

Tech Tools Advance Adult Literacy

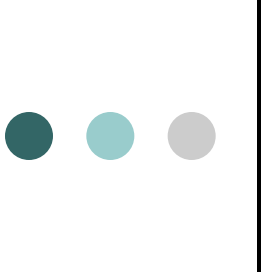
○ *Tuesday Tea with a Twist*

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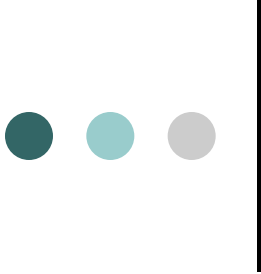


Read, write, and publish

- ⑩ Learners discuss books of a variety of genres and draft a short review during themed sessions.
- ⑩ Reviews are electronically reformatted and posted as a blogging feature on www.westdeptford.lib.nj.us utilizing WordPress <http://wordpress.org> platform.

Learners add to the blog remotely or from computer workstations in the library to further discussion on monthly reviews building social networks.

- ⑩ Literacy increases through reading, discussion, writing and web publishing. Developing ideas and stretching imagination.



Focus on the importance of technology as a literacy tool.

- ⑩ The ***twist*** is the infusion of technology expands usability of a variety of material formats and currently available technologies of the Library.
- ⑩ Learner interest and confidence in literacy and technology skills improve through unleashing creativity and blogging on West Deptford Reader Reviews at www.westdeptford.lib.nj.us
- ⑩ Use statistics rise due to tech talk instructional sessions that increase use of online Library resources and material circulation.

W.D. Readers Review Blog

2007 Book Themes

- ⑩ Best Picks of 2006
- ⑩ Immigration Stories
- ⑩ Romance
- ⑩ Nonfiction
(Readers select themes for the second half of the sessions promoting “personal ownership” of *Tuesday Tea with a Twist*.)
- ⑩ Armchair Travel
- ⑩ Historical Fiction
- ⑩ Mystery



Tech Talk Topics

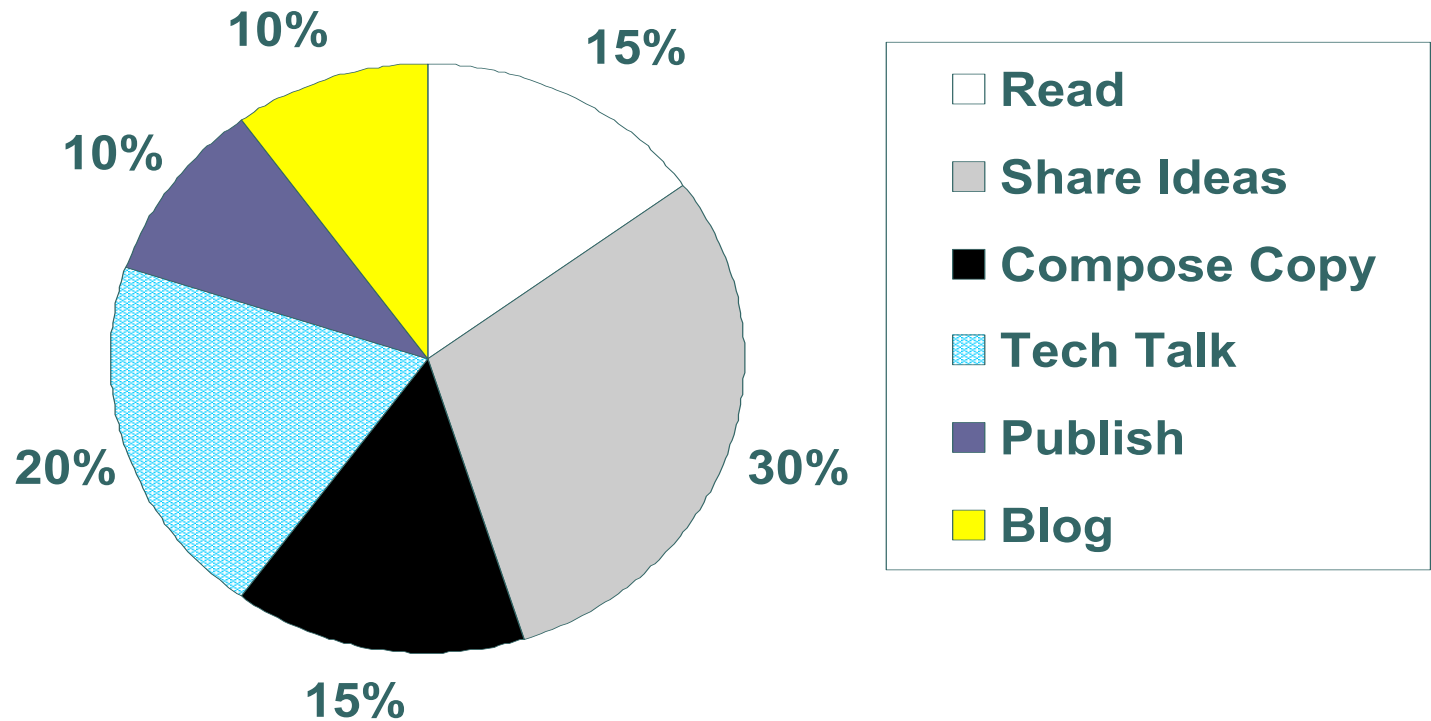
- ⑩ Laptop computers
- ⑩ Digital cameras
- ⑩ Playaways and digital audiobooks
- ⑩ Online resources
 - ⑩ *Novelist*
 - ⑩ *NextReads*
 - ⑩ *Theatre in Video, Black Thought and Culture, Latino Literature, Alexander Street Press*
 - ⑩ *Reader's Advisor Online, Greenwood Publishing Group*
 - ⑩ *What Do I Read Next, Thomson Gale*



