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Teachers from around the country will be gathering in Washington, D.C., this weekend to get a crash course in using social media and other online educational tools in the classroom. The sixth annual Teachers Open House, hosted by The Newseum, will feature a Pennsylvania English teacher who until recently, knew little about Twitter, but uses it now to actively promote learning in her classroom. Annette Spahr told me in an interview that the social media tool has changed her life – and her students' lives. It totally changed the way her students read and reviewed "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," she told me. "My students are way up in the stratosphere using this material, and I really wanted to be able to use technology in the classroom to energize them," she said.

Spahr will impart the knowledge she gained about Twitter and other tools during a summer program at the news-focused Washington, D.C. museum at this weekend's event, aimed at helping other teachers incorporate Twitter assignments in their classes. Read more about Spahr's lesson plans and the event [here <http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=23a66cf496&e=d22ace373d>](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=23a66cf496&e=d22ace373d).

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<mailto:corinne.lestch@fedscoop.com>One Pennsylvania school district is thwarting possible distributed denial-of-service, or DDoS, attacks with help from two security companies. Council Rock School District in Bucks County has implemented solutions from Ziften, which focuses on endpoint detection and response, and Lancope, which specializes in network visibility. The services cost \$140,000 total. The tech director for the district, Matthew Frederickson, told me that a new hobby for many middle school boys is to trigger these attacks, which can force all the computers in a building to go down. "Last year, we had a couple middle school students try to boot a machine off of a Lenox USB drive and run an application that would create a DDoS attack," he said. "That would have

driven me nuts.” The services allow Frederickson to pinpoint exactly which computer the attack may be coming from. Read more [here](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=14bc97b761&e=d22ace373d) [<http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=14bc97b761&e=d22ace373d>](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=14bc97b761&e=d22ace373d).

NASA has had a busy week. Lost in the news that scientists discovered liquid water flows on Mars, signaling the possibility of life on the planet, was an announcement by agency officials that 27 organizations, museums and universities would be the recipients of \$42 million to expand science, planetary and astrophysics programs for kids. The agency is currently negotiating how much cash will be doled out to each entity, and the awards will be given by the end of the year. Read more about who was selected [here](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=8e40a279ac&e=d22ace373d) [<http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=8e40a279ac&e=d22ace373d>](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=8e40a279ac&e=d22ace373d).

The Association of American Publishers held its fall conference this week, and, as expected, much of it revolved around educational technology. [Mike Trucano](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=8ec2d510f2&e=d22ace373d) [<http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=8ec2d510f2&e=d22ace373d>](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=8ec2d510f2&e=d22ace373d), World Bank’s senior education & technology policy specialist, explained what’s going on in different edtech markets around the world – but the common thread was that the concept of a textbook is rapidly changing. A few key takeaways: partnerships between publishers and tech firms are increasingly important; the line between content delivery and devices or technologies on which content is used has become blurry; and [open educational resources](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=2476647da3&e=d22ace373d) [<http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=2476647da3&e=d22ace373d>](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=2476647da3&e=d22ace373d) is starting to have an impact on the creation and use of school materials.

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- [A London school has banned all technology](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=e6507cf75f&e=d22ace373d) [<http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=e6507cf75f&e=d22ace373d>](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=e6507cf75f&e=d22ace373d), The Telegraph
- [The LA school system’s \\$1.3 billion iPad fiasco comes to a sad end](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=7cb4c95df3&e=d22ace373d) [<http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=7cb4c95df3&e=d22ace373d>](http://statescoop.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ccc01e3bfaef269042232521&id=7cb4c95df3&e=d22ace373d), Gizmodo