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Oswego Public Library
Public Computing Center



Introductory basic computer courses offered monthly

Job Club and Job Skills workshops

Advanced computer classes and digital media clubs

The Public Computing Center (PCC) at the Oswego Public Library is a BTOP (Broadband Technology Opportunity Program) grant-funded, FREE service available to everyone in the Oswego County community. The PCC lab hosts a variety of computer and career skills classes and open computer lab hours for individuals and small groups seeking free computer and career skills help.

Our lab provides 10 desktop computers for public use, a full-time Director and three part-time instructors to teach classes and deliver workshops, assist with filling out forms online, creating resumes and cover letters, conducting job searches, finding reliable information online and creating and accessing online accounts. The PCC also offers 15 laptop computers for use with larger groups in the library's Community Room.

Courses in basic computer and Internet skills are offered monthly, along with a rotating selection of one-time workshops on a variety of technology and small business related topics. Through the grant, the Library purchased videoconferencing equipment that is available for use by the public, small business, and for training library staff.

Basic Computer Classes



MATURE LIVING

RSVP
Lead With Experience

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

RSVP ORIENTATION
on
Tuesday, January 24, 2012
at the
Oswego Public Library
Community Room
10:00 am
Light refreshments served!

If you have ever asked yourself "What is there to do?" or thought about all you have accomplished and would like to share experiences with others, this session is for you. We welcome both prospective and current volunteers.

OSWEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY
PUBLIC COMPUTING CENTER
Free Courses and Workshops
~by Therese Sloszek

Make a New Year's resolution to learn something new. Enter the world of digital literacy in 2012 by taking a course at Oswego's Public Computing Center, located at 120 East 2nd St. in Oswego.

If you are not using a computer in your daily life, you are missing out! It's time to take advantage of everything that computer technology has to offer. For example, learning about social media, such as Email and Facebook, will help you communicate with your children, grandchildren, and other loved ones.

Using computers helps people feel less isolated because computers connect



OSWEGO



SERVING UP RECOGNITION

In November, the Oswego-Fulton Chamber of Commerce held an appreciation luncheon for both their mailing group and Tourist Center volunteers.

The mailing group processes the Chamber's monthly mailing, usually the last week of each month and is coordinated by Joan Reidy. To volunteer, call Joan at 343-8660.

The O'Mara Welcome Center is coordinated by Linda Dejo at Chamber headquarters. Call Linda at 343-7681 to sign up for next season and to be notified of the orientation which will take place this spring.

NOTICE

If you are currently receiving Mature Living in the mail.

Job Club & Job Skills Workshop

Held every Monday afternoon, Job Club offers instruction on creating resumes, writing cover letters and other job search communications, how to conduct a job search, interview tips, and practice interviews. In addition, Job Club participants use an online interactive application, Brainfuse JobNow. JobNow provides professional critiques of resumes and cover letters and provides practice interviews. Job Skills Workshops are offered to DOL's YouthWorks program participants at the Career OneStop office in Fulton, NY. Job seekers are given a free USB drive to save resumes and cover letters. Job Skills workshops: Putting Your Best Foot Forward, Leg Work, and Talk the Talk are taught two days a week by a trainer contracted with through Literacy Volunteers and Oswego County Opportunities.



Small Business & Entrepreneur Workshops

- Facebook for Small Business
- MS Word 2010
- MS Word for Small Business
- MS Excel 2010
- MS Publisher 2010
- MS PowerPoint 2010
- Craigslist
- Buying & Selling on EBay
- Blogging
- Linked In
- Webpage Design Using Wordpress Blogs
- Small Business One To One
- Google Sites
- Creating a Gmail Account

Advanced Computer Workshops

- Quicken
- Repairing Photos using Photoshop Elements
- Cloud Computing
- Downloading e-Books
- Kindle & Kindle Fire
- Creating & Editing Music Using Free Software
- Learning Languages Using Free Websites
- Mindmapping
- iPad Basics
- Dropbox
- Pinterest
- Digital Media Clubs for young adults & adults
- FAFSA
- Storing & Sharing Photos

Outreach

- **Fulton Public Library:** Intro to Computers and Internet Basics courses
- **Hannibal Free Library:** Intro to Computers and Internet Basics courses
- **E-Commerce Incubator:** Intro to Computers, Email Basics and MS Word
- **Career One-Stop YouthWorks in Fulton:** Job search workshops
- **RSVP Partnership:** Articles in Mature Living newsletter
- **LVOC Partnership:** Contract for delivery of Job Skills workshops
- **Oswego City Family Self Sufficiency Program Partnership:** Partnering to offer credit repair and money management workshops
- **Oswego County DSS Partnership:** Referring patrons to Job Skills workshops
- **GED/ABE:** Computer skills training offered to students

Video-Conferences

- Erie Canal, Oswego Canal and lighthouses
- Job Hunters Toolkit
- North Country Library System Library Staff Training



Hours:
 Mondays & Fridays 10-5
 Tuesdays-Thursday 10-8:30
 Saturdays 10:30-3:30