



Google User Group Meeting

Jan 20, 2017 - 9AM EST

google.apps.sparcc.org/usergroup



This is an editable Google Document. We will continue to add to this document as we get closer to the meeting. Feel free to add your own items, links, questions, comments, and other information to this document.

Note: If anyone would like to be in our Hangout (rather than just watching it) let me know at ericcurts@gmail.com and I will be glad to add you to the Hangout. We are always looking for folks to share neat Google resources, ideas, best practices, and such. We have a "Show and Tell" section during each meeting and would love to hear what you have to share!

To join the meeting in person, come to:

- SPARCC at [2100 38th St NW, Canton, OH 44709](#)

To view the live meeting online, go to:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvoAzlxFiTY> (you can also use this link to view the recording afterwards)



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Welcome and Introductions

- Eric Curts - SPARCC - eric.curts@apps.sparcc.org - ericcurts@gmail.com - Twitter: [@ericcurts](https://twitter.com/ericcurts) - Google+ <http://gplus.to/ericcurts> Blog- Control Alt Achieve
- GEG Ohio - [What is GEG Ohio?](#)



Important links

- SPARCC Google User Group meeting site: <http://google.apps.sparcc.org/usergroup>
- Google User Group Sign In Form (to get certificate of attendance): <http://tiny.cc/gug-signin>
- SPARCC Technology Integration site: <http://ti.apps.sparcc.org>
- SPARCC Lines newsletter: <http://ti.apps.sparcc.org/newsletter>
- Ohio Google Educator Group (GEG): <http://tiny.cc/geg-ohio>



Updates

- Current member counts:
 - SPARCC Google User Group = 868 (join at <http://tiny.cc/sparcc-google-group>)
 - GEG Ohio = 1,950 (join at <http://tiny.cc/geg-ohio>)



Upcoming events

- Webinars
 - **4 Fun Literacy Activities with Google Docs**
January 26, 2017 - 3:30pm to 4:30pm EST
Webinar link - <http://ti.apps.sparcc.org/video/20170126-docs-lit> (click to register and watch live webinar)
Presenter: Eric Curts
Looking for ways to techify your literacy activities? In this session we will explore several engaging hands-on literacy activities that use features built right into Google Docs. These will include improving reading comprehension with Google Docs "Black Out", writing interactive "Choose Your Own Adventure" stories in

Docs, summarization skills with the Word Count tool, and fun ways to use Emojis in Docs for reading and writing.

- Conferences
 - OETC - February 14-16, 2017 - <http://oetc.ohio.gov/>
 - MACUL - March 15-17, 2017 (Cobo in Detroit) - <http://www.maculconference.org/>
 - NEOTech - March 16, 2017 - <http://www.neotechconference.org/>
 - ITIP Ohio Summit featuring Google for Education - May 1-2, 2017 - <https://sites.google.com/a/itipohio.org/google2017/home> (Call for presenters deadline March 3rd - [Website link](#))
 - As always, check the calendar at ti.apps.sparcc.org for upcoming conferences



What's New in G Suite for Education

- 12/16/2016 - New Chrome Experiment - Land Lines - [link](#), [link](#)
- 1/3/2017 - Acer debuts the education-focused rugged Chromebook N7 - [link](#)
- 1/3/2017 - ASUS Chromebook Flip 2 goes official for \$499 - [link](#)
- 1/4/2017 - Samsung Chromebook Plus and Pro announced - [link](#), [link](#), [link](#), [link](#)
- 1/4/2017 - Introducing the Tilt Brush Artist in Residence Program - [link](#)
- 1/4/2017 - Android Drive apps get options for Page setup and ODF / EPUB export - [link](#)
- 1/6/2017 - Two Google Home devices argued in a live video broadcast - [link](#)
- 1/6/2017 - Google just shutting down Hangouts API, not Hangouts itself - [link](#), [link](#)
- 1/9/2017 - Explore museums with augmented reality with Google's Tango - [link](#)
- 1/11/2017 - Classroom updates: assign work to individual students, teacher notifications for late work and resubmitted work, admin reports on Classroom usage, more - [link](#)
- 1/12/2017 - Google launches Toontastic 3D for Android, iOS, and some CB's - [link](#), [link](#), [link](#)
- 1/17/2017 - Google+ gets updates including the return of Events - [link](#)
- 1/18/2017 - A virtual trek through Petra with Google Cardboard - [link](#)
- 1/18/2017 - Google Sheets gets option to insert and shift, or delete and shift, cells in groups - [link](#)
- 1/19/2017 - Google releases Tilt Brush Toolkit for interactive content - [link](#)



