

2024

January

Take your first steps with the PNC Fairfax Connection.

A free resource center dedicated to helping the community learn and grow with classes, workshops, events and programs

Hours: Mon, Thurs & Fri • 10 am – 4 pm | Tues & Wed • 10 am – 7 pm | Sat • 10 am – 1 pm

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | 1 CLOSED New Year's Day | 2 Tech Time 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | 3 Anime & Manga Club 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Kids in the Kitchen 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Songwriting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm | 4 Creative Design – Basic 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Financial Empowerment for Young Adults 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm | 5 Building Blocks 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | 6 Basic Yoga 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Teen Tech Trailblazers: Discovering Design 11:30 am – 1:00 pm |
|  | 8 Reach Success 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Basic Computer Skills 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm | 9 TeaTime with Traci 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Connecting with the Community 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Computers 101 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Sustainable Art Workshop 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Book Club 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm | 10 Letting It Go: Embracing Peace & Change 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm The Piggy Bank Club 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Songwriting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm | 11 Creative Design – Basic 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Computers 101 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm | 12 Building Blocks 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | 13 Homebuyers Workshop 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Digital Music Production: Basic 10:00 am – 11:30 am Digital Recording & Engineering: Advanced 11:30 am – 1:00 pm |
|  | 15 CLOSED Martin Luther King Jr. Day | 16 Computers 101 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Sustainable Art Workshop 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Great Lakes Science Center Family Workshop 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm 2024 Vision Board Party 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm | 17 Kids in the Kitchen 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Young Artists of Fairfax 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Songwriting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm | 18 Creative Design – Basic 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Let's Talk: The Color Purple 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Computers 101 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm | 19 Building Blocks 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | 20 Digital Music Production: Basic 10:00 am – 11:30 am Digital Recording and Engineering 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Basic Yoga 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Teen Tech Trailblazers: Discovering Design 11:30 am – 1:00 pm |
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Workshop & Special Event Descriptions

2024 Vision Board Party: The best way to achieve your goals is to keep them top of mind so that you're always looking for ways to move yourself closer to them. A vision board is the perfect tool to help you do that. Learn to create vision boards with intention and purpose. Your board will serve as a simple tool to embody the future you want to create for yourself. Registration required.

Anime & Manga Club: Learn about the exciting world of Japanese animation (anime) and comic books (manga). We'll talk about our current favorites, watch anime and read manga! Whether you are a longtime enthusiast or taking your first step in exploring the genre, all are welcome. Ages 12 and up.

Basic Computer Skills: These days, it's important for everyone to have basic computer skills. Join this workshop to learn the basics, including creating a Gmail account, sending an email, basic word processing, how to search the internet, and more.

Basic Yoga: Yoga is a unique way of strengthening and toning the body. Join us with our partner My Village Yoga for Saturday yoga sessions at the PNC Fairfax Connection! Whether you are new to yoga or have taken classes, this is the best place for you to start.

Book Club: One of the pleasures of reading a good book is discussing it with others who have read it. Our Book Club provides a forum to rave about what you've just read or to debate participants' various reactions to the same book. Join us for your Connection to the literary world as we discuss our shared experiences of our selected book.

Building Blocks: This is a weekly program for children that features storytime, arts & crafts, music or an appearance by a PNC Grow Up Great® partner. Ages 3–6.

Computers 101: Join this 8-week program that will provide you with an introduction to laptops and desktops, understanding mobile apps, and safe internet navigation. This workshop is designed to help seniors and adults learn computer basics.

Connecting with the Community: Join us to hear about community events and prepare to share. All programs discussed must be open to the public, be nonpolitical and not require any experience to attend. This session will always commence directly after Tea-Time with Traci.

Creative Design: Join us and our partner Jamal "JayWorking" Collins to learn how to brand yourself using the art of graphic design. We will be discussing creative platforms such as Canva and Photoshop.

- **Basic:** An introduction to graphic design using the Canva platform.

Digital Music Production: Basic: Whether you're a budding musician or have a passion to create and record for a living, this class provides you access to and understanding of the software and tools you'll need to arrange your own masterpiece. Students will learn how to obtain professional-sounding results from a simple studio setup. Basic computer knowledge and registration required. Ages 13 and up.

