



Beyond Blogs

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Once upon a time
there was a library
in search of the perfect
communication tool
beyond blogs...

Once upon a time...

- We had a lot of problems ensuring all staff had access to the same information
- We had a lot of issues with paper – binders, procedures, clipboards, sticky notes, etc.
- We had a lot of different ways to communicate – e-mail, listserv, newsgroup, etc.

We were looking for something...

- That would act as a portal
- That would empower supervisors
- That would promote conversation
- That would enable us to share
- That would act as a reference

We were looking for something...

- To help us manage our time
- To help us remember our history
- To organize our bookmarks
- To organize our documents

What we found...

- **Geeklog**

- “A content management system (CMS)... [for] organizing and facilitating collaborative creation of documents and other content.”

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Content_mangement_system

- A couple of helper applications using **MediaWiki** and **Wordpress**

Our Staff

- Training
- Buy-in
- Comfort level in using Geeklog

What can we do in Geeklog?

- Change theme
- Move blocks
- Geeklog menu functions
- Contribute a story

What can we do in Geeklog?

- Directory
- Site statistics
- Link management
- Calendar
- FAQ

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My Topics

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My Resources

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My Tasks

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- [DB Backups](#) (N/A)
- [Documentation](#) (N/A)
- [Events](#) (470)
- [FAQ Manager](#) (25)
- [Filemgmt Admin](#) (N/A)
- [GL Version Test](#) (1.4.0sr4)
- [Groups](#) (20)
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- [Mail Users](#) (N/A)
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- [Polls](#) (2)
- [Spam-X](#) (N/A)

Laptop Training Today 9 am Info Desk



Tuesday October 24, 2006 @08:43AM
Contributed by: [michelle](#)
Views: 0

Come one come all to find out what the deal is with the laptop cart behind the Information Desk! (Or at least the first part of the deal - the second part will come when Charlene returns).

If you can't make it today, there will also be a session Thursday at 4 pm!

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Trades Students Here Today



Monday October 23, 2006 @11:44AM
Contributed by: [maureen](#)
Views: 2

Hi Everyone,

We have begun to see Trades students in the Library. Half of the Welding students will be here today, and the Electrical students started today. Just a reminder from my Chatalogue post on the 18th:

- 48 Welding students will be here Monday to Friday from 10:30 to 1:30.
- there will also be groups of 16 Electrical students coming in for 1 1/2 hour times between 8:00 and 4:00

There was a group of Electrical students here this morning. For the Electrical students, we won't block off the area in hopes that there will always be enough seats for 16 people at any time throughout the day. If this doesn't work we'll follow up.

Laptop Update

We have 12 laptops here now, and the remaining 12 are coming this afternoon. Bonnie is getting the laptops ready for tomorrow. We will sign them out to the Trades students from the Information Desk. Please just take their iCard when you loan them out. We are working on an updated Laptop User agreement, which should be here soon.

The student laptops print to one of the printers that is outside of the Group Study Room at the end (D.I

Quick Links

- ♦ [Library Website](#)
- ♦ [Report A Problem \(admin\)](#)
- ♦ [When To Work](#)
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What's New

STORIES

[3 new Stories in the last 1 day](#)

COMMENTS last 2 days

No new comments

TRACKBACKS last 2 days

No new trackback comments

LINKS last 2 weeks

- ♦ [HowLibraryStuffW...](#)

What's Happening

Site Events

Tuesday 24-Oct

- ♦ [RDC & the Winnipeg Connection](#)

Wednesday 25-Oct

- ♦ [Maria - Flex](#)

Friday 27-Oct

- ♦ [Lillian - Flex](#)
- ♦ [Kristine - holiday](#)

Friday 03-Nov

- ♦ [Rosalie - Flex](#)

Library Wiki

- **Why Wiki?**
 - “A wiki is a type of website that allows users to add, remove, and edit content very quickly and easily”
- **Our Wiki**
 - Training Tool
 - Library Procedures
 - Library Manuals

How Library Equipment Works

Contents [hide]

- 1 Add paper to the printers and know which paper is used in each machine
- 2 Change the toner in printers
- 3 Clear a paper jam in the printers
- 4 Troubleshoot the printers
- 5 Network a printer
- 6 Change print queues between Ilkeen & Tash
- 7 Send and receive fax messages
- 8 Add paper to fax machine
- 9 Make 8 ½ x 11, 11 x 14 and 11 x 17 copies in the photocopier
- 10 Double Sided Photocopying
- 11 Know which paper to use with which printer/copier
- 12 Enlarge and reduce using photocopier
- 13 Change darkness using photocopier
- 14 Add paper to the photocopier
- 15 Change the toner in photocopiers
- 16 Clear paper jam in photocopier
- 17 Troubleshoot printers, photocopiers and microfilm machines
- 18 Change toner in microfiche reader/printer
- 19 Add paper to microfiche reader/printer
- 20 Clear paper jam in microfiche reader printer
- 21 Change darkness using microfiche reader/printer

**Library staff can edit
Library wiki pages**

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Add paper to the printers and know which paper is used in each machine

To add paper to the computer bank printers, use the paper that is located in the locked cabinets. These cabinets are located below Printers 1, 4, and 6. An additional one is located behind Printer 3.
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The key is located in the middle top shelf at the information desk. It is on a blue stretch band labelled "Printer Cabinets".

