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The library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilites Act of 1990. Any individuals who require certain accommodations which would enable them to participate in library functions are requested to call the library at 708-423-7753 at least 5 working days prior to the function.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library Meetings

Tuesday, December 18 • 7-8pm
Tuesday, January 15 • 7-8pm
Tuesday, February 19 • 7-8pm

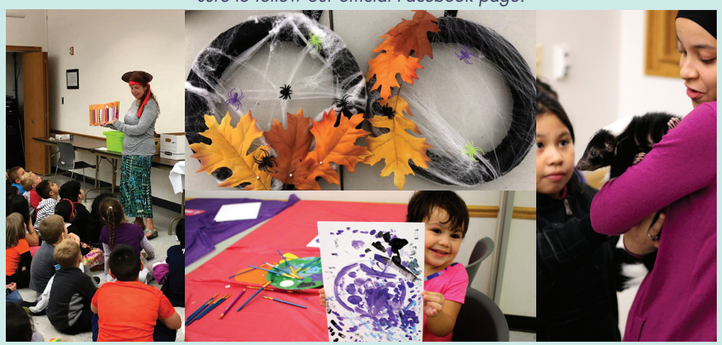
Attend our monthly meetings to help plan upcoming Friends of the Library events, fundraisers, and projects that support and improve the library and the community. D

One Day Only: Vinyl Record Sale!

Saturday, January 19 • all day

Come peruse the generous donation of vinyl records we've received this year! Find great deals on your old favorite albums, all while supporting the library. Cash only! D

Here's a snapshot of what we were up to this autumn! To see more photos like these, be sure to follow our official Facebook page!



Library Closings

Monday, December 24 - Closed
Tuesday, December 25 - Closed
Monday, December 31 - Closed
Tuesday, January 1 - Closed

Winter 2018/2019

LIBRARY LINES NEWSLETTER

Chicago Ridge Public Library

WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS TO THE CHICAGO AUTO SHOW!

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Want to meet a pro hockey player? Now's your chance!

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

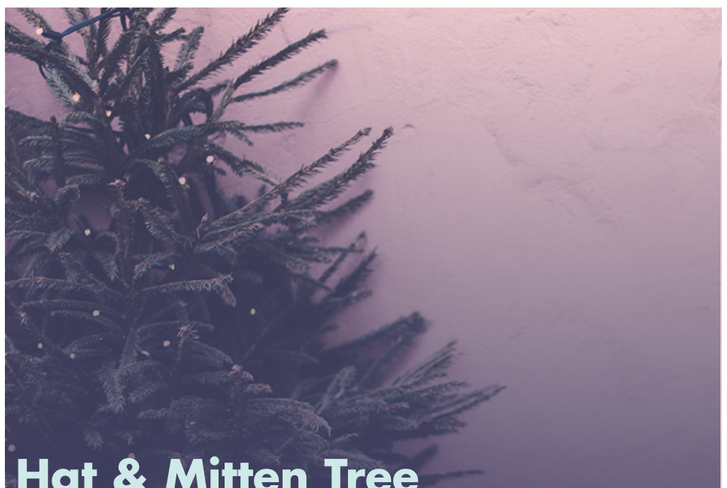
Chicago Ridge Public Library has been awarded two grants this year to bring innovative programming to young and old. For the fifth year in a row, we have received a **Project Next Generation** grant from the Illinois State Library to bring coding, robotics and more to students ages 10-18. This winter, students will learn how to build a computer and how to code with the Harry Potter Kano Coding Kit! For more Project Next Generation programs, information and dates, see page 10.

Also this winter, we are introducing **Senior Connections**, programs developed specifically for older adults within the community, funded in part by a generous grant from Age Options. Beginning in January, the library will host both informal programs for seniors to meet, eat and talk and formal programs, including a painting workshop. See page 4 to check out our upcoming Senior Connections programs.

Finally, if you are like me and can't think of anything better than curling up under a blanket with a good book during the cold and dark winter months, join our **Winter Reading** programs for readers of all ages and win prizes for doing what you love: reading!

Dana Wishnick

WHAT'S NEW?



Hat & Mitten Tree

December 1-31

Chicago Ridge Public Library will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for adults and children in need. Store-bought and handmade items are welcome! Stop by the library and place your donations on our hat and mitten trees during December.

HEADS UP!

Please take note of a small change made to our program entries. Programs which require registration are marked with an **R**, while drop-in programs are marked with a **D**. Registration for events contained within this newsletter will begin on **Saturday, December 1** unless indicated otherwise.

