

ONLINE PLCs/PLNs/CoPs

PLNs, PLCs, AND CoPs...WHAT????

Professional Learning Networks, Professional Learning Communities, and Communities of Practice. Still don't know what they are? Read the following articles. These terms have come from the education profession and still are strongly rooted there, but they are easily transferrable to the library and information profession. We all must continue to learn, and learn from one another, right?

- **Communities of Practice: A Brief Introduction, by Etienne Wenger:** <http://www.ewenger.com/theory/>
- **About PLCs:** <http://bit.ly/crtfPQ>
- **History of PLCs:** <http://bit.ly/9JyRU9>
- **The coming shift for Professional Learning Communities and Knowledge Workers:** <http://bit.ly/QnC6w>
- **How Has Your Professional Learning Network Changed You?** <http://bit.ly/BBiD>
- **Power Up Your Professional Learning Network** presentation at the Fall 2008 Virtual Discovery Educator Network Virtual Conference (<http://bit.ly/aJZNGv>), by Jennifer Carrier Dorman. Options:
 - Download a **video** file of the presenter's audio and slides, from <http://bit.ly/omIyt>.

- Look at the **slides** only, available on SlideShare: <http://bit.ly/OgAnQ>
- Presentation **Webpage:** <http://bit.ly/xOXrc>

- Podcast **Building Professional Learning Communities with Educators Using Digital Tools by Wesley Fryer** (<http://bit.ly/18Qc05>).

OTHER SOCIAL TECH TOOLS & RESOURCES

Professional Learning Communities and Social Learning, blog post by Dean Shareski, <http://bit.ly/9oKXjO>

Tool Up Your PLCs with "25 Tools for Learning Professionals": <http://bit.ly/RRUhE>

Other Recommended Tech Sites:

- Mashable: www.mashable.com
- Feed My Inbox: www.feedmyinbox.com
- Lifehacker.com www.lifehacker.com
- MakeUseOf: www.makeuseof.com
- ReadWriteWeb: www.readwriteweb.com