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We are your Chicagoland in-home and group tech tutors!

This catalog is just a starting point for planning your next adult technology education class.
Most classes last 1 to 1.5 hours, including discussion and basic troubleshooting.

TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

Artificial Intelligence: ChatGPT And Beyond

ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence products have seemingly arisen from nowhere and are taking the world by storm. We'll look at the most discussed AI tech and speculate on the future implications of AI on the workplace and society.

Your Smart Home

The future is now! Apple, Amazon, Google and others have released products to help make your home smarter. Learn what's available, what's around the bend and all the trends leading to "The Internet of Things".

Make AI Work For You

There are many options for generative AI websites and apps, from ChatGPT to Google Gemini to Apple Intelligence. This class will discuss all the best options as well as how to create prompts that will give you the answers that you need.

Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency

You can't read the news without seeing hype about Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. Is this the first wave of a cashless future or just an overhyped technology? One thing is for sure: there's a lot of money riding on its success.

ONLINE SAFETY AND PRIVACY

Be Safe Online

Gain practical tips on avoiding credit card and identity theft online by managing passwords, avoiding malware and viruses and showing online smarts.

Save it to the Cloud

Learn how to back up your documents, music and photos to online cloud solutions, many of which are cheap or free. We'll also show the basics of onsite backup and the 3-2-1 backup strategy. Useful for safety and sharing!

Password Safety

The first line of defense in online safety is practicing smart password habits. We'll show you how to create safe passwords and use password managers to make your online life easier.

Touch Grass: Tools for Healthy Screen Habits

Do you find that you can't go five minutes without looking at your screen? Learn simple, practical ways to use everyday tools, apps, settings and products to help you build a healthier relationships with your devices.

Stay Private Online

Worried about the types of information that's being collected by internet companies and advertisers as you surf the net? We'll tell you what you need to know to keep yourself hidden!

Facebook Privacy

There's a lot of confusion about exactly what types of personal information Facebook is sharing and with whom it is sharing it. This class will take a deep look into your Facebook settings and show you how you can stay as private as possible while still enjoying yourself.

Mobile Device Safety

Learn everything you need to know to keep the information on your Android or Apple phone or tablet safe from prying eyes. Location tracking, privacy settings, app settings and password safety will all be discussed

COMPUTERS, SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS

Mac Basics

New to Apple computers? We'll show you everything you need to know about using mail, surfing the web, keeping the computer updated and backed up and more!

iPhone and iPad Basics

Learn everything you need to know to get started with iPad or iPhone, from basic navigation to customization to handy tricks.

Android Basics

Get more comfortable with your Android tablet or phone as we demonstrate how to navigate, find apps and customize your device.

Buying a Computer

Feel lost at the computer store? This class will tell you everything you need to know in order to buy the right computer for your needs. From Macs to PCs and laptops to desktops, we'll tell you everything you need to look for.

Buying a Smartphone

Android or Apple? AT&T or Verizon? Samsung or HTC? Unlimited data? Decisions, decisions! We'll help you get to the bottom of the smartphone decision making process, by covering devices, providers and plans.

Computer Spring Cleaning

Is your computer out of control? We'll give you tips on getting rid of and organizing files so that your Mac or PC will run faster and more efficiently

Master Your Email

Learn everything you need to know about email, from setting it up, organizing it and moving to a new service, as well as many other tips and tricks.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram

Everyone loves sharing photos and videos, so it makes sense that Instagram has become one of the most popular social networks. This class will show you everything you need to know about getting started and having fun!

LinkedIn

Learn how to use the social networking site LinkedIn to connect with other professionals, find jobs and keep on top of business news.

Windows 11 Basics

We will show you everything you need to get started with Windows 11, including the Start menu, navigation and basic customization.

iPhone and iPad Advanced Tips and Tricks

Are you looking to get more out of your iPhone or iPad? This class will teach you all the tricks with Siri, settings, customization and more that will make your life easier and amaze your friends!

Google Apps for Android

Looking to move beyond the stock mail, photo, calendar and other apps on Android devices? Learn all about the features for the Google apps available to make your life easier!

Google Docs and Drive

You don't need to buy Microsoft Office to have access to quality Email, calendar, word processing, spreadsheet and slideshow software. Learn all about what you can do with access to free Google products.

Master Your Apple Watch

Learn everything that you never knew about your Apple Watch, from customization to health tracking and notifications to extending your phone's functionality to your wrist.

Digitize and Archive Your Photos

If you've got a collection of old photos sitting around you might consider making a digital copies. We'll show you how to scan them, clean them up and organize them.

Facebook

Learn the basics about how to use the most popular social network to stay in touch with friends, share photos and video, follow organizations and causes and more.

X, Threads and Bluesky

Twitter has rebranded as X, Meta has launched a competitor called Threads and Bluesky is an option as well. They all have many similarities but which one should you use? We'll help you decide!

APPS AND OTHER ONLINE FUN

Holiday Tech Gifts

Find out all the hottest gadget gifts available this holiday season. From smart home and smart phones to toys and oddities, we'll open people's eyes to lots of cool options for the family's (or their own) wish list!

Cut the Cable Cord

Amazon, Apple and Netflix offer just a few of the options available for people who are interested in cutting the cable cord. Find out all the best services as well as streaming devices like Roku and Apple TV.

Save Money Online

The thriftiest among us will appreciate being able to find all of the best options for discount shopping online, from coupons to price alerts to cost comparison sites.

Get An Education Online

Looking to learn a subject, topic or hobby online? MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) and other websites and apps enable you to take courses (including many college-level options) for free. This class will show you all the best options.

Manage Your Money Online

This class will show you the best website and app options for managing your stock portfolios, creating a budget, getting financial news and more. In keeping with the theme, most of them are budget-friendly or free.

Food and Wine Online

Oenophiles and gourmands rejoice - websites and apps related to cooking, dining out and imbibing abound! This class will show some of the best.

Build a Website

Learn how to prepare and launch a website using an easy-to-use publishing platform like Wix or Squarespace.

Sell Your Stuff Online

There are lots of great options for unloading your old possessions, from old faves like Ebay to newer places like Facebook Marketplace. We'll cover them all and offer selling and safety tips!

Share Photos Online

Learn everything you need to know about Apple Photos, Google Photos, Flickr and more of the top websites that make it easy for you to share all of your favorite photos with friends and family.

Listen to Music Online

There's no shortage of ways to get free or inexpensive access to music on your computer, phone or tablet. Learn about all of the best options for listening at home or on the go.

Plan Your Vacation Online

From cheap airfare to travel planners to useful travel apps, this class will show you the best ways to enable your computer to help you see the world!

Change Your Life Online

If you're trying to stay on top of your New Year's Resolutions then you'll want to learn about our top health, organization and learning apps that will help you become a new you!

Become a Google Master

You love Google for searching the internet but did you know that it has all kind of other gems available? Learn about making Google work for travel, mapping, news and more.



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