HOUSEKEEPING 2

We are using a webinar tool called Adobe Connect – we will navigate through presentation slides and you will see the presenter and the interpreter via a video



# HOUSEKEEPING 3

You can use chat box to ask questions and provide comments.



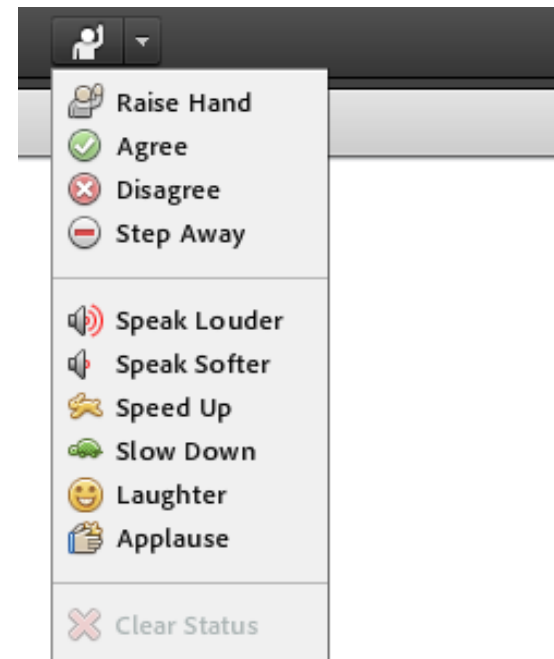
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If you notice that your slides are not changing as we go through the presentation, let us know through the chat right away.



# HOUSEKEEPING 5

If you want to ask a question via video (you will need to have a webcam), raise a hand to let us know.



# HOUSEKEEPING 6

- We will give you permission to start a video
- 'Start my webcam' button will show on your dashboard
- It may take a few minutes for it to work/show.
- You will need to click on it to start the video so we can see you.
- We will turn off/disable your video permission when you are done.

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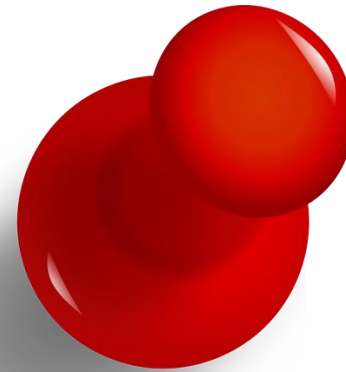
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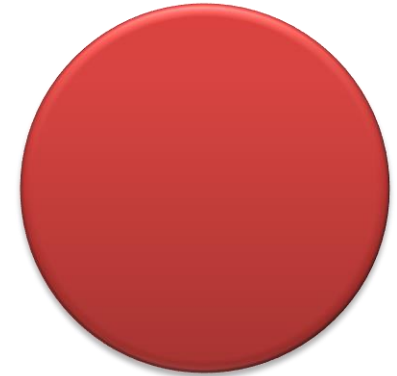
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Please don't play with tools and menus too much during the session, it might affect the display for others.



# HOUSEKEEPING 9

We are recording this webinar to share it with you and those who couldn't make it to the session.



# HOUSEKEEPING 10

If you run into problems, our tech  
support guru **Shawn**  
might be able to help...

**Text: 519-670-8024**

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# A BIT OF CONTEXT...

## AlphaPlus' technology planning and coaching services

- working with individual agencies to examine all aspects of how technology is used in their agency
- together, identify obstacles to and opportunities for the greater use of IT
- introduce technology planning tools to help the agency map and reach defined IT goals
- work with agency staff to identify short term goals while also planning for longer term goals better achieved in stages.

# A BIT OF CONTEXT...

## Our vocabulary

**IT coaching =**  
an exchange of knowledge and experience

**Knowledge translation (KT) =**  
putting knowledge into action



# A BIT OF CONTEXT...

## Digital technology solutions as an exemplary practice

- **Purposeful**  
*What do you want to achieve or what problem do you want to solve?*
- **Grounded**  
*Based on the lived reality of adult literacy programming and instruction*
- **Practical**  
*Digital technologies adapted to LBS realities*

# WHAT IS EVERNOTE?

- a clever web application that enables users to capture, store and save web pages, notes, photos ... **in the cloud**
- retrieve all your “stuff” from your computer, smartphone, tablet – anywhere you have an internet connection and a web browser



*In addition to the web application, Evernote can be installed on your desktop (Windows and Mac) and mobile devices such as tablets or smart phones (Android, iOS, Windows)*

# WHAT IS THE CLOUD?

- the cloud is the internet!! - a network of servers that process and store your data and content
- cloud services make distribution and access possible – any time, any where, on any digital device



When you check your email online you are in the “cloud”.

