



Teen Tech Tutors Connect Seniors to Technology

Brookfield seniors 55 and older who would like to know more about computers will be able to learn from the pros -- teens.

Teen Tech Tutors provides one-on-one assistance in learning to use a computer and navigate the Internet. The program is free and is made possible by a grant from the Illinois State Library.

It is a partnership among Brookfield Public Library, Riverside-Brookfield High School, Lyons Township High School and Aging Well of Brookfield.

The partner agencies are recruiting and training local high school students, as well as seniors who will be matched with a tutor for 10 weeks of individualized instruction.

Seniors and tutors will meet for an hour each week using a Senior Learner Manual with lessons in computer basics, email, Internet searching, Microsoft Word and more.

Session One is Jan. 7 to March 15, and Session Two is April 1 to June 8. Registration is underway for the first session.



Tutoring sessions will be:

Tuesdays & Thursdays --
7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesdays -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturdays -- 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information or to register, call the Reference Desk at 708/485-6917.

CHECK OUT COMPUTER CLASSES



Introduction to the Internet: Students in one of the library's computer classes learn how to use the Internet. See Page 2 for information and class schedules.

Downloadable Media Now Available

Starting Dec. 1, Brookfield Library patrons are able to access and download MP3 audiobooks, e-books, music and videos from MyMediaMall. More than 4,000 titles are available for immediate online checkout with your library card number.

To browse the collection and check out a digital title, go to the MyMediaMall link on the library webpage or ask at the Reference Desk for more information.

Register for classes and programs at 708/485-6917 or online at www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info.

Pay Fines and Fees Online With Ecommerce

Brookfield Public Library patrons can now pay fees and fines online from any computer with an Internet connection. This convenience is made possible by Ecommerce, an online payment service of SWAN, the shared catalog of more than 70 libraries in the Chicago area.

To use Ecommerce, go to the library website and click on the My SWAN Account link. You may also pay online using computers at any library that is part of SWAN, and pay all or part of the amount due.

There is no service fee for paying online. Payments may be made with Visa, Discover and MasterCard. Additional information and a brochure are available from the Circulation staff.

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Adult Programs and Events

Dec 9 Holiday Card Workshop- 2-4:30 pm.

It's the holiday season -- don't put your cards off until the last minute. Get into the holiday spirit by learning how to make your own unique holiday cards that your friends and family will enjoy. Register by December 5. Some craft supplies will be provided and participants may bring their own to share.

Dec 11 Film Discussion *Fraulein* (Switzerland) 6:30 p.m.

Dec 18 Holiday Film- *Joyeux Noel*- 6:30 p.m.

In the spirit of the holidays we'll be showing the foreign film *Joyeux Noel*, about soldiers during the First World War who agree to a one night truce in order to celebrate a peaceful holiday.

Jan 8- Film Discussion - *Dreams of Dust* (Burkina Faso) 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 15- Book Discussion *Wickett's Remedy* by Myla Goldberg 7 p.m.

Jan 21- Movie Matinee *Hairspray* (2007 John Waters film starring John Travolta and Michelle Pfeiffer) 1 p.m.

Jan 26 Local History Lecture Series with Chris Stach: Post-War & Baby Boomer Era Housing in Brookfield

Brookfield's Greatest Living Historian Chris Stach will talk about the history of the "Coronet Houses" built by the Coronet Construction Company after World War II. Is *YOUR* house a Coronet House? Come find out! 2-4 p.m.

Jan 27 Bring Your Own Craft Sunday

Unfinished craft projects cluttering up your house? Bring your craft projects (sewing, quilting, knitting, scrapbooking, etc) in to the library and spend a Sunday afternoon doing crafts. Join other crafters and enjoy each others' useful tips and good company. We'll provide refreshments and a sewing machine for small projects; you provide your craft! 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Jan 30 Music from Musicals & Movies with Eugene Kwok

Note: This program will be at Village Hall.
Pianist Eugene Kwok will perform from his extensive repertoire of songs featuring great music from Broadway and classic movies. 7-9 p.m.

