

## ***Blogs and Wikis – what's it all about?***

- A blog is a web page in the form of a diary where visitors can leave comments

*Uses: group news, project planning, creative showcase, gossip!*

- A wiki is a DIY website built collaboratively

*Uses: trees of knowledge, reference manuals, collaborative online projects*

## ***Features in common***

- Easy and cheap to build
- No specialist knowledge required
- Standardised designs
- The MFI of web-design!

Examples can be found at <http://blogability.edublogs.org> or read *CILIP Update* March 2007 (p36-39)

## ***Differences***

- A blog promotes discussion

*you can comment on a blog post but you can't change it*

- A wiki is a joint venture

*promotes collaboration and relies on trust*

## ***Culture & Community***

- the web as a community rather than an information exchange
- personal rather than institutional
- Related terms:

*Social networking, Digital native, Web 2,*

- **Examples:**

*MySpace, You Tube,  
Flickr, Creative Commons,  
del.icio.us (bookmarking)*

### ***Bringing it together***

- syndication (feeds)
- aggregating feeds
- tags, clouds and bundles (Librarians beware!)

### ***Things to do***

- **Explore blogs & wikis**
- **Make your own blog or wiki (Resources links)**
- **Go native! –**
  - **make a home page on Netvibes**
  - **share your blog on Technorati**
  - **share and licence your pictures on Flickr**
  - **share your bookmarks (and your life?) on del.icio.us**
  - **make and share a library catalogue on Library Thing**
- **Getting stuck? Join a workshop or ask for help**