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Instructional Technology



It can be frustrating and difficult to keep up with all the new technology. How much of it is worthwhile to use in the classroom and how much is all flash with no instructional content? In an article from *The Journal*, Hap Aziz, examines the five key components to implementing educational technology.

<http://thejournal.com/articles/2010/09/16/the-5-keys-to-educational-technology.aspx>

Media Librarian **Laura Staley** recommends trying this 70-page free e-book, *The Super Book of Web Tools for Educators*, co-written by education bloggers and organized by Richard Byrne. Although some of the sites mentioned may not be applicable as they are geared to elementary and/or middle schools, other sites have possible application for RTC classes and programs.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/45217115/Super-Book-of-Web-Tools-for-Educators>

There are other free e-books on Byrne's website *Free Technology for Teachers* <http://www.freetech4teachers.com/>

One of **Debbie Crumb's** favorite websites for finding out about instructional technology is Larry Ferlazzo's blog website at <http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/about/my-best-of-series/> Scroll down the list until you reach the bold **Technology** heading and you'll find links to websites on all sorts of technology topics.

The University of Washington's School of Nursing has some *Thoughts about Tools and Technology* at http://www.son.washington.edu/dl/tech_survey/tools.asp

The purpose of the nonprofit EDUCAUSE is "to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology." <http://www.educause.edu/>

Even though it is still under-construction, the RTC Library has a *HelpZone LibGuide* that includes links to various websites for using technology in the classroom. Check it out at <http://libguides.rtc.edu/helpzone> and check back often as more and more sites are added.

Free Wikis for Higher Education

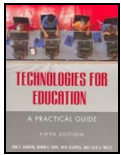


Thanks to former RTC instructor, **Noreen Light**, for letting us know about free wikis for higher education available from Wikispaces. <http://www.wikispaces.com/content/for/highered> and <http://blog.wikispaces.com/2011/02/free-wikis-for-educators-k-through-12-through-phd.html>

Noreen's article from SBCTC's March 2011 *Assessment, Teaching and Learning Digest* stated that "Wikis are like websites, only easier to create, edit and share. **You** can create a wiki and determine who can see it and who can add to it." Noreen noted that wikis can be used for courses, campus committees and work groups.

RTC Library Has Materials on Instructional Technology

Call the RTC Library at ext. 2331 or visit <http://rtc.edu/library> for more info about these and other materials.



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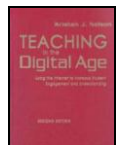
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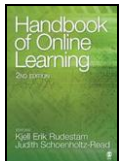
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We Need Your Contributions and Suggestions

In the next few months, we plan to feature info about **curriculum development**, **lesson plans**, and **master teacher tips**. Contact newsletter editor, [Debbie Crumb](#), with your tips, websites and suggestions. To access past issues, go to the Library's website at <http://rtc.edu/library>, click on **Services and Information**, then **Library Publications**, then **Recent issues published by RTC Library**, and finally on the desired format (**PDF** or **Word**).



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