Friends' A Taste of Brookfield and Book Sale Raise Funds for Library

The two fall events hosted by the Friends of the Library raised more than \$7,000 for the library.



Mason Maldonado, 8, checks out children's' books at the Fall Book Sale.

The second annual A Taste of Brookfield @ Your Library on Oct. 5 raised approximately \$6,000 through ticket sales and a silent auction. The amount is nearly double that raised a year ago.

The Nov. 3 Book Sale earned about \$1,200.

The Friends sponsor events to enhance the library as a community resource by raising funds for long-term investment.

Winter Reading Program: Warm Up to a Good Book



Beat those winter blues by participating in our first ever Winter Reading Program. Like our Summer Reading Program, the goal is five books in five weeks. So check out a few books from the library, grab a blanket and some hot cocoa and "Warm Up to a Good Book." Registration starts **Jan. 7**. Reporting starts Jan. 14 and ends Feb. 15. The end-of-program celebration will be Thursday, Feb. 21.

AARP Tax Assistance Coming Soon

Mark your calendars. Our AARP volunteers will return to the library in February and March to provide free tax preparation assistance for senior citizens. Sign-ups will begin in January.

Computer, Internet And Email Classes

Basic classes are scheduled for December and January. All classes are free. Register in person, by phone or online. Space is limited and registration continues until classes are full.

#1 Introduction to Computers: A 90-minute, hands-on introduction to personal computing.

Monday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8, 1 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m.

#2. Introduction to the Internet: A 90-minute, hands-on introduction to Internet basics. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse.

Monday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m.

#3. Email I & II: Start with Email I to learn how to sign up for an email account. Already have an account? Learn how to use it in Email II. Participants should have basic Internet knowledge and mouse skills.

Wednesday Dec. 12, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m.

#4. The Search: A 90-minute, hands-on introduction to web-based search engines. Participants should have basic Internet knowledge and mouse skills..

Saturday, Dec. 15, 1 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

Computer Q & A

Monday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.

If you've taken our basic computer classes and need extra practice time, this class is for you. Bring your questions to this hands-on open session and spend some quality time with the computers.

Your Library Online

Monday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.

Learn to use all the features of the library website in this hands-on workshop. From home, work or any web-connected computer, you can access full-text magazine articles and e-books, Instant Message a librarian for assistance, reserve books, search the catalogs of 77 area libraries, register for programs, reserve computer time and more.

Youth Services Department – December and January

Creative Kids Drop-In Crafts for the Holidays

Our popular all-ages drop-in craft program, Creative Kids, will feature holiday crafts on December 7, 8 and 9. Children of all ages are welcome to join us in the storytime room between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. No registration is necessary.

Christmas Eve Pajama Storytime

The Youth Services Department's annual family holiday party will feature a story teller, crafts, music, hot chocolate and Christmas cookies, and a special performance by the Pod Squad. This popular all-ages event is scheduled for Thursday evening, December 20 at 7 p.m.. Register in person, by phone or online starting December 3, and wear your best pajamas!

Young Adult Programs Continue Through December

AniManga Club members are so devoted that they wouldn't think of skipping a meeting just because of the holidays! We will continue to show the hottest animation directly from Japan on the first and third Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m.

Other Young Adult Programs in December: Pod Squad meets every Tuesday at 3:30p.m., **Late Night at the Library** returns for an evening of fun, games, and friendship on December 14 at 6 p.m., and we will hold an **Xbox After Hours** on Friday, December 28 from 5 to 9 p.m.. Please call the Youth Services staff for more information.

Winter Storytimes Resume in January

Come to Winter Storytimes at the Brookfield Public Library! We'll read some great picture books, sing songs, and learn some fun fingerplays. Our storytime goal is to help babies, toddlers and preschoolers learn to pay attention in a social setting for an extended period (roughly half an hour) while they make new friends and enjoy some wonderful stories from our collection.

Parents and caregivers are welcome in our **Baby and Toddler Storytimes**. During our **Preschool Storytimes**, parents are asked to wait in the library. Our evening **Family Storytime** is open to all ages, and always includes a great craft. Register in person, by phone or online beginning the week of January 7. You will be signing up for a series of 10 programs (10 weeks) and only need to register once.

