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Flagler County Public Library mobile tech, computer classes available

January 30, 2023 – Flagler County Public Library helps residents stay connected through a variety of free mobile technology and computer classes focused on teaching and improving the skills necessary to stay in touch remotely.

"We learned the value and necessity of staying connected with one another during the pandemic, and the way we interact has changed," said Chief of Special Projects and Library Director Holly Albanese. "We are happy to offer these classes to our residents because there now seems to be a universal expectation that everyone has some level of technical ability."

Assistant Library Director Joe Saloom teaches the classes that range from "Beginning Computer" and "Basic Internet" to "Using a Smartphone for Directions" and "Photography and Video," as well as a variety of classes in between.

"We have a lot of people who want to connect with their grandkids and share pictures on Instagram," Saloom said. "We also have classes for eBooks and eAudiobooks, and how to use smartphones to get directions."

Most classes are held 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, but there are some class offerings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

"Classes are typically limited to six, but we make allowances for couples because they can sit together," Saloom said. "We have a curriculum, but we encourage participants to bring questions."

Upcoming classes are listed below:
- February 1 – Microsoft Word
- February 8 – Basic Mobile Tech with Q&A (mobile tech)*
- March 1 – Basic Internet
- April 18 – eBooks and eAudiobooks (mobile tech)*
- April 25 – Photography and Video (mobile tech)*
- May 2 – Beginning Computer

- May 9 – Intermediate Computer
- May 23 – Using a Smartphone for Directions (mobile tech)*
- June 6 – Basic Internet
- June 20 – Basic Mobile Tech with Q&A (mobile tech)*
- June 27 – eBooks and eAudiobooks (mobile tech)*

*Bring devices as they are not provided by the Library.

Signup is required for the computer-based classes and may be done as early as one month before the class date. Participants must bring their own devices – smart phone or tablet – to the mobile tech classes, but advanced signup is not required.

Full class schedules with class descriptions are available at the Main Palm Coast Branch Library, 2500 Palm Coast Parkway N.W., or call 386-446-6763. Class dates and times are subject to change, so please call to confirm.

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