# EVERNOTE AS AN EXEMPLARY PRACTICE

## Maxine Brown-Simpson - the Queen of Evernote!

- an LBS instructor at Dixon Hall in Toronto
- was searching for a tool that would meet specific needs of her multi-level group of learners
- decided to give Evernote a try...



# MAXINE'S STORY

## The multi-level class

- learners want to improve their literacy or numeracy skills to transition to work, college or to become more independent
- for most, English is their second language, their level of education is below grade 10 and they aren't comfortable using computers



# MAXINE'S STORY

## One instructor/administrator

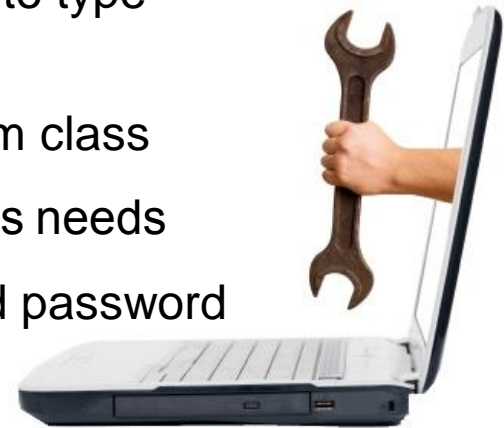
- on a typical day, a group of learners would work on different activities based on their level and their goal path
- Maxine would go around to observe them at work and to respond to their questions
- some learners would finish faster and get bored or frustrated when they had to wait for further instructions/activities from Maxine who was busy helping someone else



# MAXINE'S STORY

## Needed a tool that would:

- allow for more time with emergent learners
- help independent learners function with minimal assistance
- make it easy to organize and manage all kinds of resources for learners (websites, videos, PDFs, Word files and images)
- Allow learners to access websites without having to type in URL each time
- be accessible to learners while they are away from class
- allow lessons to be quickly customized to learner's needs
- not require learners to login with a user name and password
- be easy to use



# MAXINE'S STORY

## First steps

- Didn't think there was a tool that would work
- was selected as one of the programs to receive IT planning and coaching support from AlphaPlus
- based on specific needs, Evernote was suggested as an option
- wasn't sold on the idea! – not sure if learners would be able to use it
- struggled with understanding Evernote's functionality, learning new technical vocabulary and how to how to organize content in a meaningful way



Work Chat

Shortcuts

Notes (963)

Notebooks

Admin Notebook

DHLBS - Admin Forms (22)

DHLBS - Intake Documents (9)

DHLBS - Learner Exit & Follo... (2)

Assessments Notebook

DHLBS - Sample Tests (9)

DHLBS-MDB

Learners

DHLBS-A D (5)

DHLBS-A F (34)

DHLBS-A P (28)

DHLBS-A Y (5)

DHLBS-C P (29)

DHLBS-D A (12)

DHLBS-D S (8)

DHLBS-F H (12)

DHLBS-H D (44)

DHLBS-L B (38)

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Always remember

You learn something every day if you pay attention.

~Ray LeBlond

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Maxine's Notebooks

Notes in a notebook

Preview of a selected note

# Access to a specific notebook shared via a short link = <http://goo.gl/2YJmor>

The screenshot displays the Evernote web interface. On the left, a sidebar shows the notebook 'DHLBS-H D' shared by 'brownmax84'. A green 'Join Notebook' button is visible. The main content area shows the notebook's contents, including a 'Home' section with links to 'CLEO (Community Legal Education)', 'Yesterday' (font size and zoom settings), and 'Class Pictures'. A 'Join Notebook' button is also present in the main content area. On the right, a quote is displayed: 'You learn something every day if you pay attention.' by ~Ray LeBlond, sourced from VERYBESTQUOTES.COM. The quote is set against a light blue background with a subtle pattern.

EVERNOTE

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brownmax84 has shared a notebook with you.

Join Notebook

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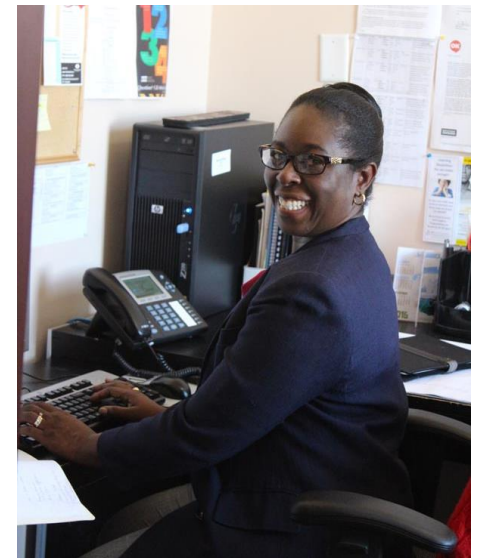
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## Benefits to the instructor

