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IGNITE YOUR DIGITAL FUTURE

Free, entry-level computer classes at your local library

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HONOLULU – Residents can now sign up for free, entry level computer classes that began this month at public libraries around the state.

“These one-hour sessions will help our community members access and gain the skills they need to use the Internet for everyday living,” said Stacey A. Aldrich, state librarian. “We encourage folks to sign up for the classes that would help them get and stay connected,” she added.

No computer is needed to attend, and participants may sign up for all of the classes or only those they feel would be most beneficial.

“In Fiscal Year 2022, as a member of our House Appropriations Committee, I secured a congressional Community Project Funding award of $975,000 to our Hawai‘i State Department of Labor/Workforce Development Council to boost workforce development for our Hawai‘i especially as we began to emerge from COVID-19,” said Congressman Ed Case (First District – Hawai‘i). “The Council’s partnership with the Hawai‘i State Public Library System to utilize this funding to enhance the digital skills of our workforce and close the digital divide that prevents so many from gaining and advancing in today’s and tomorrow’s employment world is an excellent application of this federal assistance.”

Class Descriptions

Class #1 Computer basics

- Parts of the computer
- Key computer terms
- Types of software
- Safe computer use

Class #2 Connecting to and navigating the internet

- How to get online
- Use the address bar
- Navigate web browsers
- Web navigation

Class #3 Connecting with family and friends using email

- Setup email accounts
- Write and send emails
- Email navigation (Gmail)
- Attach files and features

Class #4 Staying safe online and avoiding scams

- Recognize online scams
- Smart online practices
- Spot phishing emails
- Actions for suspected scams

The classes will be taught by members of the Māpunawai, Inc. team, a registered 501c(3) non-profit in the state of Hawai'i.

There is no fee, but residents are asked to sign up. Visit the Mapunawai website to get the class schedules and sign up. You can also sign up at your local library.

Funding for these classes was provided by a U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration grant. The Hawai'i State Public Library System is partnering with the State of Hawai'i's Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Workforce Development Division to make these classes available statewide.

The Hawai'i State Public Library System is the only statewide public library system in the United States. With 51 branches across six islands, HSPLS serves as a pillar of our community helping to inspire curiosity and create opportunities for all to read, learn, and connect through its physical and digital spaces.

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