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Deschutes Public Library Newsletter

Like many of you I have watched in wonder at the dramatic downturn in our economy. I was discussing this with a friend recently, which got her thinking about what it was like for her growing up during the Great Depression. She described it not as a horrible time, but as a time of great inspiration as the citizens of Central Oregon did what they could to help one another. That tradition continues today as we see our community banding together. After facing our initial shock, we are dusting off our pants and asking what we can do to help.

For almost 100 years the Library has stood as a community resource for reading, information, and enrichment in Deschutes County. More people than ever before are walking through our doors. They are using their library to take computer classes, create resumes, surf the net, check out a great book or DVD, attend a story time with their children, attend a cultural program, or just relax and enjoy a respite from a hard day.

In this newsletter we will be highlighting the many resources we have available to help out in hard times. Several of you reading this are probably already familiar with our services. I encourage you to spread the word. If you know someone that is struggling, or could just use a good book, let them know about what you have found in your library!

Todd Dunkelberg

Computer Classes

Are you looking for a gentle introduction to the internet? Do you have a new computer and don't know how to use it? Does your boss want you to use spreadsheets but you don't know how? Is your family upset that they can't e-mail you? Well, the library is the perfect place to get started on developing your computer skills.

Almost all of the Deschutes Public Libraries offer beginning computer classes. The classes are hands-on and get you started on a number of topics, including e-mail, resume writing, creating simple budgets on a spreadsheet, searching the internet, and much more. The best part is that all of our classes are free!

New classes will be starting in May. The schedule of classes will be available mid-April. Check our calendar for listings (www.dpls.us/calendar) or call 617-7080 for more information. See you soon at your library!

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