

The Great Web

The OSLA Web 2.0 Hockey Faceoff at this year's Super Conference presented an amazing menu of social networking tools. Designed in a hockey game format, each team "took the ice" and presented their favourite tools for learning and instruction.

With pre-game and intermission commentary from Mark Carbone and Carol Koechlin, the audience was given time to digest these generous offerings before a new set of tools was unveiled.

The third period was an amazing display of virtuosity as each team was able to attack the other team by asking them to give an impromptu defense of specific tools. Not only were the arguments concise and realistic, but the delivery was spectacular.

These tools are great because they make learning fun and interactive, they give students experience using real world tools that can help them in school and in life, and of course they're environmentally friendly, reducing paper waste in the classroom.

But equally important is the ability of these tools to capture lessons, activities and groupwork, and save them for posterity.

Teachers and students alike can create a footprint in the digital landscape. Work can be saved and consulted

for use in future projects, or by future groups of students. It's a modern way to preserve our ideas, to share our knowledge, and to leave our mark.

OLA has condensed the presentation into a 40 minute podcast—a MUST for any teacher-librarian who couldn't make it to the session in person! If nothing else, you must hear the brilliant performance of Roger Nevin—he had me in stitches with his fast-paced delivery!

A thorough and entertaining session delivered by all of the presenters. ■

The Great Web 2.0 Face Off Podcast can be found with the supplementary materials on the Super Conference 2011 website. Visit accessola.com/superconference2011, and select the 9:05 a.m. session under Friday on the left hand menu. The link to download the podcast can be found below the session description!

The whole crew! From left to right: Mark Carbone, Carol Koechlin, Doug Peterson, Colleen Rampelt, Rick Budding, Roger Nevin, Diana Maliszewski, Zoe Branigan-Pipe, Anita Brooks-Kirkland.