To register for our programs, you can:

1. Visit the library and ask a staff member to register you
2. Call us at 708-423-7753
3. Visit our website! http://chicagoridgelibrary.org

Thank you!

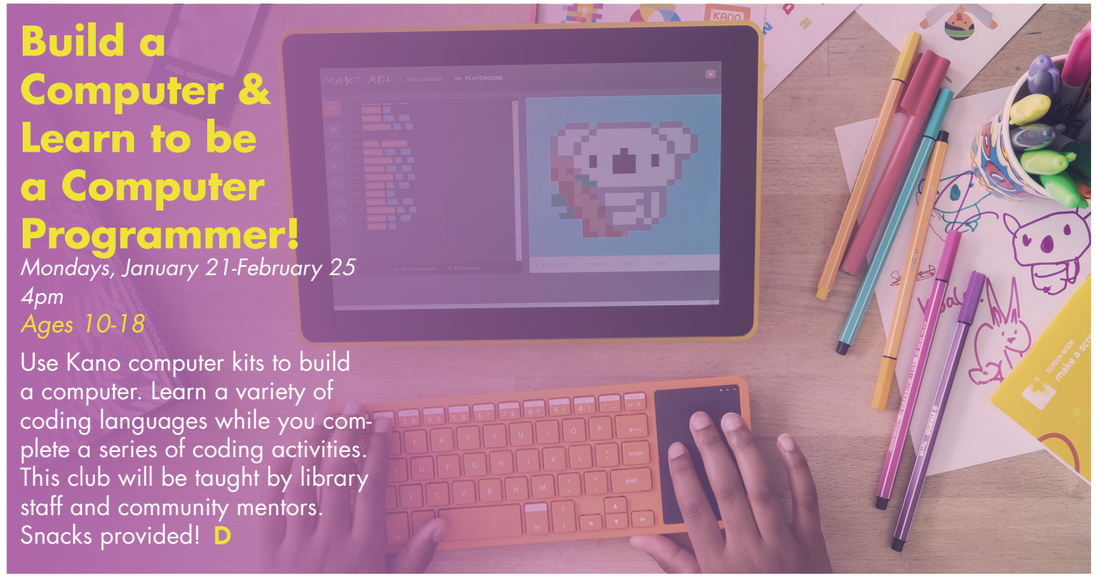
PROJECT NEXT GENERATION

Nintendo Switch Gaming

Mondays, December 3-17 • 4pm

Ages 10-18

Fishing, playing the piano, driving a car, or you as a robot! Get up and moving with the Nintendo Switch! **D**



Build a Computer & Learn to be a Computer Programmer!

Mondays, January 21-February 25

4pm

Ages 10-18

Use Kano computer kits to build a computer. Learn a variety of coding languages while you complete a series of coding activities. This club will be taught by library staff and community mentors. Snacks provided! **D**

Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

If you would like to be a mentor to our youth, please ask for more information at the Youth Services Desk. Our previous grants have earned "exemplary" status, meaning that our library is serving as a model for other libraries in the state of Illinois.

TEEN PROGRAMS

School Year Volunteens

Tuesdays • 5-8pm
Grades 6-12

During your Volunteen time, you will help prepare crafts, work with children during our Tuesday evening special programs, and use a digital camera to take pictures. To become a Volunteen, visit the library and fill out the application. Volunteen hours start December 4. **D**

Keeping Up With the Books

Mondays, January 14-February 25
6:30-8pm
Grades 6-12

This is a teen book club just for you! Drop in at one of the meetings to see what's going on and join our squad! Snacks provided! **D**

No Lines? Improvise!

Thursday, February 28 • 4-5pm
Grades 4-12

Tired of reading Shakespeare? Can't remember the next line? Experiment with improvisation in a whole new fun way. We'll provide the games and you'll provide imagination. Get creative with games such as Props, Random Lines, Scenes from a Hat, and much more! No need to stage fear, it's not Shakespeare. **D**

Snowman Pillows

Tuesdays, January 22-February 26 • 7-8pm
Grades 4-12

While it is frosty outside, come in the library to sew a festive snowman pillow using the library's sewing machines. You will learn how to do machine appliqués. All materials will be provided. Please plan on attending all 6 sessions in order to complete your pillow. **R**

DID YOU KNOW...

It's time for Winter Reading!

