Getting started with online tools

In 2012 we surveyed our members about the type of Professional Development they would like. The results were overwhelming - 80% of respondents said they wanted PD covering the use of online tools, well ahead of every other category in the survey. Results also showed the biggest barriers to undergoing PD as time and funding.

SLANZA's professional development course "Connected Librarians" is designed to deliver professional learning in several key areas of school librarianship, and additionally provide a basic grounding in a cross-section of online tools.

Here's what you need to know:

- The course modules are aimed at those who would like to **get started** with online tools

- Classes are open to SLANZA members only, and **registration is free** but places are limited

- Our learning platform is **Haiku Learning**.

- The diagram above shows the **key learning areas;** modules are available in each of these:
  - Professional reading
  - Readers advisory
  - Social bookmarking
  - Community connections
  - Content curation
  - Digital citizenship

- As your **commitment** to the course, you will need:
  - A minimum of 6 hours for **each** module (3 hours each week over a 2 week class)
  - a willingness to try new things, and to share your experiences with other participants

- **Technical** requirements
  - an internet connection capable of streaming video
  - an up-to-date web browser
  - and optionally, the Haiku Learning mobile app for iOS and Windows (Android app not yet available)

- **Outcomes** for participants who complete course modules:
  - familiarity with, and the ability to work with a selection of online tools
  - a range of resources to share with their library's community using online tools
  - development of a personal learning network to support learning after the course completion date
  - material suitable for inclusion in a LIANZA professional registration journal

- Participants will have the opportunity to earn **digital badges** for skills demonstrated, and for contributing to our learning community.

Next steps

Think about the profile above - is this you? If so, and you would like to join one of our classes, sign up when registrations open next. The timetable showing module availability can be found on our website.

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