Meet My New Roommate, Technology

As long as I can remember, technology has always been a part of my life. It has influenced and changed how I speak and how I communicate with others. But most importantly technology has changed the daily interaction right within my own household. More than ever technology in today’s world is effecting families in all sorts of ways. Since technology is used in all most every aspect of our daily lives, it’s hard to imagine life without it. Because of technology, communication between my parents, my siblings and me has changed. As well as daily tasks that we have done as a family throughout the years. I have also noticed there are things certain things technology cannot change no matter how much we are attached to our gadgets. The evolution of technology in last couple of years has been the reason why I have experienced such great memories with my friends and family.

Early Days

When I was a little girl there were no cell phones and tablets. If I wanted to play i was either going to play by myself or ask my older sisters. As I would get older communicate with my family change. Before cell phones if my mother told me to relate a message to my sister

As well as how my parent to whether it’s especially between my parents and my siblings and I was think Technology I think I did a better job interacting with my friends and family when I was little girl. My siblings and I are a different generation than my parents,

My mother always told me I began speaking right away because I always had people around me communicating with me all the time. Because I had so many sisters I was always watching them and wanting to talk and that’s where I began expressing myself verbally.

- I have to credit my mother who taught me how to read and write. She taught me before I actually began pre-k, so when I did attended school I already knew certain things. She also taught to me good penmanship. When it came to learning how to read, my mother used a book she taught all my sisters and myself had to read. I remember it was about different people and the different occupations they had. My dad always brought home Highlight magazines which I enjoyed because I drew pictures, I solve word problems, and I had to find hidden objects in a picture. My parents believed in teaching from an early age and they were very involved with my reading.

Technologies

-The earliest technologies I remember seeing or using were things my parents own. My father had a type writer. I remember it being heavy every time someone wanted to use it and place it on the table. I also remember my father having a projector with the small white edge square slides. My mother had an old fashion beige rotary dial style telephone. In which I loved and I was always playing with. My parents also had turntable in which I played their 33 & 45 records. My sister had a television with two dials, and that made a clicking sound every time you turned it on. My sisters had a Polaroid camera and cassette tapes.

-During my childhood I always watched educational shows like Sesame Street or regular cartoons. I remember my dad always watching the news which at the time I hated because he would stop me from watching the Disney films which I had on VHS tapes. I remembered when I had a day off from school I would watch the Price is Right and soap operas because of my mother. Television created a bonding experience between my mom and sisters. (EXPAND)

-Music has played a major role in my life. My love of music comes from my family. Being that everyone is from a different generation, when I came along I basically was like a sponge and soak up all the genres everyone in my house like to listen to. For my parents it was “Oldies” and jazz, my sisters it was 1980s pop & hip –hop and in addition to what I grew up listening to. Technology has played a major in music in how it’s created as well as how its listened to. I been exposed to records, eight-track, cassette tape, CDs, mp3s, IPod, streaming. Because I listened to all kinds of music I’m that person you hear saying, “That’s my songs” and I said that line for the last 50 songs. On the weekends I would start playing my parents records and before you know it everyone has gravitated to the living room and the entire family is laughing eating and talking and reminiscing about people and things gone by. Childhood stories being told by my sisters. Next thing I knew its 5 o’clock in the morning and I’m still playing records.

Technology has always improved on old ideas, and is constantly changing. Sign of the times is why everyone in the world went from using analog technologies to digital. Society is always advertising the latest thing it’s something that’s been for decades since the idea advisement came about. There is always a problem in Analog technologies that digital technology can fix, it’s only considered analog technology because something new and improved was invented. Every technology made has a shelf life, that’s why technology is always expanding. Technology is like a small snowball and when you roll it down and it becomes larger and larger. Digital technologies compared to analog technologies are made to be faster and made for easy use. Another thing about analog technology I am exposed to them because I have older family members who are different generation than me. Having older family I learn about how certain technologies were used and what not invented yet and how certain thing were. Example would be cassette and cassette players to CDs/CD players to mp3 to streaming. VS tapes to DVD to blu-ray disc to Netflix. Another example is physical hard copy tickets to digital tickets that are printable/barcode. Film cameras to disposable cameras to Digital cameras to cell phones.

Getting into Technology

I don’t remember the first time I used a computer but it had to been at home from my uncle who is very tech savvy, or I used a computer at school. I remember computer class in elementary school I learn the basic of on off, print, ctrl+alt+delete; I played educational math & reading games. Junior high school I had another computer class where I learned how to use Power point and use a floppy disk. Also in junior high we did problem solving games. I remember my aunt getting me my first computer. All I didn’t was type reports and made paintings on the paint program, I remember when my house I got the internet everyone was amazed and didn’t know exactly what to do. I remember the first things my sister looking up was a website about a film that was just released in the movie theaters. First time I seen and used a mac, one of my older sisters purchased one and it was he the famous bulky IMac g3 and she got it in the color blue. I also remember every time she turned it on I would hear the mac startup sound.

The technology I love the most is my sewing machine, a machine manufactured in the 1960s. I think about how much clothes people used to wear decades age and the seamstress who had to sew everything by hand. When I think about in that sense its mind blowing. People of high society had very intricate detailing when it came to their clothes. I also think about the large gowns women have worn throughout the years. The sewing machine is very convenient, it’s quicker and it sturdier then stitching by hand. On the other hand another technology I cannot stand sometimes is cell phones. Before cell phones were everywhere I never was a phone person and I’m still not. I hate the fact that I’m so accessible to people. There was a time where I running late for school and I forgot my phone. It was the best day ever. I will say that when you have a real emergency like being sick or you get stuck somewhere it is very convenient to call for help. Another incident I had with my phone I lost it in my house, but for some reason I could not find it. Everyone I knew were panicking more than I was. Honestly I didn’t even give it a second thought. Everyone took it upon themselves to search the entire house as if there were cops with a search warrant. My sisters and my friends would get angry and frustrated because they had to wait until the evening or the end of the day to tell me something. One of my sisters said to me it helped her realize how much they talk to me and much stuff they ask me to do. I use my phone to play games, read my news app, and to videos on YouTube I do love group text with my sisters because it’s fun just like when we are all together. My best friend is always yelling at me because I never pick up or take hours sometimes days to answer a text message. I love cameras, but I can’t stand digital pictures I love having a physical picture in the palm of my hand. I also feel like you lose out on creating a real photo album. One that is big and bulky and you have to dig in a corner of the house to find it

-When social media began, the hottest social network website was Myspace. I enjoyed it very much, I thought it was cool to create your very own website. There was nothing like it before and almost everyone in the world was on Myspace. I remember when Facebook was also new to the social media scene and college students were the only ones using it. After the decline in Myspace, I tried to be involved with Facebook, but Myspace made me lose all interest in social media. I discontinue all my accounts and I haven’t been on any social media since. Facebook became the top social media website then along came Instagram, Vine, Twitter, Snapchat and countless other. I still wasn’t interested. The only time I’m on social media, is when someone I know posts a picture that I’m in. Recently I did make a twitter account only because I was selected for a contest from an online clothing store I love to shop at. I didn’t win the contest and that was the end for me on Twitter. What I really don’t like about social media are the idea old classmates I haven’t seen in years wanting to reconnect. I had a great time through my school days, but I feel like unless I kept in contact from before I don’t have anything to say to you. I feel like that was a moment in time that came and went. I feel like trying to connect to someone you haven’t seen is weird you are a completely different person because of whatever experience you have gone through so I personally think it’s weird even if you’re just speaking only on the social media. Another thing I don’t like about social media is everyone believes everything they see on there even if its misinformation.