It Came from Outer Space: Integrating Technology and Writing Across the K-3 Curriculum

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**Audience:** K-3 classroom teachers, library media specialists, technology integration specialist, special educators, and literacy specialists.

**Description:**
In this workshop we will look at several ways that apps and instruction can be used to foster the creation of original student work and the sharing of their wonderful ideas. Young students have great ideas about the world around them. Their understandings often surpass their physical and verbal abilities to express them. Educators can leverage a variety of tools to support students in expressing their big ideas about science, social studies, and literacy. We will also explore ways that technology can support a learning community within and beyond the classroom. While there are many apps that support creative expression, we will consider instructional uses of Book Creator (iPad app and web-based for Chrome browser), Tellagami (iPad app), Lego StoryVisualizer (iPad, Android), and Blogging through Blogger or Kidblog.

This workshop will specifically address:
- The benefits and challenges of using writing & storytelling apps in the elementary setting
- Best practices for sharing resources to leverage technology integration in K-3 classrooms
- How technology literacy projects support student collaboration to critically think and solve problems
- Math, science, and literacy integration to create and share original expressions

**Tech specifications:** Our school uses a combination of windows machines, Chromebooks, and iPads. The apps we will use in this workshop are primarily iPad or Chromebook compatible.

**Dates:** March 9, 2018
**Place:** Capitol Plaza ~ Montpelier, VT
**Cost:** $190 (lunch included)
**Time:** 8:30-3:30

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