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The Wiki Prayer

- May I be granted
 The serenity to accept the pages I should not edit
 The courage to edit the pages I should
 And the wisdom to know the difference!
 - (Joyce Valenza)

- 80% of young people engage in networking
- 70% of that group is discussing education, learning on their own and doing it outside of school
 - This is the first technological shift driven by students (Will Richardson, 2008)

- Wiki means:
 - quick or superfast (Hawaiian)
 - could also be an acronym for
 " What I Know Is. . ."

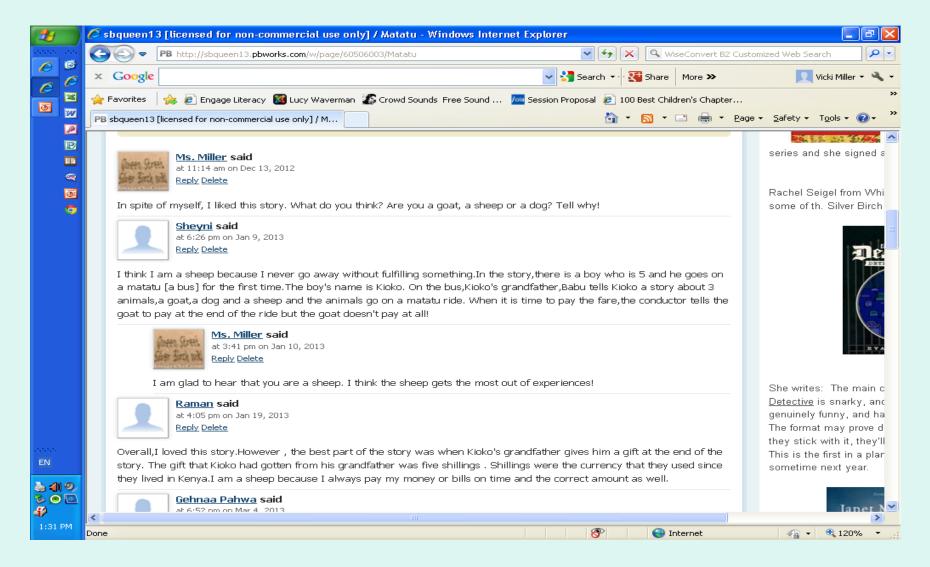
 An online tool to allow readers to talk about what they have read, their opinions and their questions.

Aims of a wiki:

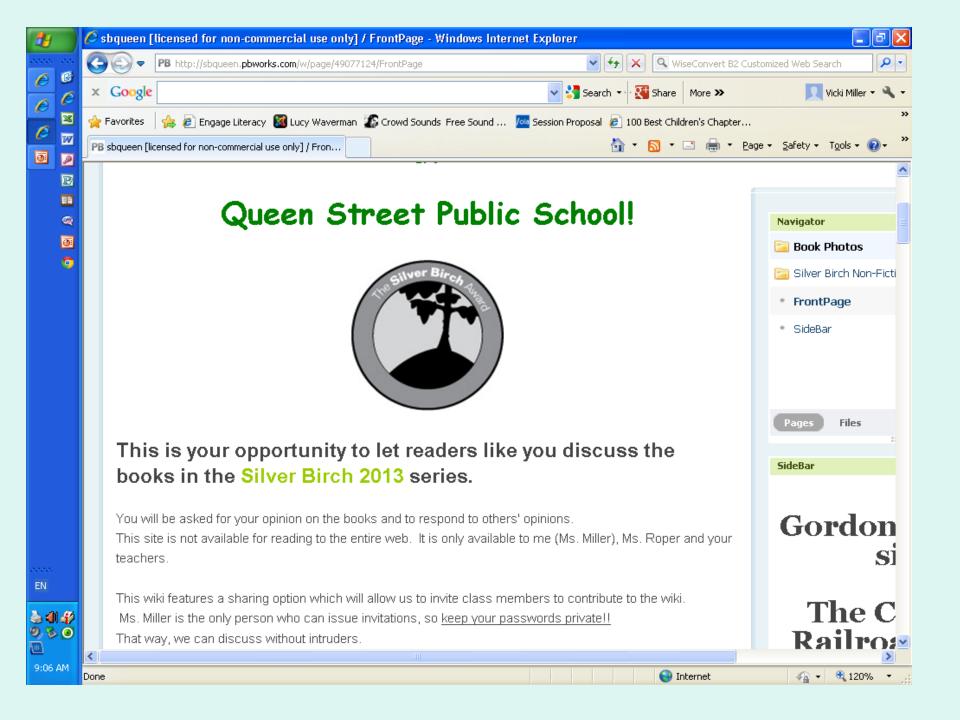
- For users to be educated, sophisticated owners of online spaces
- To grow networks of learning. Sharing is the fundamental building block for building connections and networks
- To create their own spaces
- To use networks effectively, ethically and safely

