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1. **For all teachers and administrators:** Have you heard of the EPIC eBook of Web Tools and Apps? This [free, crowdsourced guide by educators, for educators](#) was created and is managed by awesome educators all over the country. The site is an eBook for teachers, created using the [Book Creator App](#) (mentioned in previous newsletters), and it houses **so many great things for teachers:**

1. A clickable Index of web tools and Apps, alphabetized
2. A “squad” of teachers from around the country who help manage the eBook.
3. Content on great tools like [FlipGrid](#), [Kapwing](#), [Wakelet](#), [Novel Effect](#), and many others.



2. **For all teachers whose students could use a tutor:** The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) is offering free Tutor.com access. Tutor.com provides online, on-demand academic tutoring, homework help, and test preparation to kindergarten through 12th grade students, plus early college students and adult learners. Any library user can connect with a highly qualified, expert tutor in a safe and secure online classroom. Tutors are available in a variety of subjects and test prep areas from Noon – 10:00 pm, 7 days a week. Tutor.com also offers expert writing help, test prep resources from The Princeton Review® for the ACT®/SAT®, Advanced Placement (AP®) course videos, and so much more. Get started online today at www.acpl.info/tutor.



FYI: the student must have a working ACPL library card.

3. **For all K-6 art teachers:** Have you checked out Cassie Stephens’s Podcasts on teaching art? Wonderful, insightful podcast for elementary art teachers, especially teachers just starting out, touching on issues with art classroom management, organizing art supplies, lesson plans, etc. My wife, who is an art teacher, attended several seminars she gave last year, and really enjoyed them. [Check out the podcast here](#), and a **special thanks goes out to Missy Czaja for this one**. If you know of beneficial educational podcasts, please send a link to Keith Madsen for use in future newsletters.



4. **For all Staff: More from the IDOE’s Cybersecurity for Education Toolkit:**

- Routinely backup your computer data to drives, disks or the cloud regularly
- Don’t share computer access with strangers. Learn about file-sharing risks.
- Disconnect from the Internet when not in use.
- Check your security on a regular basis.
- Call HELPdesk (4357) if you believe your computer or files are infected or corrupted with a virus or malware and then do nothing further with the computer



Fun Technology Fact: Ever hung, mudded, or sanded drywall? I have, and the mudding and sanding is **awful**. THIS is why we need more students going into the field of robotics! Robotics company Canvas (NOT our LMS) has designed a robotic arm with sensors that automates the process of drywall installation, and once that process is perfected, hopes to develop the robot for painting and spray insulation. [Read More of the article here.](#)