Questions and Answers

Do you have any questions for the group? Something you would like to get help with, hear how other schools are handling, or such? Add your questions (and answers) below for the meeting:

- One of my administrators noticed that when you typed the phrase “Shawn Bookman will check on testing dates” on a shared document with comments it created a task for Shawn and sent an email to the owner of the document and Shawn letting them know the task had been created. Is there a physical list of words that trigger that task feature? If so, can you add words to the list? (Kris Baker)
- If students are using Google Forms for a quiz can the teacher block other tabs from being opened (like a secure browser format)? The teacher is concerned that while taking a history quiz the students have the online textbook open on a different tab. (Kris Baker)
- Is anyone using Google Cast for Education? I am having trouble getting my student’s accounts/devices to “see” the receiver. (Kaylene Corcoran)
- We just noticed that when you delete a file from Shared with Me, it no longer deletes it from My Drive. When did that feature appear? I am sure in the past when you deleted a file from “Shared with Me”, it removed it from My Drive.
 - Didn’t it reappear in Shared if deleted before?
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Show and Tell

Is your school doing something interesting with Google tools? Do you have a neat tip, trick, or tool you would like to demonstrate? Add yourself to the list below if you would like to share something with the group during the meeting:

- 10 Ways to Create Videos on Chromebooks - [Resource Link](#) - Great options for student projects or teacher use.
- 7 Steps to Carry out A Research Plan Using Digital Tools - [Resource Link](#) - Helpful infographic with tech tools for every step of the process.
- How to create a Funnel Chart in Google Sheets - [Resource Link](#)
- 2 Ways to Publish eBooks from G Suite - [Resource Link](#)
- 5 Tips for Using Google Drive - [Resource Link](#)
- Run Google Earth on a Chromebook* - [Resource Link](#)
- The Chromebook Classroom Podcast - [Resource Link](#)
- Google Teacher Tribe Podcast - [Resource Link](#)
- 10 Things You Didn’t Know Flubaroo Could Do - [Resource Link](#)
- Using Guest Profile in Google Chrome - [Resource Link](#)

- SAS Writing Reviser - [Resource Link](#) - Students can use this Google Docs add-on to check their writing for possible grammatical and syntax issues. (18 and older, or w/ parent acceptance)
- Create slideshows from pics w/ DriveSlides & SlideShot extensions - [Resource Link](#)
- Curriculum Mapping with G Suite - [Resource Link](#)
- 5 ideas for using Classroom's new differentiation and grouping feature - [Resource Link](#)
- Google releases 8 new videos for Chromebook basics - [Resource Link](#), [Resource Link](#)
- Library Extension - [Resource Link](#), [Resource Link](#) - Find which books are available at your local public library when browsing online book seller sites like Amazon
- Magnetic Puzzle Paragraphs - [Resource Link](#) - Help students reconstruct a paragraph with this drag-and-drop activity.
- Create animations from your pictures with Google Photos - [Resource Link](#)
- Google Yearbook project - [Resource Link](#) - Use free Google tools to create your school yearbook and save lots of money
- Create Your Own Custom Search Engine - [Resource Link](#)
- Creative way to add rubrics to Google Forms quiz questions - [Resource Link](#)
- Recent webinars
 - **Super Screencastify Activities for Schools**
 January 12, 2017 - 3:30pm to 4:30pm EST
 Webinar link - <http://ti.apps.sparcc.org/videopd/20170112-screencastify>
 Presenter: Eric Curts
 Screencastify is a free Google Chrome web extension that lets you or your students record your computer screen, voice, and webcam. The recorded video can then be saved easily to Drive or downloaded. Learn how to install and use this tool, and then explore ways this can be used in schools including instructional videos, student projects, teacher feedback, narrating slideshows, giving speeches, dubbing videos, explaining solutions, and much more.
- Recent posts from Eric's blog - [Control Alt Achieve](#)
 - Make Sequencing Questions with Google Forms - [Resource Link](#)
 - Solving Story Problems with the Highlight Tool Add-on for Docs - [Resource Link](#)
 - 7 Super Screencasting Activities for School - [Resource Link](#)
 - Have Students Write Better by Writing Less with Google Docs - [Resource Link](#)
 - Video Dubbing Learning Activities for Students - [Resource Link](#)
 - My Top 20 EdTech Posts of 2016 - [Resource Link](#)
 - Build a Snowman with Google Slides - [Resource Link](#)