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Press Release

East Cleveland Public Library Announces Technology Passport EAD Program

The NTEN Fellowship Program for emerging leaders represents the best of community and public service professionals. East Cleveland Public Library's Network Administrator, A'Sarah Green, is a member of this amazing fellowship and has developed a program for the Library that not only enhances the digital literacy of the community but will also get computers into homes, hence the name Passport Earn A Device Program.

Patrons who take 15 computer literacy courses will become **eligible** to receive a free, refurbished computer thanks to the Library's partnership with PCs for People. While patrons are required to take only 15 courses, there are 25 offered in the passport allowing patrons more flexibility when selecting classes to fit their needs. All 25 classes offered by the Library are free, and patrons will receive a stamp in their passport upon successful completion of each class.

To receive a passport, patrons must go to the Library's computer lab where they will register for the program. All 25 courses in the passport are offered at least twice allowing patrons the ability to take a class again if they miss one. Patrons should bring their passport to all classes, and are encouraged to take classes that they can put to use right away (e.g., online banking, Microsoft Office, etc.).

Eight of the classes offered in the passport are already part of the Library's traditional basic computer series that is held monthly on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning the first Monday of every month. The computer lab also offers one hour of support at the end of each class so that patrons can get help while practicing their new skills.

Patrons who complete 20 of the classes will become **eligible** to receive a free, **brand-new** computer. At the end of the courses, patrons are quizzed on their digital literacy; patrons taking 20 classes will have more rigorous testing than patrons who took 15.

East Cleveland Public Library has a limited number of refurbished computers and two new computers to distribute to eligible participants. This program does not guarantee a computer for all participants. For more information, please contact Ms. A'Sarah Green at 216-541-4128 ext. 6257 or asarah.green@ecpl.lib.oh.us