Adults:

Stop by the Adult Services desk to pick up your bookmark! Read five books to receive a stylish pen and a drawing entry for a $25 Amazon or Mariano's gift card. Earn another entry by reading an additional 5 books! Sign up starting January 7.

Youth:

READING IS A HOOT!

Check in once a week to receive a prize! Sign up starting January 14.

Our youth Winter Reading program is sponsored in part by the Chicago Wolves hockey team and their Read to Succeed program.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Big Band Pop Music of Christmas

Monday, December 3 • 7-8pm

Bandleader & pop music historian Steve Cooper presents a video & live music program of the great big bands, singers and pop music icons performing holiday music. Fascinating & humorous behind-the-scenes stories introduce each clip. And you'll find out the new favorite holiday song that is loved by all age groups! Featuring a short sing-a-long at the end with Steve and his magic trumpet. **R**

Cozy Winter Cottage: A Painting Workshop

Thursday, December 6 • 7-8pm

Northern lights soar above a cozy winter cottage nestled in a pine forest. Learn to use some basic watercolor pencil techniques like gradated washes, wet on wet, dry brush and more. Then create your own beautiful painting under the guidance of art teacher Christine Thornton. Beginners welcome! **R**

The Tim Wilsey Duo

Sunday, December 9 • 2-3pm

Join us as this dynamic musical duo performs the holiday standards in a variety of styles, from Latin and rock & roll to country and jazz. The joint will be jumping at this time of year! Light refreshments will be provided. **R**

Chicago Auto Show History

Monday, February 4 • 7-8pm

Auto historian M. J. Frumkin presents rare photos, film footage and sound recordings capturing the excitement and pageantry of the 110 Windy City Shows. The audience can enjoy bite size samples of freshly made Ryba Fudge, the official confection of the show since 1959. There will be chances to win pairs of tickets to the 111th Chicago Auto Show. **R**

Imagine the Possibilities - Image Renewal

Thursday, February 21 • 7-8pm

In this inspiring presentation, the audience is empowered with vital information on how to enhance their appearance. Includes style tips, wardrobe must-haves, skin care and youthful aging techniques, and a little history, too! **R**

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Chair Yoga

Tuesday, December 4 & 18 • 12-1pm
Tuesday, January 8 & 29 • 12-1pm
Tuesday, February 12 & 26 • 12-1pm

Yes, you can practice yoga while seated in a chair! The focus will be on simple movements designed to stretch and strengthen the whole body. **R**

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!

Tuesday, December 18 • 10-11am
Tuesday, January 22 • 10-11am
Tuesday, February 19 • 10-11am

Calling all rowdy bingo players! This is your time to shine. Prizes will be awarded to the game winners. Must be 18+ to play. **R**

Tasting Coffees from Around the World

Monday, January 21 • 7-8 pm

Enjoy samples while you compare coffees from each of the three major coffee-growing regions. Nicole Zimmerman will teach the difference between those coffees, talk about how to identify flavors, discuss brewing methods, and much more. **R**

It's a Hoot!

Tuesday night fun! • 6pm
All ages

January 15
Winter owl magnet craft **R**

January 22
Color a wooden owl sign **R**

January 29
Winter owl fleece pillow **R**

February 5
"Reading is a Hoot!" painted wooden owl **R**

February 12
Foam owl Valentine's Day craft with picture frame **R**

February 19
Owl pellets **R**

February 26
Paw Patrol party! - Grab your tool belts and buckle your seat belts as you dive head first into the world of Paw Patrol. Follow Ryder and the pups as they take you on an adventure of a lifetime! **R**

Music & Rhyme Wiggle Time

Tuesdays, January 15-February 26
11:30am-12pm
2-3 years

Stories, music, rhymes, art, and more! This fun, interactive program is designed for both the child and caretaker. **D**

Babies, Books, & Bubbles!

Thursdays, January 17-February 28 • 10-10:30am
Birth - 2 years

Introduce your baby to the library during this storytime. Babies up to 2 years and their caregivers can join us for bouncy stories, rhymes, and songs. **D**

Art at the Library

Wednesdays • 4-4:45pm
Grades K-8

January 16
Snowflake slime! **R**

January 23
Snowman painting! **R**

January 30
Snowstorm in a bottle! **R**

February 6
Paint an owl! **R**

February 13
Valentine's Day cookie decorating! **R**

February 20
Melted crayon art! **R**

February 27
DIY mosaic art! **R**

Music & Movement!

