HOMAGO

• Hanging Out
• Messing Around
• Geeking Out

Living and Learning in the Digital World by Prof. Mizuka Ito (2008)
Hanging Out

• Socially Driven
• Facebook, Twitter, etc.
• Behaviors evolve with group dynamic
Messing Around

- Playing around with making “something”
- Posting pictures on Flickr
- Recording a song
Geeking Out

• Building and refining skills
• Recording enough songs to make an album
• Sharing out to the larger community
MacArthur Support

• Response to President’s charge to “Educate to Innovate”

• “We must break free of the old-fashioned notion that schools are the only places for learning…”

  — Robert Gallucci, President of the MacArthur Foundation
YouMedia Chicago

- 5,000 square feet
- Highly accessible
- Intersection of collection, programming and caring adults
- Creating media, not just consuming it
MacArthur and IMLS Grants

- Each gave $4 million dollars for grants to create 30 learning labs across the country.

- Recipients are to model from Chicago, but shape according to their community.
CML as the First Space

• Established age range and audience
  • 12-17 years
  • Neighborhood high school
  • Draw from the smaller surrounding branches

• Established commitment to technology
  • 14 Teen-only PCs since 2007
Pilot Considerations

• Balancing planning and implementing
• Keeping the “pilot” mindset
• 20/20 Vision Plan at the forefront
A Fresh Look

• Vibrant colors and art
• Making space by evaluating usage
• Large display television and 27-inch Mac monitors
Technology

- Three iPads, MacBooks and Mac Desktops
- iPads are the “hook”
- Sugar sync for storage
- Apps list available by request
Mentors: The Essential Piece

- Help teens find their own interests
- Driven to serve youth
- Have necessary skills
- Love learning new things
Hours

- Mon.-Thurs. 3 to 7 p.m.
- Sat. 1 to 5 p.m.
- Peaks Wednesday, Saturdays become planning time
Telling the Story

- Informing future teen spaces
- Kiosk Sign-in
- Equipment Sign-out
- Weekly Mentor Journaling and case studies
EQUIPMENT CHECK OUT

Remember the Code of Conduct and respect YOUmedia by not damaging, destroying.

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Average time per checkout (hours)

Week 1  Week 2  Week 3  Week 4  Week 5  Week 6  Week 7  Week 8

- iPad
- Macbook
Mentor Journaling

- Reflects development of teens and mentors
- Captures relationships in action
- Documents lessons learned for best practices
The Future

- Summer Reading Club
- Test Pilots go to network partners
- Tapping network resources for programming
Questions? Ask!

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