

2024

December

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
1 	2 Reach Success 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Basic Computer Skills 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	3 Computers 101 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm The Fairfax Chess Club 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Robotics on the Go 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Get Up & Groove: Family Line Dancing Night 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	4 Kids in the Kitchen 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Songwriting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	5 Side Hustle Studio 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Computers 101 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	6 CyberSafe: Digital Services 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Tech Help Clinic 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	7 Writers Workshop 10:00 am – 11:30 am Basic Yoga 10:30 am – 11:30 am Discovering Design 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
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Workshop & Special Event Descriptions

The Art of Crochet: Learn the fundamentals of crochet with local designer Sonseeahray McHenry, Head Designer of S.A.M. the Label. Participants will learn basic crochet stitches and how to read a crochet pattern while creating their own crocheted pieces.

Basic Computer Skills: Build essential digital skills! Learn to navigate your computer, browse the internet safely and use common software. Perfect for beginners.

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.

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: This 8-week program 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 basic computer skills.

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 non-political and not require any experience to attend. This session will commence directly after Dishin' It with Dan.

Creating Holiday Traditions: Have you ever wondered why you celebrate the holidays the way you do? In this workshop, we will explore the meaning of the holidays, discover new ways to celebrate, and develop a plan for giving your holidays the most fun and excitement that they deserve.

CyberSafe: Cyber Threats: Learn how to protect yourself online from common cyber threats and identity theft. This workshop will equip you with practical tips for recognizing, preventing and responding to attacks, helping you stay safe in today's digital world.

CyberSafe: Digital Services: Join us to explore how digital services, such as mobile banking and electronic health records, can enhance your life while keeping your information safe. Learn how these tools provide convenience and accessibility. We'll discuss how to protect your data, empowering you to navigate the digital landscape confidently.

Digital Music Production: Basic Skills: 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 is required. Ages 13 and up.

Digital Recording and Engineering: Advanced Skills: 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. Ages 13 and up.

Discovering Design: Join us and our partner Jamal "JayWorking" Collins to explore the world of graphic design through Canva, AI tools and branding.

Dishin' It with Dan: Bring your ideas and hear about upcoming workshops and events during this time to chat with Dan Roberson, executive director of the PNC Fairfax Connection.

The Fairfax Chess Club: The game of chess encourages players to think critically and improve concentration. Our instructors from Progress with Chess will teach you the fundamentals of the game and help you hone your skills. This program is designed to introduce youth to chess, but all ages are welcome.

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 Charge It Right.

Financial Friday: Join us for Financial Friday, where you get the exclusive opportunity to receive personalized financial tips one-to-one with a banker! Whether you're looking to boost your savings, plan or get budgeting advice, our experts are here to help you take control of your finances. Get ready to learn, ask questions and leave feeling empowered with new money skills!

Get Up & Groove: Family Line Dancing Night: Join us for a fun night of line dancing! Our instructor will teach you all the moves you need to get grooving and moving to the best hits. Bring the whole family down for a night of line dancing and movement at the Connection. No experience required. All ages welcome.

Holiday Cookie Decorating: Join us for a festive cookie-decorating session led by a professional baker! All ages welcome. Registration is required.

How Yoga Can Support Arthritis: This two-part series will inform and encourage mindful movement as complementary care for arthritis. Gentle range of motion movements will be experienced systematically through the joints. This series, led by an 800-hour-certified yoga therapist, will be accessible for all.

Introduction to Animation: Have you ever wanted to make your drawings come to life? We'll use computer science and coding to create our very own animations! It is highly recommended that participants have basic computer skills such as typing and sending an email.

Introduction to 3D Printing: Learn how 3D printers work and gain hands-on experience creating your own models. This beginner-friendly workshop will give you the skills to turn your ideas into real, tangible objects.

Kids in the Kitchen: Bring your aspiring young chefs and learn how to make great-tasting and nutritious recipes! Participants will follow recipes with guidance from a professional culinary expert. Come ready to eat and learn new recipes to take home for the whole family to enjoy!

New Year at Noon: Watch "the ball drop" at noon at PNC Fairfax Connection! Don't miss some fun family activities, sparkling grape juice and well wishes for a happy 2025. All ages welcome.

Paint & Party Workshop: During this workshop, we'll give you step-by-step instructions on how to create your own masterpiece. Your teacher will show you exactly what to do — you don't need anything other than a sense of creativity to join our paint party. Registration is required and limited. Confirmed attendees will receive all the supplies needed to follow along. 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.

Resume Workshop: In this workshop, learn how to create a polished, professional resume that highlights your unique skills and experience. We'll cover tips on formatting, powerful language and tailoring your resume for specific roles. Join us to make your resume stand out and catch the eye of hiring managers!

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.

Side Hustle Studio: This series will show students how to develop and enhance a design portfolio. Learn strategies to attract clients and promote yourself for freelancing opportunities.

Small Business Foundations: Designed for aspiring entrepreneurs and new business owners, this class covers the essential building blocks of success — from business planning and marketing to financial management and customer service. Learn practical skills, gain expert insights and connect with like-minded peers to set your business up for lasting success.

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.

Stepping into Kwanzaa: Step into the spirit of Kwanzaa with this vibrant class! Discover the rich traditions, values and celebrations of this joyful holiday as we explore the seven principles that unite communities. Through engaging activities, storytelling and hands-on experiences, you'll learn how to incorporate Kwanzaa's meaningful practices into your life. Join us for a celebration of culture, community and connection — everyone is welcome on this journey of discovery!

Tech Help Clinic: Join us for our Tech Help Clinic, where you can bring in your device for troubleshooting and personalized tech advice. Whether you need help with antivirus software, device optimization or any other tech-related issue, our knowledgeable team is here to assist. Appointment is required. Call to schedule an appointment.

Writers Workshop: Our instructor will give you strategies to craft new worlds and paint settings with words. Whether you're a novice novelist or a seasoned scribe, this workshop will expand your creative horizons and add depth to your literary landscapes.

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. This month's focus is Watercolor Pencils.

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!