Wednesdays, January 16-February 27
6:30-7:15pm
3-5 years

Try out various musical instruments and enjoy different stories and rhymes each week during this interactive storytime! **D**

Drop-in Crafts

Thursdays, January 17-February 21
4-7pm
Grades 1-5

Stop by the library and enjoy a different craft each week. **D**

Homeschool Group

Friday, December 14 • 10am
Friday, January 11 • 10am
Friday, February 8 • 10am

Homeschool family meet and greet! Meet with other families in the community who are homeschooling their children and learn about resources that the library has to enhance your lessons. **D**

Lego Club

Saturdays, December 1-February 23
10am
Grades K-8

Use our Lego books to build a cool creation! We supply the Legos. **D**

YOUTH PROGRAMS

DECEMBER IS FOR...CHILLIN' AT THE LIBRARY!

Board Game Mondays
Mondays, December 3 - 17

Drop in any time on Mondays to play board games! **D**

Tuesdays at the Movies
Tuesdays, 6pm **D**

Movies, crafts & snacks!

December 4: *Incredibles 2*

December 11: *Hotel Transylvania 3*

December 18: *Polar Express*

Scavenger Hunt Wednesdays
Wednesdays, 6pm **D**

December 5: *Incredible* Scavenger Hunt

December 12: Owl Scavenger Hunt

December 19: Grinch Scavenger Hunt & Party!

Crafty Thursdays
Thursdays, all day **D**

December 6: Tissue paper and confetti!

December 13: Pompoms!

December 20: Foam shapes!

School's Out! Library's In!
Spend some of your winter break at the library!

Wednesday, December 26 • all day
Book Drawings - Each person will get five free drawing tickets. Put the tickets in the basket of the books that you want to try to win. Winners will be drawn at 4pm. **D**

Thursday, December 27 • all day
Super Smash Bros. Ultimate & Mario Kart 8 Battle! **D**

Friday, December 28 • all day
Jumbo Gaming **D**

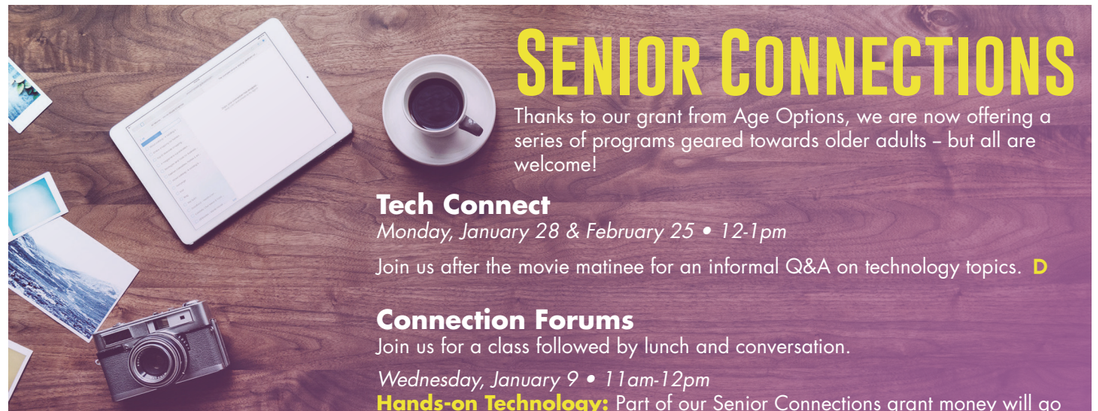
Wednesday, January 2 • 2pm
The Lego Movie - receive a small baggie of Legos to take home! **D**

Thursday, January 3 • all day
STEAM Thursday - try out some new technology! **D**

Friday, January 4 • all day
Jumbo Gaming **D**

Chicago Wolves Player Visit
Tuesday, February 5 • 4pm

Meet Dylan Coghlan from the Chicago Wolves hockey team. You can ask the hockey player questions, have your picture taken, get their autograph, and win prizes! One lucky participant will be chosen to try on all of the hockey gear. Player subject to change. **D**



SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Thanks to our grant from Age Options, we are now offering a series of programs geared towards older adults – but all are welcome!

Tech Connect
Monday, January 28 & February 25 • 12-1pm

Join us after the movie matinee for an informal Q&A on technology topics. **D**

Connection Forums
Join us for a class followed by lunch and conversation.