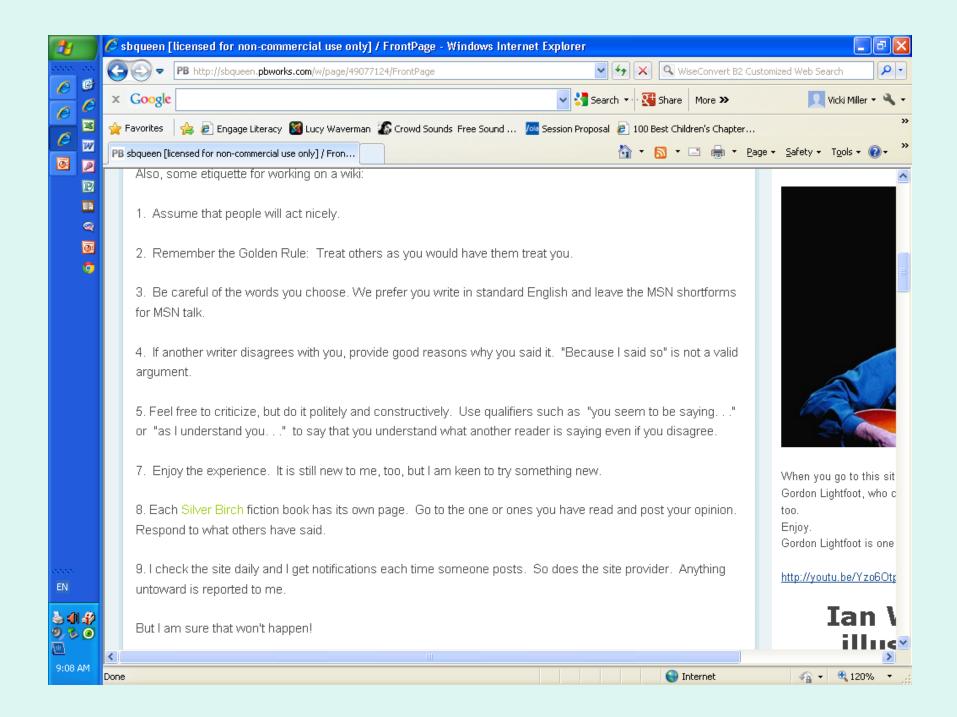
What is a wiki?

It is a collaborative website (www.pbworks.com)



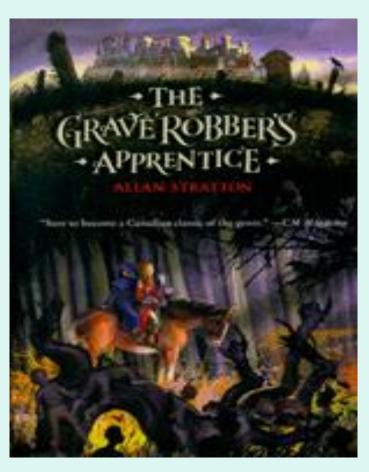
- It has registered visitors (safety first!)
 - only by invitation
 - my principal is involved
 - administrator of the site is in charge of the content (that is me!)
 - there are high expectations of civil behaviour





 The administrator of the site creates, edits and links the content

 It can be designed to incorporate critical thinking, collaboration, problem solving and communicating



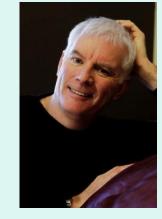
This is a lot of fun.
 Reminiscent of a
 Shakespearian comedy, it's a really charming adventure, filled with mistaken identity, treasure, a human circus, and dancing bears! It's completely irresistible!

(This is borrowed from the OLA site, where I have a membership that allows me to download book covers and annotations.)

- The Canadian Railroad Trilogy
- When you go to this site on YouTube, you will hear Gordon Lightfoot, who composed this song, singing it too.
- Enjoy.
- Gordon Lightfoot is one of our Canadian treasures!
- http://youtube/Yzo6Otpgj-E
- Ian Wallace illustrates

The Canadian Railroad Trilogy





The illustrator is Ian Wallace. This is his website. You will see many of the

- books he has illustrated. Some of them will be familiar to you.
- http://www.ian-wallace.com/gallery.html

- Open editing, knowing that publishing has a nobler goal than readership and that is engagement.
 - (Will Richardson)

Create their own avatar or symbol!





















