

NLLN Continuing Education Scholarship Reports for 2008/2009

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TechnoFit: Technology and Learning to Transform Your Life September 27, 2008

I was very pleased to have been able to attend the TechnoFit meeting at Thumper Pond in Ottertail MN. I had thoroughly enjoyed participating in 23 Things on a Stick and anticipated that any further encouragement and information would be good. I feel energized, once again, to continue my independent learning and stay up-to-speed on as much technology as I can.

Brenda's presentation was excellent. I gained much insight on the use of some new and ever-changing technologies for both my professional and personal life. Her remarks and comments from those in attendance provided a broader view on how library patrons may perceive digital technology and how I, as a substitute librarian, might be able to best serve patrons' needs. During the meeting, I recognized that I need to revisit and practice some of parts of 23 Things on a Stick, for example, Library Thing, GALE, and LibraryNet. In addition, I jotted down a few good ideas on books to read in the near future.

Bill DeJohn's presentation on MINITEX gave a thorough overview of the bibliographic and digital resources that are made available on a statewide basis. As pointed out in the discussion, few library patrons and perhaps far fewer local residents in the Climax area and elsewhere are aware of the service and the benefit that can be gained from its use.

It was time well spend and I really appreciate NLLN helping me to attend the conference. I know I will have many opportunities to share what I learned with my colleagues --- this will benefit library patrons throughout our area.

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