Wednesday, January 9 • 11am-12pm
Hands-on Technology: Part of our Senior Connections grant money will go to the purchase of technology specifically for use by older adults. Come give our new tech a try! Did you recently get a tablet as a gift? Feel free to bring it along. **R**

Wednesday, February 13• 10-11:30am
Tree of Life - A Painting Workshop: Come learn about the fascinating artist Gustav Klimt, and make your own painting inspired by his work. You will learn how to use metallic paint and colored pencils to create a beautiful tree of life on black paper for this fun, easy process. Beginners welcome! **R**

Connection Cafe
Meet at the library for coffee, pastries and informal conversation.

Friday, January 18 • 10-11am
Topic: New Year's resolutions **D**

Friday, February 15 • 10-11am
Topic: Careers **D**

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Books & Bagels
Wednesday, December 5 • 10am
Wednesday, January 2 • 10am
Wednesday, February 6 • 10am

Books & Bagels reads a wide variety of books, always available in large type format. **R**

BookTalk
Thursday, December 13 • 7pm
Thursday, January 10 • 7pm
Thursday, February 14 • 7pm

BookTalk reads popular fiction covering a range of topics. **R**

Classics
Wednesday, December 19 • 6:30pm
Wednesday, January 16 • 6:30pm
Wednesday, February 20 • 6:30pm

The Classics club reads books that have stood the test of time. **R**

KILLER THRILLERS
Monday, January 28 • 7pm
Monday, February 25 • 7pm

Horror and thriller lovers, join Lori for our newest book club. Not for the faint of heart! **R**

To get involved with our book clubs, contact our Adult Services staff. Audiobooks, ebooks and large type format are always made available when possible.

MOVIES

Movie Matinees
Mondays • 10am

Join us every Monday morning for a feature film screening! Feel free to bring your own snacks to enjoy during the film. Must be 18+ to attend. **D**

Lunch and a Movie
Friday, December 28 • 12pm
Friday, January 25 • 12pm*
Friday, February 22 • 12pm

What's better than a free movie? Free pizza and a movie! Join us once a month for a brand new blockbuster and lunch. Must be 18+ to attend. **R**

*January's film, *Crazy Rich Asians*, is a movie based on a book. Please join us after the screening to discuss and compare the book and the film. Copies of the book will be available at Adult Services while supplies last.

ADULT CRAFT PROGRAMS

Recurring Programs

Stampin' Up!
Saturday, December 1 • 10-11:30am
Saturday, January 5 • 10-11:30am
Saturday, February 2 • 10-11:30am

Make professional-looking hand-made cards and other creative projects with rubber stamping techniques! $10 fee for supplies, to be paid at time of class. R

Block of the Month
Sunday, December 16 • 1:30-3:30pm
Sunday, January 20 • 1:30-3:30pm
Sunday, February 17 • 1:30-3:30pm

Designed by textile artist Eileen Uchima exclusively for the Chicago Ridge Public Library Block of the Month program, this project is straightforward enough for newer quilters, yet with some fun tips and tricks to keep more experienced quilters interested. R

Saturday Sew-In
Saturday, December 22 • 9:30am-3pm
Saturday, January 26 • 9:30am-3pm
Saturday, February 23 • 9:30am-3pm

Come work on your latest project—quilting, knitting, stamping, sewing, etc.! Please bring a sack lunch or cash if you plan on ordering lunch. Sewing machines are available upon request. Please plan to work independently - there are no instructors present. R

FYI

Our craft and technology classes are low capacity and fill quickly. Please be sure to register on December 1 to secure your spot!

Holiday Beaded Charm Bracelet & Reindeer Earrings
Tuesday, December 4 • 10am
Tuesday, December 11 • 7pm

We will be adding a festive holiday touch to your jewelry collection this season with adorable reindeer earrings and a beaded holiday bracelet. Basic jewelry making techniques will be demonstrated in this project. All supplies provided. **Please only register for one class.** R

Stylish Holiday Clutch
Monday, December 17 • 6-8pm

Create a stylish clutch to be carried at all your holiday events! Basic sewing knowledge required. All supplies included. R

Holiday Paper Crafts
Saturday, December 8 • 10am-12pm

Come and enjoy a brief reprieve from the holiday rush! Join the providers of Stampin' Up to make a rosette ornament for the tree, some gift tags for the packages and two holiday cards to send some last minute notes. No experience required, no supply fee! R

DIY Marble Necklace
Monday, February 18 • 7-8pm

Join us in making a beaded marble necklace that has a fun modern twist. Basic jewelry techniques will be demonstrated. All supplies included. R

