

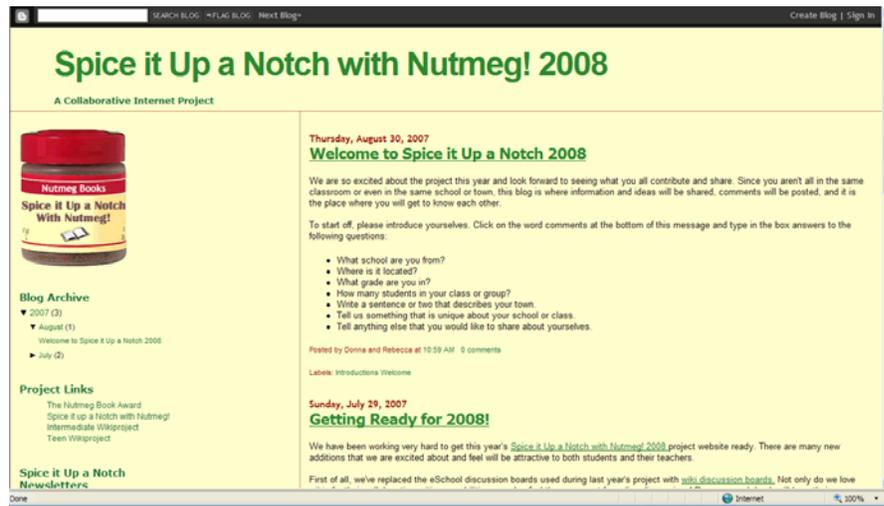
Spice it Up a Notch with Nutmeg! Technology Tools Used in Project



Blogs: A blog is basically a journal that is available on the web. The activity of updating a blog is "blogging" and someone who keeps a blog is a "blogger." Postings on a blog are almost always arranged in chronological order with the most recent additions featured most prominently.

Blogs Used in the Nutmeg Project

The Online Newsletter Blog: This blog is where the project hosts post updates and promote communication between classrooms. Students and teachers can add comments to this blog. You do not need to sign in to add comments.



The Teacher Blog: This blog is a place for teachers and library media specialists to share, collaborate and communicate. Teachers can both write posts and comments. Teachers need to sign in to write posts.





Wikis

A wiki is a web site that lets the user create or edit the actual site contents without any special technical knowledge or tools. A wiki is continuously “under revision.” It is a living collaboration whose purpose is the sharing of the creative process and product by many. A wiki has a far more open structure than a blog and allows others to change what one person has written. Wikis also have a discussion board feature then allows for threaded discussions.

Wikis Used in the Nutmeg Project

The Teen and Intermediate WikiProjects: These wikis have page templates set up for each of the Nutmeg nominees. As they read the nominees, participating students are encouraged to add information, ideas, comments, opinions, pictures, maps, and anything else related to the books. Students will collaborate on the same pages, editing, enhancing and revising each other's content where they see fit. Students need a username and password to edit these wikis.

The image shows two screenshots of a wiki page. The top screenshot is the main page for the 'Intermediate Spice it Up a Notch with Nutmeg! WikiProject'. It features a navigation menu on the left with sections like 'Navigation', 'The Nutmeg Nominees', and 'How to We Get Started on the Wiki?'. The main content area includes a welcome message, a description of the project's goal to create an encyclopedia for Nutmeg Book Award nominees, and instructions on how to contribute. A 'Nutmeg Books' logo is visible in the top left corner.

The bottom screenshot shows a sub-page titled 'Jackie'. It includes a 'Table of Contents' with links to 'Characters', 'Setting', 'Problem', 'Point of View', 'Plot', 'Climax', 'Resolution', 'Author's Message', and 'Reviews'. Below the table of contents, the 'Characters' section begins, describing Shannon as the main character, a 14-year-old girl from Weehawken, New Jersey, who is on a Seattle trip.



Online Discussion Boards

Online discussion boards allow students to interact with classmates outside class. An online discussion is not fixed in time or space: students can log on at any time from any Internet-enabled computer to join discussions or to initiate new discussions on related topics.

Online Discussion Boards Used in the Nutmeg Project

Teen and Intermediate Discussion Boards: Each book on the wiki has a discussion board where students can join or initiate new discussions about the book. There is also a discussion board for discussions about all of the books. The discussions are monitored and students need a user name and password to participate in the discussions.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a discussion board for the book 'Jackie'. The page has a yellow background and a navigation menu on the left. The main content area shows a table of discussion topics with columns for Subject, Author, Replies, Views, and Last Message. A search bar and a 'Filter' button are at the top of the discussion area. A message at the bottom of the table asks users to sign in to post messages.

Subject	Author	Replies	Views	Last Message
Characters in the Nutmeg Book	eastconn	0	3	Sep 10, 2007 4:43 pm by eastconn
The Story and You	eastconn	0	1	Sep 6, 2007 2:26 pm by eastconn

Please [sign in](#) to post messages. It's fast and free to [join](#).