

PBwiki Partner Program for Education

Who is PBwiki?

PBwiki (<http://pbwiki.com>) is the world's largest provider of hosted collaboration software for education. We host over 500,000 wikis and serve millions of users per month, including 200,000+ teachers and librarians.

PBwiki has been selected the best online wiki by the readers of TechCrunch and the 2008 Web 2.0 Awards. Computerworld named PBwiki one of the "Five free Web apps we can't live without."

What is a wiki?

A wiki is a Web site that multiple people can easily edit. The most famous wiki is Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, but wikis don't have to be publicly editable or visible.

Hundreds of thousands of teachers and librarians use PBwiki's secure, private wikis to drive collaborative learning in their classrooms and libraries.

PBwiki lets educators embed the tools they already use in a proven collaboration platform. Built-in plug-ins include video and Google Gadgets, and our HTML plug-in features allows the embedding of any web-based tool, including VoiceThread and Dipity.

What is the PBwiki Partner Program for Education?

PBwiki wants to make 2008-2009 the year of collaborative learning.

We know that budgets are going to be tight, and we don't want a lack of funds to deter educators from using collaborative technologies like wikis with their students.

To this end, PBwiki is giving each teacher or librarian who signs up as part of the program between August 18 and November 30, a free premium wiki (regular price: \$250/year). For example, if you sign up for a free wiki on November 1, you would receive a premium upgrade that lasts until October 31, 2009. Each fall, PBwiki plans to offer additional programs that will let teachers retain their premium status for free.

You can learn more about all the ways you can use a wiki in your classroom to enhance and support student learning over on our PBWiki Education page (<http://pbwiki.com/education.wiki>), or the PBwiki Educator Community (<http://educators.pbwiki.com>).

PBwiki will give each partner a special web page your members can visit to create a free, premium educational wiki. You can offer this as a special membership benefit to your teachers and librarians.

Once a teacher or librarian creates a wiki, he or she will also be eligible to participate in PBwiki's Back-To-School Challenge, which will offer a chance to win free school supplies and other prizes by sharing lesson plans, blogging, and offering tips on creating a collaborative classroom or library.

What's the difference between a free and a premium wiki?

PBwiki's Premium "Gold" wikis offer significantly more functionality than its free educator wikis:

Features	Free	Gold
Storage	10 MB	2 GB
Page and folder-level access controls	No	Yes
Customizable logo and colors	No	Yes
Full downloadable backups of all changes and revisions	No	Yes
Advertising free	Yes	Yes

Page and folder-level access controls are especially useful for creating private or semi-private student folders that one student can access but others cannot.

How can I participate?

Simply let us know, and we'll create a special web page to which you can send your members. Participation is completely free. Contact edupartners@pbwiki.com to participate.

We also plan to continue rolling out programs build around the "Year of Collaborative Learning" theme, and will be able to offer follow-on opportunities such as participating in a "Collaborative Teacher of the Year" awards program.

What benefits do we get for participating?

All of your members will be able to create a free, premium wiki (regular price: \$250/year). You can offer this as a special membership benefit. This offer is not available on our general Web site.

In addition, teachers and librarians who create public wikis can also list themselves in PBwiki's directory of educational PBwikis: <http://www.publicpbwikis.com/educational>

PBwiki will also list its partners on a special partner page that will be visible to the hundreds of thousands of educators who visit PBwiki each month.

Who can participate in the program?

All educators (K-12, homeschool, higher education) are eligible to create a free, premium educational wiki (regular price: \$250/year). This offer is not available on our general Web site.

Here is an example of one of the hundreds of thousands of wikis we already support:



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying a PBwiki page. The address bar shows the URL: <http://mryearling.pbwiki.com> - mryearling / FrontPage - Microsoft Internet Explorer. The page title is "FrontPage" and it was last edited by "yearlingb@..." 3 months, 1 week ago. The main content features the title "Of Mice and Men" in a large, blue, serif font, followed by a colorful illustration of a landscape with a river, trees, and two figures. Below the illustration, it says "by John Steinbeck" and "The Official American Literature Study Guide". There is also a "Visitor locations" map. The right sidebar contains a search box, a "Sidebar" menu, and a list of links: "FrontPage", "Character List", "Of Mice and Men: Chapter 1 Summary", "Of Mice and Men: Chapter 2 Summary", "Of Mice and Men: Chapter 3 Summary", "Of Mice and Men: Chapter 4 Summary", "Of Mice and Men: Chapter 5 Summary", "Of Mice and Men: Chapter 6 Summary", "Steinbeck Biography", "Content and Style of Steinbeck's Writing", "Important Quotes", "Symbols and Themes", "Info on Great Depression and Dust Bowl", and "Background of how and why travelers came to live and work on farms during Great depression". The top right corner shows the user "chris@chrisyeh.com" with "account" and "sign out" options. The top left corner has a "VIEW" tab and a "Page history" link.