



LIVE ONLINE LEARNING

The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County uses two online conferencing services: Live Classroom and OPAL. PLCMC also provides learning environments within the Second Life and Teen Second Life virtual worlds.

"Well done. This is a learning venue whose time has come."



[Live Classroom: FAQ page](#)

"I hope we use this as much as possible as quickly as possible. It's great."



[OPAL: Instructional Video](#)

"Thank you for a wonderful and new experience."



[Second Life: General Information | FAQ](#)
[System Requirements](#)

"I think libraries now are outdated. Second Life provides an entirely different method of making one."



[Teen Second Life: General Information](#)
[PLCMC's information page](#)

Live Online Learning Resources:

- **InSync Training** <http://www.insynctraining.com/>
- **PLCMC Live Online Learning** <http://plcmc.org/programs/lol.asp>
- **OPAL (Online Programming for all Libraries)** <http://www.opal-online.org/>
- **Second Life** http://plcmc.org/programs/o2l2_faq.asp
- **Teen Second Life** <http://teen.seconddlife.com/whatis>
- **WebJunction Live Space Service (Horizon Wimba)** <http://www.webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=14519>
- **Wimba Synchronous Learning Software** <http://www.wimba.com/>

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Horizon Wimba Platform

Features:

- Interactive whiteboard
- Group chat
- Private chat
- Participant panel
- Participant feedback
- Record and archive sessions
- Free training
- 24/7 Tech Support

The screenshot shows a live classroom session in Microsoft Internet Explorer. The browser address bar displays "http://208.185.78.171 - Live Classroom - PLCMC Learn and Develop 1 - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by PLCMC for Staff". The main content area features a whiteboard with the heading "AHA!" and the prompt "You're first reaction to this shared experience...". The whiteboard is divided into a grid with various text entries and drawings. A chat window at the bottom shows messages from participants. A participant list on the right shows names like "plcmc_LoriReed" and "plcmc_ColeT". The interface includes a toolbar with drawing tools and a status bar at the bottom showing the time 53:48/55:46.

PLCMC Sample Programs

Learn to Learn Online

Are you ready to test the waters in online learning? Welcome to LOL...PLCMC's new online learning platform. Whether you are an Internet newbie or pro join us for a one-hour introductory session. Learn to Learn Online will introduce you to the synchronous learning environment, explore the use of online collaboration tools (whiteboard, chat, audio, etc.), and help you discover how to create the optimal desktop environment for live, online learning at your computer. At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to: Effectively participate in a synchronous learning environment using basic collaboration tools; Create an effective desktop learning environment for themselves; Explain the role of the learner in the synchronous environment; and Explain a synchronous learning experience.



Meg Cabot in Teen Second Life

Young Adult Author Meg Cabot will be on Eye4You Alliance, PLCMC's Teen Second Life Island. If you're 13-17 sign up for a free account at <http://teen.secondlife.com> and join us! Check with participating branches for access at the library. Location: Online Date: Tuesday, 8/5/2008 at 5:00 PM (Program Length: 1 hour) Age Range: Teens Contact: Kelly C, 704-973-2742

Invisible Ancestors

Many ancestors -- early immigrants and pioneers, slaves, women, native peoples, and others -- do not have compiled biographies. Where there are gaps in their history, the stories can be told through early travelogues, letters, diaries, other texts and printed ephemera, photographs and other visual media, and maps. Join Library of Congress Digital Projects Coordinator, Judy Graves, and Local History & Genealogy Specialist, Anne Toohey, for ideas and strategies for combining physical and online materials that go beyond the data and recreate the stories of these individuals. Location: Online Date: Monday, 7/7/2008 at 2:00 PM Age Range: Adults Contact: Thomas Cole, 704-416-0150 This program is offered by OPAL ("Online Programming for All Libraries"). Clicking on the links above will take you to a sign-in screen. From there you may give yourself a username and follow directions to enter the conference room.