

Training Days


Stewart's Monthly Computer Training Newsletter

Will we ever get a break in the heat?

Howdy! Anyone notice that it's been **hot outside lately**? One solution—come cool down in our air conditioned lab, and learn a few new computer skills while you're there! We're coming to the last month of our new **Three Month Beginner's Boot Camp Course**, and I think it's been quite successful. If you're truly new to PCs, this course offers you the chance to pick up the basics of computers, Windows, the Internet, and E-Mail.

If you missed the class this summer, don't worry—we'll be offering another one starting in **September**, and going through the end of November—space is limited, so if you're interested, sign up today (classes will meet every Thursday from 10-12 AM).

We'll also be starting another **Three Month Course—Next Step**—a class for those that have learned the basics and want to continue to build their skills. In this course, we cover hot computer topics like **Social Networking**, streaming audio and video, cloud computing, and much more. Again, space is limited, so if you're interested sign up today. In August, we're also offering a couple one month courses—**Maintenance and Security and Intro to Windows/PCs**. In September, our one-month courses include **MS Excel and Digital Cameras and Picasa**—if you're interested in any of these, use the signup sheet in my lab to reserve your spot! Cheers—Derek



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August Tip:

The ins and outs of high-speed internet—it's important to note that not all high-speed internet is the same. High-speed internet comes in two main flavors—DSL (generally through your phone company) and Broadband (generally through your cable company).

These systems both have their advantages and disadvantages—but the main thing to remember is the speed they claim to offer (often 5 or 10 Mbps) is the highest possible *theoretical* speed you can achieve. A couple things can slow this down.

With DSL, one of the advantages is that no matter how many of your neighbors use the system, no matter what time of day it is, your speed should remain constant. Unfortunately, the further you are from the nearest substation, the slower that constant speed is going to be.

With Broadband, it doesn't really matter how far you are from the main station—on the other hand, the more of your neighbors who are currently using the system, the slower your speed will be—in other words, during peak use hours (generally in the evening), you'll notice a slower connection than during other times.

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Want to sign up for one of our free computer training seminars? Either contact *Derek Thompson* by phone (936-788-8314, ext 294) or email: derek.thompson@countylibrary.org