**Taming Tech Tools for Libraries**

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**Event Description:** With so many new tech tools popping up everywhere, we are all working on a wild frontier of possibilities. But how do you know which tools are worth “taming” to help you provide better library services? In this webinar, tech-tamer Kieran Hixon will unpack a toolbox of 25+ free tech tools that can help your library better engage with patrons and build digital literacy skills. From completing daily tasks to growing advocacy efforts, these web-based tools can help you work smarter.

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| **What are your goals for viewing this webinar?** |
| **Personal Goals** |  |
| **Team Goals** |  |

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| **Activity 1** |
| As Kieran mentioned, your tool exploration may be driven by a project need, OR you may discover a project opportunity based on a tool’s functionality. First target a work project that might be improved with tech tool(s). What project challenges are you looking to overcome or address? Review the tools presented and identify those that might address project needs. |
| **Activity 2** |
| Now select one tool from each set of tools covered, and brainstorm projects that might be possible with each of those tool sets.**Annimation or Movie tools:****Project Management tools:****Picture and Graphics tools:****File Conversion and Saving tools:****Digital Storytelling tools:****Miscellaneous tools:** |
| **Discussion/Reflection Question**  |
| How could you and other staff at your library stay on top of emerging tech tools? Could you keep a running list of those tools that come up when supporting patron tech needs? How could your tech-savvy patrons help build awareness of emerging tools? |
| **Action Plan:** (include next steps, who, when, etc.) |
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