Digital Recording & Engineering: Advanced: This is the next-level session for those who have already taken the Basic class. We will use the acquired skills to produce an entire song, including an audio recording. Registration required. Ages 13 and up.

Family Game Night: Bring your friends and family to the PNC Fairfax Connection and play one of the many board games we have available: Chess, Uno, Yahtzee, Clue and others. Fun board games for all ages!

Financial Empowerment for Young Adults: Students will learn to explore personal financial choices, make informed financial decisions, and consider what it means to be financially responsible. This month's theme is Saving Strategies.

Great Lakes Science Center Family Workshop: Bring your little ones and explore scientific thinking! This is a program for families with elementary-age children. Participants will use their senses to learn about our world through hands-on activities.

Homebuyers Workshop: Join PNC Bank for an exciting discussion that will provide insight into the homebuying experience. Learn about financing, the pre-approval process, unique lending products and special programs to make homeownership more affordable. Registration required.

Kids in the Kitchen: In this program, kids will learn how to make great-tasting and nutritious recipes. Our aspiring young chefs will follow recipes with guidance from a culinary expert. Come ready to eat and learn new recipes to take home for the whole family to enjoy!

Let's Talk: The Color Purple Step into the world of The Color Purple as we celebrate the 2023 movie release of this timeless classic. Join us for thought-provoking discussions and a trivia game that pays homage to both the original film and the fresh adaptation. It will be an unforgettable experience for moviegoers and fans alike.

Letting It Go: Embracing Peace & Change: This is a workshop designed to guide you through the transformative journey of releasing what no longer serves you. This course is tailored for individuals seeking to unburden themselves from past regrets, fears, and negative patterns that hinder personal growth and happiness.

The Piggy Bank Club: Calling all kids! Come learn about spending, sharing and saving money through fun activities and games. Ages 5–12.

Reach Success: Are you looking for individual support to increase your career and/or educational opportunities? The Reach Success team is resourceful and helpful in addressing barriers and allowing your personal goals to be reached. Specialties include tutoring, alternatives to GED, navigating college enrollments, employment opportunities, coaching and mentoring.

Robotics for the Family: Robotics and science isn't just for the kids! This program brings the whole family together, adults included! In this program, kids and adults will work together to complete an exciting project using engineering and scientific principles. We'll have fun doing hands-on activities while learning about science and technology. No experience required! All ages.

Songwriting: Join us to learn the fundamentals of songwriting and song construction. This course is for both aspiring and experienced songwriters. Participants will learn to apply the principles of songwriting, structure, concepts, melody and metaphors, and then produce their own compositions. Participants should plan to attend all four consecutive sessions.

Super Tax Day: Take advantage of FREE tax preparation at PNC Fairfax Connection, claim your Earned Income Tax Credit, and learn ways to better manage your money. Call 2-1-1 to schedule your appointment today!

Sustainable Art Workshop: Join local multimedia artist Ron Shelton to discover how plastic bags can be transformed from litter into beautiful visual art! Participants will learn techniques for weaving these bags and creating sustainable art pieces. All ages welcome.

Tea-Time with Traci: Bring your ideas and hear about upcoming workshops and events during this time to chat with Traci Mitchell, executive director of the PNC Fairfax Connection.

Tech Time: Our Digital Lab will be open with a staff member available to answer questions on any device or software programs used at the PNC Fairfax Connection.

Teen Tech Trailblazers: Discovering Design: Join us and our partner Jamal "JayWorking" Collins to discover graphic design using tools like Illustrator, Photoshop, and Canva. Our workshops go beyond graphic design, encompassing various skills like personal branding, fashion, video editing, and content creation, empowering students in a support and enjoyable learning environment. For youth in grades 5–12.

Teens in the Kitchen: Teens in the Kitchen is an extension of our Kids in the Kitchen program. Does your teenager like to cook? Are they interested in learning new skills? If so, this workshop is the perfect way to get them involved.

Young Artists of Fairfax: Explore your creative side through the arts! In this workshop, youth will learn how to create a variety of art projects and develop their skills in drawing, painting, sculpture and more.

First steps start here.

Call **216-391-4677** or visit pncfairfaxconnection.com/calendar for additional information and to register early as slots fill up quickly!

