



April 2011



Public Computing Center



April 2011 Newsletter and Calendar of Events

“Providing educational and professional opportunities for our local community”.

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| <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> |
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| <p>4</p> <p><u>C & C Walk-In Hours</u> 1:00-4:00pm</p> | <p>5</p> <p><u>C & C Walk-In Hours</u> 12:00-1:30pm</p> <p><u>Home School Keyboarding</u> 2:00-3:30pm</p> | <p>6</p> <p><u>Computer Skills for Seniors</u> 10:00-11:30am</p> <p>(@Long Falls 2-3:30pm)</p> <p><u>Intro to MS Power Point</u> 5:00-6:30pm</p> | <p>7</p> <p><u>C & C Walk-In Hours</u> 12:00-1:30pm</p> <p><u>Movie Maker</u> 2:00-3:30pm</p> <p><u>Art Class</u> 4-5:30pm</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p><u>C & C Walk-In Hours</u> 12:00-4:00pm</p> <p><u>Basic Computer Skills</u> 5:00-6:30pm</p> | <p>12</p> <p><u>C & C Walk-In Hours</u> 12:00-1:30pm</p> <p><u>Home School Fairytale Webquest</u> 2:00-3:30pm</p> | <p>13</p> <p><u>Computer Skills for Seniors</u> 2:00-4:00pm</p> <p><u>Digital Scrapbooking</u> 5:00-6:30pm</p> | <p>14</p> <p><u>C & C Walk-In Hours</u> 12:00-1:30pm</p> <p><u>Internet Skills</u> 2:00-3:30pm</p> <p><u>Art Class</u> 4-5:30pm</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p><u>Public Computing Center Closed</u> Due to OBE Conference Sorry for the inconvenience.</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> <p><u>Computer Skills for Seniors</u> 10:00-11:30am</p> <p>(@Long Falls 2-3:30pm)</p> <p><u>Family Search</u> 4:30-5:30pm</p> | <p>21</p> <p><u>C & C Walk-In Hours</u> 12:00-1:30pm</p> <p>(@ DOL Watertown)</p> <p><u>Art Class</u> 4-5:30pm</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p><u>C & C Walk-In Hours</u> 1:00-4:00pm</p> | <p>26</p> <p><u>C & C Walk-In Hours</u> 12:00-1:30pm</p> <p><u>Home School Keyboarding</u> 2:00-3:30pm</p> | <p>27</p> <p><u>Computer Skills for Seniors</u> 2:00-4:00pm</p> <p><u>Intro to Skype</u> 5:00-6:30pm</p> | <p>28</p> <p><u>C & C Walk-In Hours</u> 12:00-1:30pm</p> <p><u>Intro to MS Word</u> 2:00-3:30pm</p> <p><u>Art Class</u> 4-5:30pm</p> |

Career and Computer Service Hours

Every Monday: 12:00-4:00
Every Tuesday & Thursday: 12:00-1:30
Except April 18th

Class Descriptions

Basic Computer Skills

This is the perfect class for the beginner! Topics discussed include basic desktop navigation, opening and closing programs, using the mouse, saving and searching for a file and other basic skills. This class is very user friendly with hands-on activities!

Introduction to Microsoft Word

This beginning class will cover the basics of MS Word such as formatting text, adjusting paragraphs, and inserting clip art. This is perfect for someone who wants create a resume, write a letter or even a grocery list.

Introduction to Movie Maker

Movie Maker is an easy tool for creating home movies, animated Mother's Day cards or even creating a scrapbook of your family tree. Come and check it out.

Introduction to Power Point

Beginning PowerPoint will teach you how to navigate through the ribbon, insert a text box, insert a picture and create a basic PowerPoint presentation. If you are interested in the Digital Scrapbooking class. This is a great introduction course for the software.

Internet Skills

This class will help get the most out of your experience on the World Wide Web. Participants will master the fundamental skills involved in intelligent web use.

Computer Skills for Seniors

This class is designed for seniors to learn computer basics, email, and internet navigation. Topics taught in this class vary week to week depending on class feedback. A one-hour open lab follows this class for an additional one-on-one learning experience.

Digital Scrapbooking

Do you like to create photo albums and scrapbook? If so, then you will love this class! We will use PowerPoint to create different scrapbooking pages and archive our family photos in a fun and creative way.

Introduction to Skype

Skype is an easy and free interactive software that allows you to stay in touch with your loved ones at home and abroad.

