

2024

# April

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
	<b>1</b> Reach Success 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Basic Computer Skills 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>2</b> Computers 101 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Book Club 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>3</b> The Piggy Bank Club 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Robotics on the Go 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Songwriting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Do It Like You're Big: Overcoming Fears & Understanding Business Lending 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	<b>4</b> BrandForge Experience: Personal Branding, Marketing and Social Media 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Getting Ready for the Eclipse 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Computers 101 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>5</b> Building Blocks 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Tech Time 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>6</b> Digital Music Recording & Production: Basic 10:00 am – 11:30 am Digital Recording & Engineering: Advanced 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Basic Yoga 11am – 12pm Teen Tech Trailblazers: Discovering Design 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Financial Empowerment for Young Adults 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
	<b>8</b> Reach Success 11:00 am – 2:00 pm 2024 Eclipse Party 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>9</b> Computers 101 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Kidz Korner 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Tacos with Traci 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Connecting with the Community 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>10</b> Kids in the Kitchen 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Paint & Party Workshop 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Robotics on the Go 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> BrandForge Experience: Personal Branding, Marketing and Social Media 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Eclipse of Transformation: Navigating Change 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Computers 101 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>12</b> Building Blocks 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Computer Skills: Beyond the Basics 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>13</b> Digital Music Recording & Production: Basic 10:00 am – 11:30 am Digital Recording & Engineering: Advanced 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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	<b>29</b> Reach Success 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Computer Skills: Beyond the Basics 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>30</b> Computers 101 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Speaker Series 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm				

# Workshop & Special Event Descriptions

**2024 Eclipse Party:** Experience the phenomenon of a solar eclipse with friends and family here at PNC Fairfax Connection. Witness the wonder of the moon passing in front of the sun. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime event!

**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 too. 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 reading *Before I Let Go* by Kennedy Ryan.

**BrandForge Experience: Personal Branding, Marketing & Social Media:** This 4-week series will provide participants with the tools and knowledge needed to create your own personal brand identity. Learn how to develop social media campaigns and promote your brand through graphic design.

**Building Blocks:** This is a weekly program for children that features story-time, 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.

**Computer Skills: Beyond the Basics:** We're going beyond the basics to learn intermediate-level computer skills! We'll explore topics such as using tools within Microsoft Office, advanced email skills and more. This workshop is designed for participants who already have foundational computer skills.

**Connecting through Conversations: April Hot Topics:** What world topics are being discussed this month — on the federal, state and local levels? Come prepared to discuss and defend your opinion on trending news stories that matter to you.

**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 Tacos with Traci.

**Digital Music Recording & 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.

**Do It Like You're Big:** This four-part series of masterclass workshops is designed for entrepreneurs who are small business owners wanting to produce big results.

- **Overcoming Fears & Understanding Business Lending:** Address fears related to business lending and gain an understanding of different business financing options.
- **Building Business Operations Expertise:** Identify key areas of business operations and develop practical strategies for improving efficiency in your business.
- **Strategic Goal Setting for Businesses:** Use a goal-setting framework to align your goals with a long-term vision. Learn how to create actionable steps toward achieving your strategic goals.
- **Leveraging Technology for Business Growth:** Develop strategies to integrate technological tools into your business to improve operations, sales and marketing.

**Eclipse of Transformation: Navigating Change with Clarity and Purpose:** As the celestial bodies align, "Eclipse of Transformation" offers a moment to align your life's goals with the universe's energy. Join us to learn how to use the powerful symbolism of an eclipse to clear out the old and bring in laser-focused intentions for the new.

**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 Using Credit Responsibly.

**Getting Ready for the Eclipse:** Don't just witness the total solar eclipse, fully experience it with "Get Ready for the Total Solar Eclipse." Gear up to understand the astronomy, the history and the transformative power of one of nature's most awe-inspiring events.

**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.

**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!

**Kidz Korner:** We'll have a space for kids to enjoy arts & crafts, books, games and more! Have fun and make new friends at the Kidz Korner.

**Paint & Party Workshop:** Unleash your inner artist and get your creative juices flowing! Our instructor will give step-by-step directions for creating your own masterpiece. Confirmed attendees will receive all the supplies needed so all you need to bring is your sense of creativity! Registration is required and limited. Ages 18 and up.

**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 on the Go:** Discover the fascinating world of science and technology! Youth will participate in activities that include building robots, designing structures, exploring STEM careers and more. Come have fun while engaging with project-based learning. For youth in grades 5–10.

**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.

**Speaker Series:** Each month promises to bring new knowledge from the very best of today's thought leaders. The Speaker Series has been carefully crafted to deliver a range of captivating and inspiring speakers — renowned entrepreneurs, community leaders and award-winning journalists. You will come away from each event with greater awareness and a broader understanding of new ideas. This month's speaker is renowned actress and author Sonia Manzano.

**Tacos 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 supportive 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.

**Writers Workshop:** This workshop is a sanctuary for the written word, where budding and experienced writers alike can hone their craft. Join us for this series of ongoing workshops where you will dive into creative writing exercises, peer reviews, and discussions on character development, plot structuring, and the joy of storytelling.

**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.

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