

“Innovative new ideas with technology that are user friendly” - Unworkshop Session

Perils:

- Not enough space
- Not enough technology for programs
- Insufficient wireless bandwidth
- Short on finances
- Short on time to pre-load and check equipment (for a program for example)

Solutions:

- Hire from the outside. Grant funded program for ten kids @ 3-day camp at library cost \$1200. Camp focused on stop motion animated movie making. <http://albanyny.bitsbytesbots.com/>
- Use smartphones for library programs. But possible limitations by parental controls may prevent installation of necessary apps/software
- Teens/college students may need to pad resume & be willing to offer expertise
- Open source/software/applications:
 - Prezi – for presentations
 - Calibre – for e-book creation/sharing
 - Camtasia/CamStudio – for creating videos from screen shots
 - Edmodo - free, secure, social learning platform for teachers, students, schools and districts
 - Comic Life – create comics and photo albums
- At Bethlehem Public at drop-in 2hr sessions, teen volunteers assist seniors who need help with technology – either on public computers or personal devices and also using Wii
- Using Google Hangout – for book discussions between groups across locations. Article w. ideas for Google Hangout in education: <http://teachingiselementary.blogspot.com/2012/07/using-google-hangout-in-education-10.html>
- iPads in homework center at Bethlehem Public – library chose iPads over tablets due to space & library board favored iPads – viewed it as a newer (better) technology
- Amsterdam Library uses Square (squareup.com) attached to iPad at circ desk for patrons to pay library card fines. Square is a mobile credit card reader – charge 2.75% per swipe
- More libraries are getting Smartboards in group meeting rooms. Interface w/ computers. Replace whiteboards & have many other capabilities. If using for movie projection need additional sound source.