



New Year = new hours, new courses at the Oswego Public Library's PCC!

January 10 Oswego, NY : The Public Computing Center (PCC) at the Oswego Public Library would like to announce **new open lab hours**, effective January 13, 2010. The PCC lab is open to anyone looking for individual or small group computer help. Our lab provides 10 computers for public use and an instructor to assist you with filling out forms online, creating a resume or cover letter, finding good information online, and creating & accessing online accounts. New PCC hours from January 13 through April 18, 2011 are: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays; and 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Yes, you read that correctly – the PCC will be open and staffed to help you with your computer questions even beyond the normal Oswego Public Library hours! If you arrive before the main library opens, please use the side entrance to access the lab. Note that instructors may not be available for individual help during PCC classes.

Several courses are underway at the Oswego Public Computing Center (PCC). Anyone can sign up for the FREE classes or suggest a future topic by phone or in person at the Oswego Public Library main desk: 120 E. Second St., Oswego, NY 13126 or 315.341.5867.

An **Introduction to the Digital Camera** workshop, taught by local photographer Jon Vermilye, will be held 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 22. Want to know more about your digital camera or how to try out those manual settings? Need to resize those photos so you can email or share them with family & friends? Call or stop by the library's main desk to sign up -- and don't forget to bring your camera!

Create a Holiday Card using Microsoft Publisher: Use desktop publishing software to create a Valentine, St. Patrick's Day, or Easter Card. This workshop runs at 2 p.m. on selected Saturdays. Call 341-5867 to enroll for one of our upcoming workshops: February 5 or 12, March 5 or 12, and April 9 or 16.

Need to **Fill Out Your FAFSA Online**? Want some help and support while you're tackling it? Visit the PCC for our monthly FAFSA help session, held at 2 p.m. selected Saturdays. Please call the library to get the list of documents you will need to bring to the workshop: to successfully apply for aid, you'll need your 2010 tax information and information on the school you plan to attend. Call 341-5867 to enroll for one of our upcoming workshops: January 29, February 26, March 26, or April 23.

Introduction to Computers, our basic computer skills class, is held every month from 10 a.m. to noon and every other month 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This basic skills course, which was developed through a partnership with the Literacy Volunteers of Oswego County, is designed for adults of all ages. The course begins by introducing students to the parts of the computer. Lessons include instruction and hands-on practice on many topics, including turning the computer on and off; using the mouse; using a word processor to type, save, print, and share information; and a look at the internet. Since the class is taught as a series, students should plan to attend all sessions of their course. Call 341-5867 to enroll for morning or evening sessions in February, or morning sessions in March.

Would you like to surf the internet more effectively? Want to connect with friends and family or fill out a form online? Join our **Internet Basics** course. In Internet Basics, we start by talking about what the internet is and how to connect to it. Other topics include creating favorites and changing your browser's homepage, filling out forms online, using a search engine, keeping your personal information safe and private, organizing your email, sharing photos and files, and more. Since the class is taught as a series, students should plan to attend all sessions of their course. Classes are held on rotating months at 2 - 4 p.m. or 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 341-5867 to enroll for afternoons in February or evenings in March.

Have a computer issue? Need some advice or help? Visit the Oswego PCC on 10 a.m. to noon Fridays for the **Computer Care Drop-in Workshop**. We will show you what equipment hooks where on your computer and review ways to keep your computer clean and healthy. After the presentation, students can ask any and all questions about taking care of their computers, hooking things up, and keeping computers in great working condition. Bring in your laptops, printers, or other devices for immediate help and advice. RSVP at the library desk, or drop in any Friday with questions and concerns.

Looking for a job? Want to brush up on your skills? The Literacy Volunteers of Oswego County will be holding a **Job Readiness** workshop series starting in March at the PCC. Topics will include matching your skills to potential jobs, reading & writing for the workplace, math for the workplace, communication skills, and searching for jobs. Call LVOC at 315.342.8839 for details or to sign up.

Coming soon: Oswego PCC instructors will be traveling to Fulton with their laptops to teach classes @ Fulton Public Library. Contact the Fulton Public Library at 592.5159 to add your name to the waiting list.



The PCC, funded through a grant filed by the New York State Library Development, a unit of the NYS Education Department, is part of the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Broadband Technology Opportunity Program. This grant, a total of \$244,517 received over 2 year period, will allow the Oswego Public Library to establish one of 30 state-of-the-art computer centers in New York State designed to increase public access to high speed broadband services.