News

CAT has partnered with accessible technology experts SensusAccess to offer a "do-it-yourself" document conversion tool. Butler's instance of this tool may be found at Make Documents Accessible. This tool is free for members of the Butler community and it is recommended that users upload test a few files to learn about the service's capabilities. Watch the accompanying video to learn more.

Tip of the Day: Use Moodle forums to promote student original thought.

The Q & A forum type in Moodle will only allow students to see other student responses after they've made their own initial response; thus it will encourage original thought. Learn more about Moodle forums at the Moodle Forums LibGuide.

Upcoming Events

Faculty and Academic Staff InfoTech "Cruise"

Come explore select Ports of Call around the Butler campus related to information and technology. You will spend just enough time at each destination to be treated to assorted refreshments and learn about the services they offer at that locale. Make sure to get your
passport stamped at each location so you can be eligible for the prize drawing at the end of the journey. Ports of call include the following:

- IT Help Desk
- Science Library
- PHSB 150 (highly mediated classroom)
- Irwin Library
- Center for Academic Technology

Learn more about this event.

Cruise will begin at the IT Helpdesk - Holcomb Building 315 (map)
Second option, 3:00pm - 4:15pm | Thursday, September 22nd | Register

Setting Up Your Moodle Gradebook

Moodle’s Gradebook tool has features that allow instructors to easily track student performance and display grades to students. This hands on workshop will provide an overview of the gradebook and covers grade entry options, grade weighting options, how to adjust grades (dropping, excluding, extra credit, etc.), common trouble shooting techniques and other features.

9/27/16 12:30pm - 2:00pm JH041 REGISTER

Panopto Recording Basics

In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the basics of using the Panopto recorder. Further, attendees will learn how to incorporate the Panopto recordings within their Moodle courses.

9/29/16 3:00pm - 4:30pm IL 119 REGISTER

Visual Literacy Series | Infographics and Digital Storytelling

Join the Center for Academic Technology as we explore visual literacy, or the interpretation and creation of images, through a 4-part series centered on infographics and digital storytelling. Learn more about the Visual Literacy series. Participants should feel free to bring their lunch but light snacks and water will be provided.

Infographics - 2 sessions

Graphic depictions of information and their latest iteration, infographics, are immensely popular among educators. And why not? The incorporation of infographics into instruction promotes development of media and information literacies (MIL) necessary for 21st century life. In this two-part workshop, participants will explore strategies for incorporating infographics into instruction and gain hands-on experience with infographic creation platforms like PiktoChart and Adobe InDesign.

1. Overview and Piktochart on Oct. 4th from 12pm - 1pm GH101 REGISTER
2. InDesign on Oct. 11th from 12pm - 1pm GH101 REGISTER
Digital Storytelling - 2 sessions

This two-part workshop is ideal for faculty interested in leveraging the pedagogical affordances of digital storytelling. Participants will explore various means of conceptualizing digital stories from beginning to end, develop strategies for making digital stories accessible to all learners, and examine links between digital storytelling and higher-order thinking skills. Special attention with be given to Adobe Spark and similarly low-threshold digital storytelling technologies.

1. **Presentation and Spark overview** on Oct. 18th from 12pm to 1pm GH101 [REGISTER]
2. **Roundtable Discussion** on Oct. 25th from 12pm to 1pm GH101 [REGISTER]

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The [Center for Academic Technology](#) champions the effective use of educational technology by collaborating with the Butler community to foster 21st-century skills and to nurture innovation.

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