Baby Storytime (6 months - 2 years with caregiver)	10 a.m. Wednesdays
Toddler Storytime (2-3 years with caregiver)	11 a.m. Wednesdays
Preschool Storytime (3-5 years)	1:30 p.m. Wednesdays or 10 a.m. Thursdays
Family Storytime	6:45 pm Wednesdays (all ages)

Questions?

Call the Youth Services Department at 485-6917, x140, for more information.

Wrap Up Your Semester With Tutor.com

Stuck on a tough homework assignment or need help with a final project? A professional tutor is only a click away. The Youth Services Department offers an exciting program for 4th to 12th grade students called Live Homework Help. Available every day from 2 to 10 pm, this program connects students to a real tutor for up to 20 minutes of live help. Brookfield Public Library cardholders can simply log on to the library's web site, enter their grade level and the subject they need help in, and they are instantly connected to an expert tutor. Students can receive help in math, science, social studies or English. Try it out at www.brookfield.lib.il.us/youth.

Creative Kids Drop-In Crafts

Our popular all-ages drop-in crafts program, Creative Kids, continues in the Youth Services Department during the first full weekend of every month. Join us in the storytime room on January 4-6, February 1-3, and March 7-9. No registration is necessary.

After-School Programs

Children ages 7-12 are invited to join us on the third Thursday of every month from 4-5:30 p.m. for Miss Becky's famous after-school programs. Each month she features a different author or series and highlights it with crafts, games, contests and hilarity. Register online or call the Youth Services Department to sign up.

The Quiltmakers

Learn the basics of quilting and create an artistic masterpiece. Ages 9 and up; adults are welcome. Second and Fourth Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. Open quilting on Sunday afternoons. Call the Youth Services Department for more information.

Young Adult Programs

AniManga Club – 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month, 4-6 p.m.
Late Night at the Library – Every 2nd Saturday, 6-9 p.m.
Young Adult Movie Night – Every 3rd Monday, 6:30-9 p.m.
Xbox After Hours – Every 4th Friday, 5-9 p.m.
The Pod Squad – Tuesdays from 3:30-5 p.m.
AniManga Drawing Class – Every 3rd Saturday, 2-3 p.m.

CAUTION: Readers at Work! Our 2008 Winter Reading Program

Get out your hard hats and your power tools this winter! The Youth Services Department is constructing a great reading program for kids from age 2 through 8th grade called CAUTION: Readers at Work!

Come to the Youth Services Department to get started, and we'll set reading goals for all our young construction workers and award weekly prizes for everyone who reports each week.

Kids who reach their reading goals will receive special prizes at the conclusion of the program. Registration starts the week of January 7; reporting starts the week of January 14, and the final week of the program will be March 17.



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We have recently received donations from:

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Apply by December 7 For Vacant Trustee Position

Any Brookfield resident is eligible for consideration for the Board of Library Trustees vacancy.

To apply, submit a brief resume and letter of interest including your vision for the library to Jonathan Platt, Board of Trustees, Brookfield Public Library, 3609 Grand Blvd., Brookfield, IL 60513.

Trustees serve without pay. The current vacant seat expires April 30, 2009. For information on Trustees' responsibilities, go to the library website, www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info, or call the library director at 708/485-6917.

Laptops Available for Use in Library

Do you want to use a computer or Internet workstation, but don't have time to wait for an available computer? Check out one of our popular laptops! Laptops are for library use only and can be checked out with a valid library card. See the circulation staff for more information.

Disability Accommodations

Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to observe and/or participate in library programs, or have questions regarding accessibility of programs, should call the library one week prior to the event.

Email Notification Available

The Circulation staff can notify you by e-mail that your holds have arrived and are ready to be picked up. Stop at the desk to give them your email address.

You will also be sent courtesy and overdue notices for library items you have checked out.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The Library will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Monday, Dec. 24
Tuesday, Dec. 25
Monday, Dec. 31
Tuesday, Jan. 1

Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Year's Eve
New Year's Day