Tuesday Tea with a Twist

90 minute session breakdown

(Pre-session reading and post-session blogging excluded.)





Project Outcomes to Date

- ⑩ 53 Playaway circulations during the first month!
- ⑩ Growing *West Deptford Reader Reviews* blog with 20 posts, 7 categories at midpoint evaluation.
- ⑩ *NovelIdeas* companion blog creation and development.
- ⑩ *Pizza & Paperbacks* teen program based on *Tuesday Tea with a Twist* pilot project. Teen blog to begin summer 2007.
- ⑩ Midpoint evaluation by twelve attendees confirming high satisfaction with program content and delivery.



Project Outcomes to Date

- ⑩ 17 page family history typed by an attendee who had never used a computer and credits the program.
- ⑩ Two program attendees volunteer to monitor blog.

Letters of thanks for new materials, especially Playaways!

- ⑩ Increase in material circulation
- ⑩ Expand technology use



Improve Literacy

- ⑩ Develop readers and writers
- ⑩ Institute skill building timeline
- ⑩ Instill collaborative learning
- ⑩ Reinforce peer feedback
- ⑩ Increase socialization
- ⑩ ***Expand educated community***



Build Knowledge

10 Increase technology use

10 Promote critical analysis

10 Improve reading comprehension

10 Develop writing skills

10 ***Unleash creative thinking***

Read

- 10 Self-selected works
- 10 Various genres
- 10 New styles of literature
- 10 ***West Deptford Reader Reviews blog***



Connect

- 10 Share favorite authors
- 10 Discuss different opinions
- 10 Post blog entries
- 10 ***Build social networks***



Write

- 10 Develop ideas
- 10 Compile thoughts
- 10 Compose copy
- 10 ***Stretch imagination***



Create

⑩ Desire to use the Internet

⑩ Paths to share ideas

⑩ Communication systems

⑩ Written publications

⑩ ***Passion
for reading***



Publish

10 Personal book reviews

10 Blog postings

10 Online comments

10 Digital photographs

10 ***More content***



Inspire

10 Reading

10 Writing

10 Creativity

10 Self-esteem

10 *Humanity*

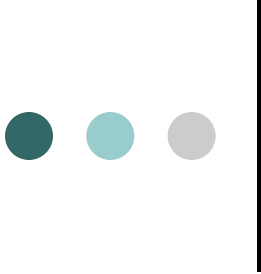




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Learn More about *Tuesday Tea with a Twist!*

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

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