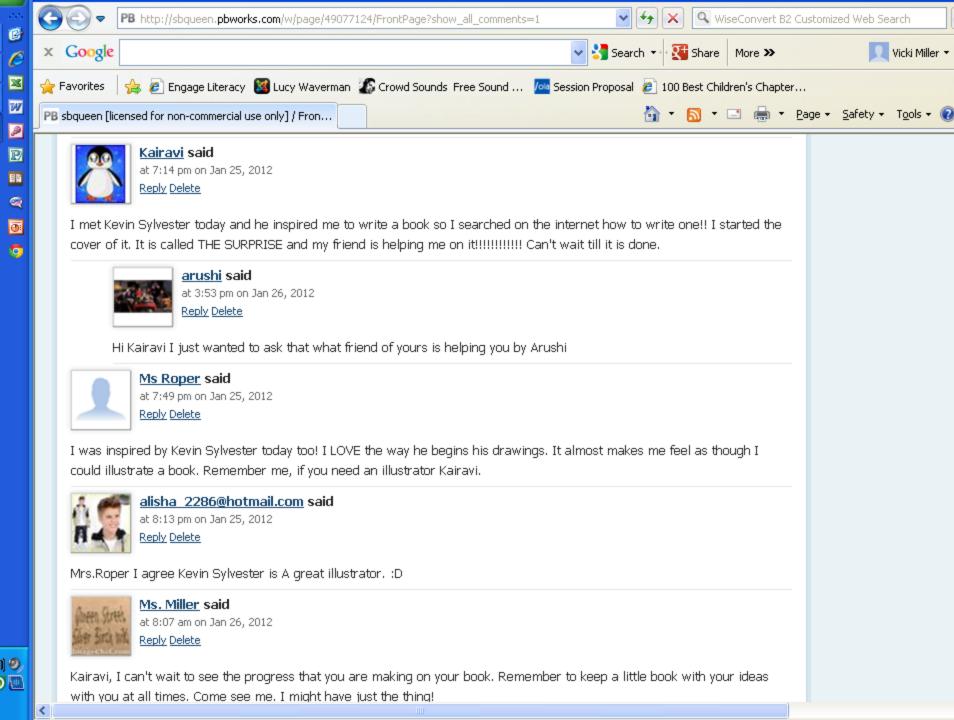




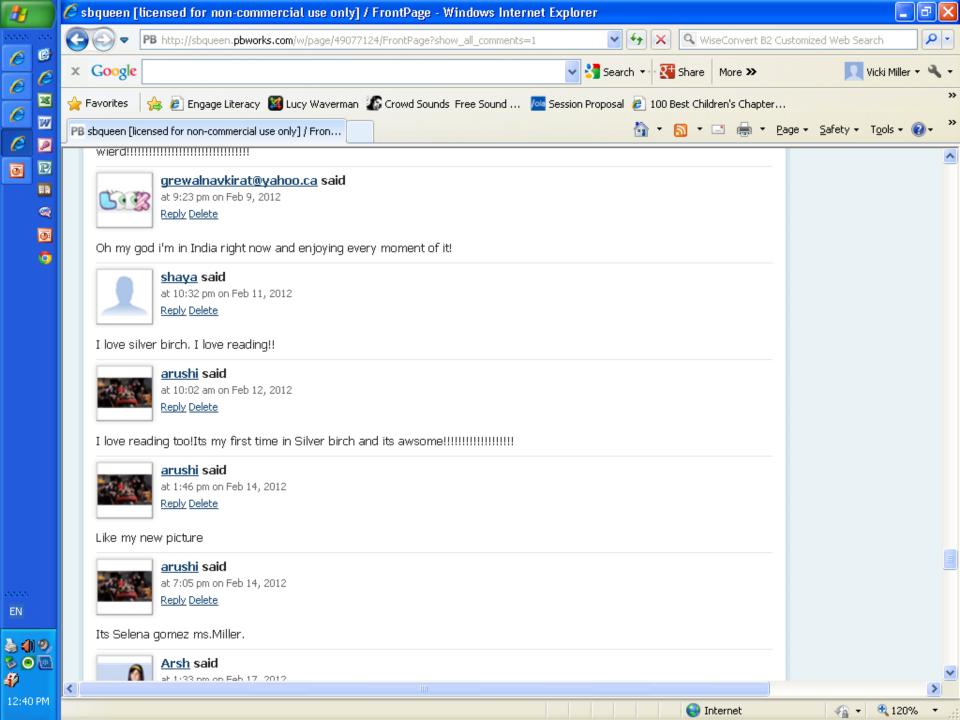








- It is evolving
- the wiki is in a constant state of change
- it is the energy and change that makes the wiki experience unique





Why have a wiki for a reading program?

- For students to own their learning
- To participate in discussion and the sharing of ideas in and out of school hours
- To participate in a learning community
- (so Ms. Miller does not have to mark book reports!)

And the winner is. . .

- An educated, sophisticated owner of online spaces
- A student knowing how to navigate the internet effectively and safely
- A student growing networks of learning
- A student who begins to think about creating their own spaces

















