

Free IT Resources

Tacoma Public Library offers a wide variety of professional and personal development opportunities in Information Technology. All resources are free and accessible from www.tacomalibrary.org with your library card.

Microsoft IT Academy

The Microsoft IT Academy includes over 400 online courses related to computers and Microsoft products and applications. These courses prepare patrons for Microsoft Certification (separate test not provided by the library).

Server/SQL

Windows Server, SQL, Exchange Server, Sharepoint, Virtual Desktop Infrastructure, and more

Microsoft Office Suite

Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access, Publisher, OneNote, Outlook, Project, Visio, Lync and more

Windows

Desktop Essentials, Windows Deployment Services and more

Developer Products

Web Application Architecture and Design, Visual Studio, ASP.NET Web Applications, C# and .NET framework, and more

SharePoint

SharePoint 2010, SharePoint 2013, What's new in SharePoint for IT Professionals, Developing Web Parts, Creating Business Connectivity Service Solutions in SharePoint and more

Digital Literacy

Basic, Standard, and Advanced computer skills, writing a great resume, and more

Gale Courses

Gale Courses offers a wide range of highly interactive, instructor led courses that you can take entirely online. Courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin every month. Award of completion with passing score. Additional course topics include accounting and finance, business, design and composition, healthcare and medical, personal development, writing and more.

Certification Preparation

CompTIA certification preparation in A+, Network+, and Security+

Computer Applications

Adobe (Illustrator, Photoshop, etc), Microsoft Office 2007, 2010, and 2013 Applications and more

Computer Fundamentals

Introduction to various operating systems, PC troubleshooting, keyboarding and more

Computer Programming

Java, C#, C++, PHP and MySQL, XML, Visual Basic, Creating Mobile Apps and more

Database Management

SQL, Microsoft Access, Crystal Reports, Oracle, Database Development and more

Graphic and Multimedia Design

Photoshop, Creating Web Pages, Game Development, Lightroom, Flash, Final Cut, and more

Networking and Communications

Networking, Understanding the Cloud, Wireless Networking and more

PC Security

Web Technology

WordPress, CSS3, HTML5, Blogging, JavaScript, Google Analytics, Responsive Design and more

Websites, Magazines/Articles, and eBooks

[Consumer Reports Website \(ConsumerReports.org\)](http://ConsumerReports.org)

Access to the full ConsumerReports.org website and all of its content including advice on consumer products, ratings, reviews, recommendations, and buying advice.

[Computer Database](#)

Access to leading business and technical publications in the computer, telecommunications, and electronics industries. Includes computer-related product introductions, news and reviews in areas such as hardware, software, electronics, engineering, communications, and the application of technology.

[Zino](#)

Read magazines online or download to mobile devices. Computer and Technology magazines including Apple Magazine, Macworld, PC Magazine, PC World, Popular science, Wired and more.

[OverDrive](#)

Downloadable eBooks and eAudioBooks for a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction, including business, technology and professional development.

[Military and Intelligence Database](#)

Access to scholarly journals, magazines, and reports covering all aspects of the past and current state of military affairs. Includes subject areas of governmental policies, the socioeconomic effects of war, the structure of the armed forces, and more.

In-Person Training

Tacoma Public Library offers a variety of free hands-on classes from Internet job searching, MS Word basics and resume writing to meet the needs of beginners as well as advanced computer users.