



Google User Group Meeting

Apr 22, 2016 - 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 meeting online, go to:

- <https://plus.google.com/u/0/events/ct1r4inb1lkn7fd184dltol6am8>
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Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions

Updates

Upcoming events

What's New in Google Apps

Questions and Answers

Show and Tell



Welcome and Introductions

- Eric Curts - SPARCC - eric.curts@apps.sparcc.org - ericcurts@gmail.com - Twitter: [@ericcurts](#) - Google+ <http://gplus.to/ericcurts>

- Anthony Luscre - SPARCC - anthony.luscre@apps.sparcc.org



Important links

- SPARCC Google User Group meeting site: <http://google.apps.sparcc.org/usergroup>
- If you would like to host a remote session at your district, please [email](#) and we will try to have Anthony at your location.
- Google User Group Sign In Form (to get certificate of attendance):
<http://tiny.cc/gug-signin>
- SPARCC Google Resource site: <http://google.apps.sparcc.org>
- 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 = 683 (join at <http://tiny.cc/sparcc-google-group>)
 - GEG Ohio = 1,175 (join at <http://tiny.cc/geg-ohio>)



Upcoming events- (Calendar at ti.apps.sparcc.org/pd)

- SPARCC Webinars (see all previous webinars at: <http://ti.apps.sparcc.org/videopd>)
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- Trainings
 - SPARCC Google Bootcamps - <http://google.apps.sparcc.org/bootcamp>
 - Session 1 - June 27 - 30, 2016
 - Session 2 - July 11 - 14, 2016
 - Session 3 - July 18 - 21, 2016
- Conferences
 - **Google Ohio Summit**- May 16 and 17, 2016 at OSU Student Union in Columbus, Ohio - <https://sites.google.com/a/soita.org/ohio-gafe-summit/>
 - **SPARCC Technology Conference** - Aug 5, 2016 - conference.apps.sparcc.org
Call for presenters open now



What's New in Google Apps

- 3/22/2016 - New touchscreen, convertible CTL Chromebook - [link](#), [link](#)
- 3/22/2016 - Google Photos get updated features for albums - [link](#)
- 3/22/2016 - Google Now rolling out new more natural voice - [link](#)
- 3/22/2016 - Google removing app launcher for Windows and Mac - [link](#), [link](#)
- 3/23/2016 - Google to launch YouTube Connect live streaming mobile app - [link](#)
- 3/24/2016 - Search Admin Console for settings and articles - [link](#)
- 3/24/2016 - Google's Nik Collection of Photoshop plugins are now free - [link](#)
- 3/29/2016 - New Acer Chromebook 14 - [link](#)
- 3/29/2016 - Admins can turn on the new Google Contacts - [link](#), [link](#)
- 3/29/2016 - Turn on link sharing easily with new button in Drive - [link](#), [link](#)
- 3/31/2016 - Google's April Fools' Day posts - [link](#), [link](#)
- 3/31/2016 - Google launching Chromebase for meetings - [link](#)
- 4/4/2016 - Google search gets cards for animal sounds - [link](#), [link](#)
- 4/5/2016 - Google releases Tilt Brush for 3D VR painting - [link](#)
- 4/5/2016 - Reminders for Google Calendar on the web - [link](#)
- 4/6/2016 - Stay safe with the new Companion app - [link](#)
- 4/6/2016 - Drive plug-in for MS office updated with Outlook support - [link](#), [link](#)
- 4/7/2016 - New Polling feature added to Classroom - [link](#)
- 4/8/2016 - Google Photos gets direct album uploads and keyboard shortcuts - [link](#)
- 4/12/2016 - All of Google's CS Education Programs on one site - [link](#)
- 4/12/2016 - Goals added to Google Calendar on mobile - [link](#)
- 4/13/2016 - Google hosts Math Summit - [link](#)
- 4/13/2016 - Google Communities getting stricter content and spam filtering - [link](#)
- 4/14/2016 - Google Save - save and organize images and link - [link](#), [link](#)
- 4/14/2016 - Drive for PC/Mac now lets you select which folders to sync - [link](#)
- 4/18/2016 - Google Play gets Podcasts - [link](#)
- 4/18/2016 - YouTube gets live 360-degree streaming - [link](#), [link](#)
- 4/18/2016 - Choose which Docs, Sheets, and Slides files to save for offline access - [link](#)
- 4/19/2016 - Google's Magic Leap demos Augmented Reality - [link](#)
- 4/20/2016 - Google Keep extension saves webpages, images, and text - [link](#)
- 4/21/2016 - Acer launches new Chromebook 14 for Work - [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:

Q. Are there any Chrome OS tablets on the market? Not flip/convertible PCs, but actual tablets running Chrome OS.

A. .There have been “teaser” web articles on concept, but I am not aware of any currently available products- AAL



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:

- ...*[insert your item here]*
- Classroom Bridges- my Google Innovator Project to help connect classrooms around the world to work on any project together- <http://bit.ly/classroombridges> (Katie Ritter)
- VR tour of a Google data center - [link](#)
- Tab Organizer extension - [link](#)
- Recent webinars:
 - **Supercharge Google Forms with Add-Ons**
Webinar link - <http://ti.apps.sparcc.org/videopd/20160315-form-addons>
 - **Keeping Your Library Relevant**
Webinar link - <http://ti.apps.sparcc.org/videopd/20160322-library-relevant>
 - **Student Created Storybooks with Google Slides**
Webinar link - <http://ti.apps.sparcc.org/videopd/20160329-slides-storybooks>
- Recent blog posts from Eric - www.controlaltachieve.com
 - 9 Awesome Add-ons for Google Forms - [link](#)
 - What Netflix Taught me about Professional Development - [link](#)
 - Review: The Extremely Rugged CTL NL6x Chromebook - [link](#)
 - Google Slides for Student Created Storybooks - [link](#)
 - Why every educator should be using Google Communities - [link](#)
 - 26 YouTube shortcuts everyone should know - [link](#)
 - Sorting Text and Tables in Google Docs - [link](#)

- 5 Fantastic Word Cloud Tools for Chromebooks - [link](#)
 - Google Save - Your new home for saved images and links - [link](#)
 - Make Google Form responses easy to read with “Save as Doc” add-on - [link](#)
 - Random Writing Prompt Generator with Google Sheets - [link](#)
 - Recent items from Anthony’s *Web Resources Hoarder* (tiny.cc/wrh) website
 - Google Maps- Tips & Tricks Google Maps- A collections of Tips & Trick collected from around the web. Over 30 pages! - [link](#)
 - Financial Literacy / Personal Finance Resources a new page on my site on Financial Literacy / Personal Finance. - <http://techweb.apps.sparcc.org/Financial-Literacy>
 - OER, CC and Fair Use- Making Sense of Creative Commons ..." -[link](#)
 - Time, Dates, Timelines, Epochs, Chronology, History, Calculators, Space, Astronomy & More - <http://techweb.apps.sparcc.org/time>
 - *Classroom Bridges* added to Teacher Resources page- <http://techweb.apps.sparcc.org/resources>
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Search and Tell

Anthony’s searching tidbits of the month-



1. Easy Google Genealogy Searcher

- a. Learn all the possibilities Google offers for a genealogy search!
- b. Learn to do effective genealogy internet searches with the Easy Google Genealogy Searcher. Can't remember all the Google tricks you've heard for genealogy searching? Want to learn some things you probably had no idea Google could do? The Easy Genealogy Google Searcher puts advanced Google features on one page with suggested keywords and advice about how each feature is useful for genealogy searches.
- c. For more information on how Google Advanced Search syntax is being used on this page- [link](#)

2. Google Maps - Tricks & Tips from around the web-