Art Classes

The are classes combine computer software and technology with hands on art projects to create a unique art experience for your child. This month's program focuses on Charcoal Still-Life Drawing.

Home School Program

Carthage Free Library offers a series of classes for Home School families. This month we will be offering basic keyboarding and word processing. Students will also have the option of completing a Fairytale Webquest. For course details, see the flyer.

Career and Computer Service Hours

If you cannot make a class and need assistance with either a software program, writing a resume, or just want to learn how to use your email account you can come in during our open lab time. We provide one-on-one assistance with whatever you need help with.

Family Search

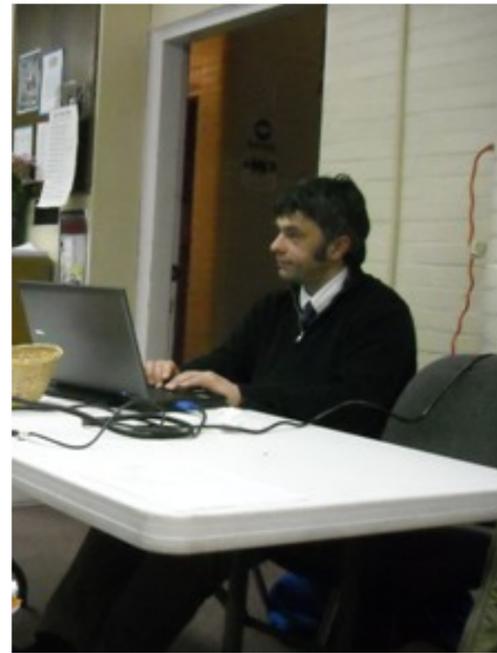
Will be taught by Pat Call, a genealogist from the Church of Latter Day Saints. *Family Search* gathers its' data from sources world wide. This is the perfect class for the genealogist or historian who wants to explore family roots.

PCC April Newsletter

PCC Looking for Roots: Genealogy Series

Did your ancestors fight in the Civil War? Were your great grandparents married in 1928 or 1929? Are you related to a former United States President? People are always looking for tidbits of information to add to their family tree or to share around the dinner table. The Carthage Free Library PCC was fortunate to have some of our local historians and genealogists teach classes at our Public Computing Center.

Photo: Mike Boyce teaching genealogy class.



Michael Boyce, a native of Carthage, began our series with *Your Name in Print: Find Your North Country Kinfolk*. Mike has been a genealogist for eleven years. Raised listening to his grandmother's life stories and having obtained a degree in journalism, Mike has actively sought to fill gaps in his family tree. He explains, "As a person with a tangled field of

North Country roots, the newspapers featured on nnyln.net, have sorted out a lot of loose ends for me." The Northern New York Library Network (nnyln.net) is an archival website of many North Country Newspapers. Mike utilized his expertise to teach students how to navigate the website and complete an in depth search for their local kinfolk online.

Local Historian Harold Sanderson, author of *Whispers from the Past*, taught a series of Excel Database classes. Harold graduated in 1990 with his MST in Public Policy and 19th Century History. Having collected a large amount of data on the Civil War and its' veterans, Harold compiled an extensive database and published his book. He is a firm believer of using, "statistical information to interpret history instead of reinterpreting what is already there." Utilizing his own Civil War database, Harold taught students how to catalog and manipulate data. The Excel Database class was the perfect tool for anyone who wanted to begin cataloging their family tree.

Lynn Thornton was appointed Town of Champion Historian five years ago. She also wrote the book *Around Carthage and West Carthage*. Utilizing her own Thornton Genealogy website on homestead.com and her family tree created using *Family Tree Maker* software, Lynn demonstrated how creative and interactive technology can make the family history experience. She also taught students how to use various search engines such as nnygenealogy.com, usgenet.org, and familytreemagazine.com to access local historical records and newspapers to research their ancestors, and download worksheets to help organize family data. "Each door or window that I can help open, brings someone else closer to answers about their roots."

On April 20 from 4:30-5:30, Pat Call, a genealogist expert from the Church of Latter Day Saints, will be teaching a class on *Family Search*. *Family Search* is a comprehensive network that gathers its genealogical data from a variety of sources and is world renown. Globally used by historians and genealogists, *Family Search* is a great class for someone searching for their ancestry abroad. This will be our final class in our first genealogy series. Please join us. To register please call (315) 493-2620.



Photo: Lynn Thornton teaching genealogy class.

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