

TECH TALK

Southwest Iowa Library Service Area



Online Learning

What is it?

Any form of learning that is done online—self-paced tutorials, webinars, formal online classes, or learning “custom designed” by the learner.

“Formal” online learning is typically done in one of 4 ways:

- 1) synchronous—everyone in the learning space together at the same time;
- 2) asynchronous—learners and instructors are not together at the same time (not “live”);
- 3) Self-paced;
- 4) Blended—a mix of two or more of the above

How might libraries use it?

- Librarians’ continuing education
- Trustees’ continuing education
- Provide information/instruction for patrons on using the online catalog, evaluation information, using Web 2.0 tools and resources, etc.

Tools

Cam Studio (screencasting software)

<http://camstudio.org/>

Examples

SWILSA self-paced tutorials & classes

<http://www.swilsa.lib.ia.us/CE/Online.htm>

OPAL

<http://www.opal-online.org/>

TILT (Information Literacy tutorial)

<http://tilt.lib.utsystem.edu/>

Learning 2.0 (Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County)

<http://plcmcl2-about.blogspot.com/>

Iowa Small Libraries Online Conference

<http://www.swilsa.lib.ia.us/isloc/resources>

Try it out!

Register and search Iowa’s statewide library CE catalog for online classes:

<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat>

Attend a webinar from OPAL (Online Programming for All Libraries)

<http://www.opal-online.org/>

Find out more:

Learn On, Librarians! Blog

<http://www.learnonlibrarian.blogspot.com>

Librarians Learning Online

<http://www.ilsa.lib.ia.us/online/>