

TLCUG Program Notes for January 2012

10+ FREE WAYS to Learn More about Computing

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PURPOSE: This Program covers some of the many methods that could be used to self-educate oneself on computer-related technology without cost or minimal cost.

The first 5 resources below are primarily available at the **Baxter County Library** and/or the Library's on-line website: <http://www.baxtercountylibrary.org>

Login to the library website and display the HOME screen, then proceed

[1] STRUCTURED HANDS-ON CLASSES

Click on **Adults** tab (at top) then find:

List of **Beginning Computer Classes** (4 classes repeated monthly)

New structured computer training – Oasis Connections

Intro to Computers

Intro to Internet

Using E-Mail

Privacy and Security Online

[2] VIDEO TRAINING

Click on **Additional Computer Resources** then find:

List of **VIDEO training software** available for MS Office

(includes Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook, Publisher, E-Mail, Internet)

[3] LIBRARY DATABASES

Click on **Online Databases** tab (at left) then find: need full pass number/id

Click on **Learning Express Library**

(you will need a another ID/pass to take advantage of this option)

[4] COMPUTER BOOKS

To get a list of the **Computer Books** available to read:

Click on **Search**, limit your search options, check a list of books, then save the list

[5] COMPUTER MAGAZINES

Library has 3 **Computer Magazines** subscriptions (in **RED** - can be checked out):

In addition, you can go to the internet for even more information.

Maximum PC	http://www.maximumpc.com/
PC World	http://www.pcworld.com/
Smart Computing	http://www.smartcomputing.com/
PC Magazine	http://www.pcmag.com/
Computer World	http://www.computerworld.com/
Laptop	http://www.laptopmag.com/
CNET (internet only)	http://cnettv.cnet.com/

The next 4 resources below are available on-line via the internet.

[6] MICROSOFT OFFICE ON-LINE TRAINING
(versions 2010 / 2007 / 2003)

Website: <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/training-FX101782702.aspx>

Access	Outlook	Publisher	>And Other Software
Excel	Power Point	Visio	>Can train on-line
One Note	Project	Word	>Can Download training

[7] GOODWILL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (GFC) ON-LINE TRAINING

Website: <http://www.gcflearnfree.org/>

Computer Basics	Social Media	MS Office
Internet Basics	Facebook	MS Access
E-mail Basics	Twitter	MS Excel
I-Pad2 Basics	Skype	MS PowerPoint
Windows	Internet Safety	MS Word

[8] YOUTUBE VIDEOS

website: <http://www.youtube.com>

EXAMPLE: HOW TO SETUP A WI-FI

Website: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgqKt7aRUaE>

WANT TO VIEW SHORT COMPUTER TRAINING TUTORIALS?

Website: <http://www.youtube.com>

Then enter your search criteria item in the YouTube SEARCH BOX
(for example: EXCEL TUTORIAL 2007 or SETUP A WI-FI)

[9] BEYOND COMPUTERS: Khan Academy

A revolution in world wide access to education - on the internet from home?

Imagine learning nearly any subject through college level (Math, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, History, Art, Astronomy, Finance, Economics and much more) from one website, one instructor all at your own pace. Being able to watch lectures, rewind, fast forward, and repeat at will and all of this being totally FREE. **That's Khan Academy.**

*Sal Kahn has vowed to do education differently. While most educational institutions charge \$\$\$\$\$, at Kahn Academy an education (even college level) is ALL free! Check out his Website, YouTube channel and **especially watch his interview.***

Imagine a world where a free education is available to everyone!!!

Website: <http://www.khanacademy.org/>

YouTube Channel: : <http://www.youtube.com/user/khanacademy>

DON'T MISS THIS: On the Khan Academy website, in the top search box, enter Tom Brokaw (enter) then click on this video: **Tom Brokaw interviews Sal at Education Nation 2011**

The next 2 resources are available within our local community and involve classes provided by educational institutions and community organizations.

[10] ASUMH CLASSES (not free / most are \$99)

On-line courses (hundreds available)

Website: <http://www.ed2go.com/asumh>

Examples of MS Office Courses:

MS Access	2003/2007/2010	Introduction & Intermediate
MS Excel	2003/2007/2010	Introduction & Intermediate
MS Word	2003/2007/2010	Introduction & Intermediate & Advanced
MS Outlook	2007/2010	Introduction & Intermediate
MS Project	2007	Introduction & Intermediate
MS Publisher	2007	Introduction & Intermediate
MS PowerPoint	2007/2010	Introduction & Intermediate

CLASS @ ASUMH: Understanding Computer Security Essentials

Concepts & principles of security; threats & risks; hackers; security devices
Feb 6, 2010 to Mar 12, 2012 (6 weeks) 6:00 – 7:30 PM \$49

Contact: Shirley Graney-Bouchard @ 870-508-6106 for info/sign-up

Location: First National Hall; Floor 2 /Room 210

For more information email training@asumh.edu

New Class Coming up: Computers for Seniors (to be announced later)

Golden Agers (60+ yrs) <http://www.asumh.edu/admissions/golden-ager.dot>

Courses from the general ASUMH curriculum

No cost TUITION costs. However, all applicable fees are payable. This waiver is limited to regular semester credit courses, excluding business, industry, and community service classes, and applies only if the class has sufficient enrollment and space is available. Golden Age students must submit credentials before registering. And a formal application for admission is required.

[11] Twin Lakes Literacy Council

Learn basic computer skills with your own "computer tutor". Six free lessons to teach basic skills such as writing an email, saving a document, navigating the internet and filling out online job applications. Lessons will be conducted on computers at the literacy council. ***The tutor is unable to work on the student's personal computer or to go to the student's home.***

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