

Engaging Adult Learners Through Technology

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Basic Activities – Computers

- Computer Basics Workshops at Northside Library
 - Mondays, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 - Led by UVa volunteers
 - Sponsored by Virginia Career Works
 - Registration not required
- Basic Computer Skills Curriculum
 - <http://spclc.org/curricula-resources/computer-curriculum#basic>
 - On this site you will find lesson modules covering basic computer skills developed by computer teachers* from Adult Basic Education programs.
 - Basic but also slightly outdated – much of the information is still relevant.
- Basic Computer Skills MOOC
 - <https://www.wisc-online.com/courses/computerskills>
 - In this course, each numbered section covers related computer skills divided into Learning Activities and concluded with a test. Begin the course by signing up or signing in to Wisc-Online using the links in the upper-right corner of the page.
 - Covers everything from using a mouse to protecting yourself online.
- Word Processing, New LVCA Class
 - LVCA is now offering a class for students interested in obtaining their Microsoft Word Specialist certification.
 - We hope to offer more Microsoft certifications in the future.
 - If your student is interested have them talk to Steven to be placed on an interest list for future classes.

Mobile Apps

- Duolingo
 - <https://www.duolingo.com/>
 - Duolingo is a freemium language-learning platform that includes a language-learning website and app, as well as a digital language proficiency assessment

exam. As of October 2018, the language-learning website and app offer 81 different language courses across 37 languages.

- USALearns
 - <https://www.usalearns.org/apps>
 - With the USA Learns English apps, you can use your phone, tablet or iPad to:
 - Watch videos from our popular 1st English course!
 - Practice listening to English vocabulary words.
 - Record your voice to practice speaking English and compare your voice to a native English speaker from the United States.
 - Improve your spoken English.
- Tiny Cards by Duolingo
 - <https://tinycards.duolingo.com/>
 - Tinycards by Duolingo is a fun flashcard app that helps you memorize anything for free, forever. Our bite-sized lessons are the best way to master anything from the Spanish language to the Periodic Table. Tinycards understands how you learn and reminds you when your memory is about to fade, so you'll never forget a thing.
- Grammar Up
 - <http://www.grammar-express.com/grammarup/>
 - Grammar Up is a multiple choice quiz system for English which provides over 1800 questions across 20 grammar categories. Grammar Up was designed to replicate questions with a business focus commonly found in the popular TOEIC (TM) English proficiency test. Grammar Up can help learners to improve their grammar, word selection and vocabulary.
- USCIS: Civics Test Study Tools
 - An official application of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), designed to help you study for the civics test portion of the naturalization interview.

Websites

- Search Engines
 - Google Chrome
 - Mozilla Firefox
 - Safari
 - Windows Edge/Internet Explorer
- Khan Academy
 - <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

- Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. We tackle math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more. Our math missions guide learners from kindergarten to calculus using state-of-the-art, adaptive technology that identifies strengths and learning gaps. We've also partnered with institutions like NASA, The Museum of Modern Art, The California Academy of Sciences, and MIT to offer specialized content.
- Wikipedia
 - <https://www.wikipedia.org/>
 - Wikipedia is a free online encyclopedia, created and edited by volunteers around the world and hosted by the Wikimedia Foundation.
- News For You Online
 - <https://www.newreaderspress.com/news-for-you-online>
 - LVCA's password is: 0C4FB2
- Voices of America
 - <https://learningenglish.voanews.com/>
 - Allows you to pick news stories based on English level. Bolds and defines vocabulary words.
- News in Levels
 - <https://www.newsinlevels.com/>
 - Also divides stories by levels. Has audio of the stories.
- Breaking News English
 - <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/>
 - While this site has a lot of ads, it does offer worksheets and activities to accompany the stories.
- Free Typing Games
 - <https://www.freetypinggame.net/play.asp>
- YouTube
 - <https://www.youtube.com/>
 - Enjoy the videos and music you love, upload original content, and share it all with friends, family, and the world on YouTube.
- Dave's ESL Café
 - <http://www.eslcafe.com/>
 - The Internet's Meeting Place for ESL/EFL Teachers and Students from Around the World.
- Jefferson-Madison Regional Library

- <https://jmrl.org/>
- <https://www.jmrl.org/on-ref-foreignlang.htm>
- Literacy Volunteers
 - <http://literacyforall.org/>

Virtual Fieldtrips

- Google Earth
 - <https://www.google.com/earth/>
 - Explore the far reaches of the world, right in your browser.
- Google Street View
 - <https://www.google.com/streetview/>
 - Explore world landmarks, discover natural wonders, and step inside locations such as museums, arenas, parks and transport hubs.
- Smithsonian
 - <https://naturalhistory2.si.edu/vt3/>
- The Louvre
 - <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>
- Sistine Chapel
 - <http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/cappella-sistina/tour-virtuale.html>
- Live Webcams
 - EarthCam
 - <https://www.earthcam.com/>
 - Find a Web cam for nearly any location or purpose with this online guide. Be sure to carefully preview this material to make certain that it's appropriate for your class.
 - Bald Eagle Nest: <https://www.dceaglecam.org/>
 - Safari Watering Hole: <https://explore.org/livecams/african-wildlife/african-safari-camera>

Podcasts

- Learning English Podcasts
 - <https://player.fm/featured/learning-english>
- BBC Learning English
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/>

- Voices of America
 - <https://learningenglish.voanews.com/podcasts>
- TEDTalks
 - <https://www.ted.com/>
 - TED is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or less).
- The Moth Radio Hour
 - <https://themoth.org/>
 - The Moth's mission is to promote the art and craft of storytelling and to honor and celebrate the diversity and commonality of human experience.
- This American Life
 - <https://www.thisamericanlife.org/>
 - This American Life is a weekly public radio program and podcast. Each week we choose a theme and put together different kinds of stories on that theme.