Do not overstuff the printers. Leave about a half-inch from the top.

If you are able to fit your thumb between the paper and the metal triangle thingy, then that's good.

If we run of paper in the main bank cabinets, check in the photocopier room. There is a overflow cabinet labelled "Paper For: • Microfilm • Printers". The key for this is located in the middle top shelf at the information desk. It is on a blue stretch band labelled "Photocopy Room".

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navigate

- Main Page
- Recent Changes
- WikiHelp
- Chatalogue
- Library Website

pages

- Information Literacy
- Reference
- Resource Sharing
- Tech Services
- FISH!
- How Library Stuff Works
- Communication Tools

search

biblioTECH

- **Communication tool to College community**
 - Blog for marketing what's going on in the Library – events, services, new resources

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Red Deer College Library blog

Student Research Help is Here!

October 17th, 2006 by Red Deer College Library

Disappointed with the quality of research you receive in assignments? The library can help you increase the [information literacy skills](#) of your students, showing them that there's more to doing research than typing their topic into a Google search box and helping them to critically evaluate the information that they find. [Read the rest of this entry »](#)

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Looking for a Good Book...

October 6th, 2006 by Red Deer College Library

...or maybe just a useful one?

You now have access to 2 new electronic resources that can help you find information on the books you want and need to read. [Read the rest of this entry »](#)

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Our web guys wanted...

- **A “contained” system**
 - Out-of-the-box set of features
e.g. discussions, file sharing, web pages
- **ACL (Access Control List) permissions**
 - Library staff managed, not admin-based
- **An app that builds community**

There were many options...



...and more!

Things they considered...

- **Price**
 - free & open-source v. commercial
- **Features**
- **Supported platforms**
 - MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL
 - PHP, Java, Perl
- **Security updates!!**

Why Geeklog?

- FOS – free/open source
- Works with our existing set-up
- Extensible
 - Pre-installed and 3rd party plug-ins
- Secure
 - Frequent patches and updates

Geekspeak!

- Geeklog installation needs some working experience with Apache, SQL (MySQL), and PHP
- MediaWiki needs some web development experience
- Talk to your techies!

What to tell your Techies

- Geeklog needs **MySQL** and **PHP** running on a server
- Our web guys installed on a **LAMP** stack (**L**inux **A**pache **M**ySQL **P**HP)
- Non-hosted install
 - On our server, not 3rd party hosted

What to tell your Techies

- Geeklog “plays nicely” with other apps on the same server
 - Geeklog, MediaWiki, and Library Website all on our Library Server
 - One server to rule them all!

Installation

- Download FREE from <http://www.geeklog.net>
- 1-2 hours install time after reading documentation
- MediaWiki 1-2 hours install time

Customize... or not!

- **.config file for custom “static” preferences**
 - Story, image, e-mail, login settings
 - We used many default settings
 - Lock-down to prevent registrations
 - Restrict areas to registered users

Customize...

- **Brand the look and feel**
 - Font, colours, logos
 - Themes, moveable blocks
- **Extend via plug-ins**
 - Pre-installed (calendar, links, polls)
 - 3rd party (chat, gallery)

Access & Permissions

- Library managers can add/delete users and edit permission levels
- Stories & pages can be set to be viewed only by registered users

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Maintenance

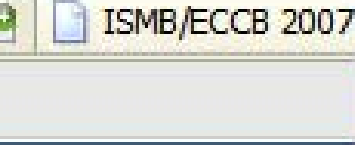
- **Geeklog listserv**
 - Announces new releases and security patches
- **Upgrades & patches**
 - Upgrades about 1 hour to install
 - Patches as little as 10 min
 - Update each plug-in separately
- **Keep your software current!**

Support

- Documentation and support for both **Geeklog** and **MediaWiki**
- **Community-based support**
 - Mailing lists, forums, IRC
- **Squatty.com**
 - *"Purveyors of Geeklog Insanity"*

Geeklog feeds...

- RSS feeds for stories and events 
 - Feeds work in **Firefox** as “Live Bookmarks”
 - Feeds don't work in some news aggregators like **Bloglines**, due to password protection



Search box with 'advanced search' link and 'Search' button

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- Bookmark This Page... Ctrl+D
- Bookmark All Tabs... Ctrl+Shift+D
- Manage Bookmarks...

- chatalogue
- Bookmarks Toolbar Folder
- Quick Searches
- Firefox and Mozilla Links
- del.icio.us/kothari.ca/flickr
- kothari.ca

- Next Week's Classes Now Available for Volunteers
- It's HALLOWEEN time!
- TLTC Computers
- Sound Editing Room 1006S
- Trading Shifts in When to Work
- Group Study Room 1006D
- Rocky Mountain House Confluence Campus Up...
- PIZZA!
- Come one, come all for our Netspeed test run
- Essay Panic and Saving to the H Drive
- Fun, Food, & Play!
- New Instruction Sign-Up Sheet
- Library Update Summary
- USB Sticks with U3 technology
- Book Move - Friday Update

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Content Syndication

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To modify





Chatalogue

<https://library.rdc.ab.ca>

Geeklog

<http://www.geeklog.net>

MediaWiki

<http://www.mediawiki.org>

Thanks!

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