

TEACHING OLD DOGS NEW TRICKS

Tips for Keeping Up
with Technology





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Which kind of "dog" are you?

What Kind of Dog Am I?

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TAKE OUR QUIZ!

<http://bzfd.it/lgJZ6nU>

What kinds of

“dogs” are in

YOUR library?

Old dogs?



Young dogs?



Or
old dogs
with
young
minds?



"I WANT TO BE A YOUNG DOG!"

You can't, unless you already are one.

But you can think and act like one!





BUT HOW?

Be informed on
current tech trends
and products.

KEEP LEARNING:

INFORMALLY

Learn through activities that are not necessarily labeled as learning, but which contain a learning component



SET
PRIORITIES:

KEEP YOUR
EYE ON
THE BONE





ONLINE INFORMATION SOURCES

ORGANIZE!

Use some sort of feed to pull it all together. You can't visit all sites individually to see what's new.

Pull it all into one place (Flipboard, Paper.li, Feedly)

Save the best of the best (Evernote, Pocket)



OTHER
INFORMATION
SOURCES



SCHEDULE



KEEP LEARNING: FORMALLY

Happens in a "space" specifically designed for learning.

- Classroom
- Online (webinars or self-directed)
- May culminate in certificate or diploma



TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF OPPORTUNITIES
TO LEARN



But old dogs have
to WANT to
participate. They
can't hide from
change and
pretend no one
will notice.

ENTER THE eCAFE!

Based on the premise that even the most reluctant old dogs would join in if we offered:

- Tech training on interesting topics
- The chance to exchange ideas with other staff in a “formal” setting
- and FOOD

THE eCAFE PROGRAM

- Offered at different locations
- 1 hour long
- Breakfast or lunch (did we mention FOOD?)



THE eCAFE PROGRAM

- Involves ALL interested staff (even old dogs who aren't excited about new tricks)
- Scheduled every 4-6 weeks
- Requires little \$\$



Topics are suggested by staff and administration, and through a staff survey.



Do you consider yourself an expert when it comes to online searches? You'll find out in this workshop on Google Power Searching!

Learn new tips and tricks in the **Google Power Searching eCafe**. Bring your lunch. We'll have drinks, cookies, and lots of searching fun!



Join us for the next eCafe at LAN!

Researching Genealogy Online

Learn how to use the many genealogy resources available online. Some of the tools Jayme Besin, Government and Genealogy Research Services Librarian, will discuss are Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, military and immigration records, obituary databases, and vital records. She'll also talk about DNA testing - you won't want to miss this!



Do you consider yourself an underachiever when it comes to using Microsoft Excel? Would you like to learn how to create spreadsheets and use formulas like an expert (or at least an intermediate) user?

Join us at the next eCafe at the Hagen Ranch Road Branch

Microsoft Excel

Coffee, donuts, and lots of spreadsheet fun!

Who: All Library staff — led by Amanda Woolf
What: Learn tips and tricks to be an even better Power Searcher!
When: Thursday, October 23, 12:30 to 1:30 pm
Where: Main Library Boardroom, 3450 Summit Blvd, WPB
How: RSVP to lockee@pbclibrary.org EARLY — this eCafe has sold out twice before!

Who: ALL Library staff
What: Researching Genealogy (plus coffee and pastries)
When: Wednesday, September 24th, 8:30 to 9:30 am
Where: LAN, 4020 Lantana Road, Lake Worth, FL 33462
How: RSVP to lockee@pbclibrary.org

Who: ALL Library staff (presented by Michele Mvrcin, Jupiter Branch)
What: Microsoft Excel: the Basics and Beyond
When: Thursday, August 21st, 8:30 to 9:30 am
Where: HRR, 14350 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach
How: RSVP to lockee@pbclibrary.org

STAFF
LEARNED --
AND WE
LEARNED...



OLD DOG NEW TRICK

And did we
mention
FOOD?

Questions?

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