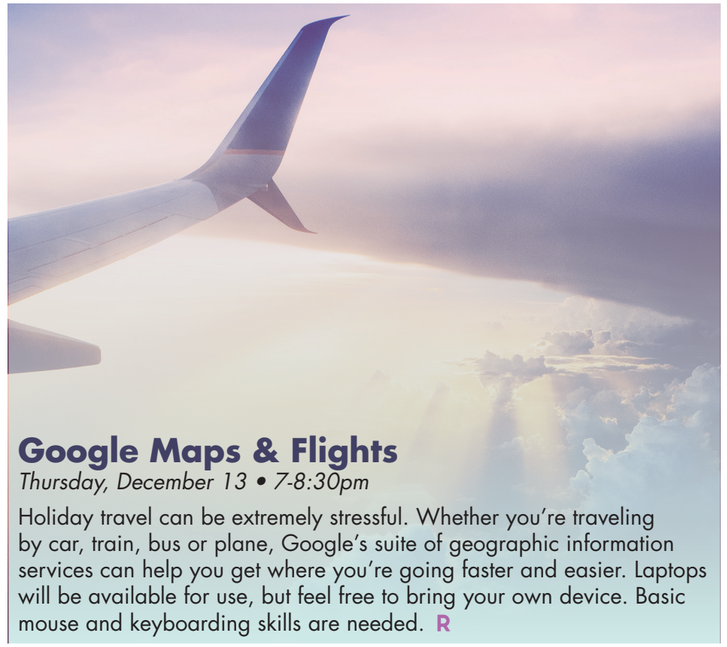
Lucky Elephant Bracelet
Monday, January 14 • 7-8pm
Tuesday, January 15 • 10-11am

Elephants are considered to be a sign of good luck. We will create stylish and lucky bracelets! Basic jewelry techniques will be demonstrated. All supplies included. **Please only register for one class.** R

Save the Date - St. Patrick's Day Wreath
Monday, March 4
Tuesday, March 5

Registration for our next wreath class will open on Friday, March 1.

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS



Google Maps & Flights
Thursday, December 13 • 7-8:30pm

Holiday travel can be extremely stressful. Whether you're traveling by car, train, bus or plane, Google's suite of geographic information services can help you get where you're going faster and easier. Laptops will be available for use, but feel free to bring your own device. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are needed. R

Online Search Strategies
Saturday, January 12 • 10-11:30am

The internet is a source of lots of important information, but many don't know how to access it. This class will teach you how to best utilize online search engines to find credible facts, figures and news. Laptops will be available for use, but feel free to bring your own device. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are needed. R

Microsoft Excel Essentials
Thursday, January 24 • 6:30-8:30pm

Did you know that the library has a subscription to Lynda.com? This class will utilize Lynda.com to teach students the very basics of Microsoft Excel and how to quickly enter data into a workbook. Students will utilize the library's laptops to complete the course. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are needed. R

Online Privacy & Avoiding Scams
Saturday, February 9 • 10-11:30am

Internet privacy and scams are often making the news these days. Come learn about your privacy rights, how to recognize potential scams, and keep yourself safe online. No experience needed! R

Intro to Cloud Storage
Thursday, February 28 • 7-8:30pm

Tired of accidentally deleting email attachments and losing flash drives? This course will teach students how to utilize cloud storage, on the computer as well as on mobile devices, to safely back up their files and photos. Both free and paid storage options will be discussed. Laptops will be available for use, but feel free to bring your own device. Basic mouse and keyboarding skills are needed. R

Recurring Programs

Typing Club
Wednesday, December 12 • 9:30-11:30am
Wednesday, January 16 • 9:30-11:30am
Wednesday, February 20 • 9:30-11:30am

When was the last time you took a typing class? Join Rhone once a month for this drop-in keyboarding workshop! Students will create and use a Typing.com account to track their progress. Don't have your own computer? Borrow one of our laptops! D

Technology Help Desk
Tuesdays, starting January 8
11am-1pm

Whether your questions are big or small, tough or simple, we're here to help! Bring your ereaders, smartphones, tablets and laptops to the Adult Services area for one-on-one troubleshooting and assistance. No appointment or registration required. D

BOOK A LIBRARIAN!

Do you need help with your computer, tablet, e-reader, digital camera, or smartphone? Do you need to brush up on your computer skills? Is there something you need help with in Microsoft Office, your email, the Internet, applying for jobs, or your resume? Give us a call and one of our technologically savvy staff members will be happy to work one-on-one with you! Call 708-423-7753 to book your appointment today!