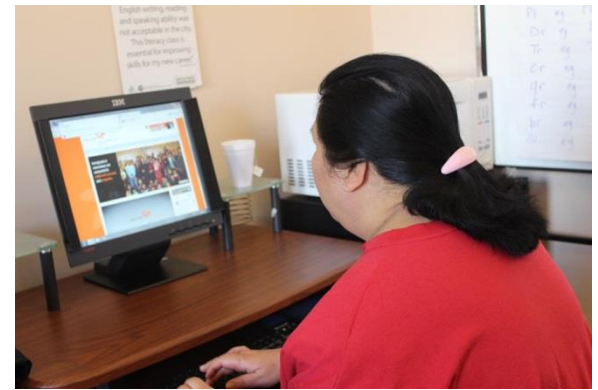
- save and organize various resources in one place
- can add screen captures instead written instructions
- easier to manage the multi-level class
- learners are more engaged
- learners work at their own pace, open to challenges
- can customize lessons
- record of assigned work



# MAXINE'S STORY

## Impact on learners

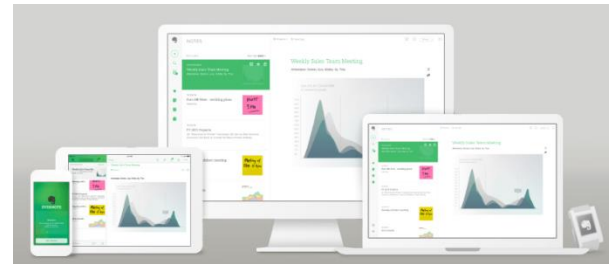
- self-esteem and independence increased
- more confident and open to using technology
- learning other tech skills (tabs, search, print)
- learners try activities and manage their learning
- have access to activities outside of class
- more motivated, more work done = faster progress
- learners challenge themselves and are more persevering
- more collaboration and peer-to-peer help



# MAXINE'S STORY

## Next steps

- have more advanced learners set up their own Evernote accounts so they can log in and save their own content as well
- purchase iPads for the program and have learners use the Evernote App to access notebooks, create notes, even take pictures or videos and add them to Evernote
- Learners will be able to use their Evernote accounts after they transition from the program (i.e. job postings, tips, schedules, recipes, hobbies)



# MAXINE'S STORY

## How can it work for other programs/instructors

Evernote might not work for everyone or it might work even better for you!

For example, you can use it to:

- manage your own links and resources
- have organizational Evernote account to share resources
- keep track of assigned learning activities on a daily or weekly basis
- Have learners submit assignments by adding them to their Evernote notebook

# LET'S SUMMARIZE

## Evernote helps you:

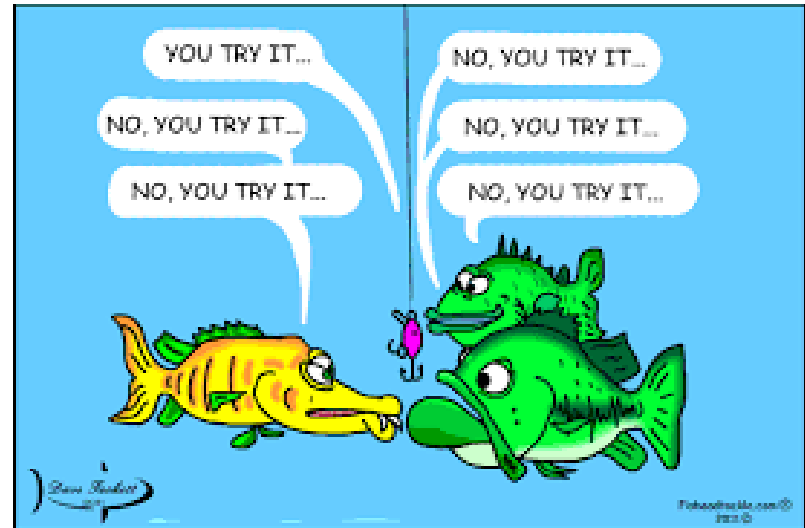
- organize and manage various resources (links, documents, images, videos, etc.)
- access resources on any device at any time
- introduce technology to emergent learners
- manage a multi-level group of learners
- support learner engagement
- encourage independent learning



# GIVE EVERNOTE A TRY...

We set up a public notebook for you with links and resources related to Evernote. Give it a try:

<http://goo.gl/A7pVg8>

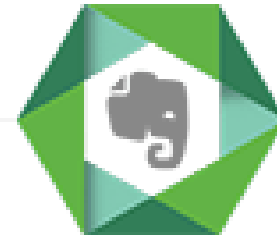


# THANK YOU!

## A penny for your thoughts?

Fill out the survey and enter your name in a prize draw for a 1-year Premium Evernote membership (\$55 value)!

<http://goo.gl/tr7f4n>



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*Premium*