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Did you know that you can access eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, TV shows, magazines, newspapers, video instructions, and more, all for free from the comfort of your home? Join us, March 11 @ 1PM, for a presentation by Vicki Chavez, Adult Services Librarian from the Windsor Branch, and discover the wealth of resources available to you.

Drop-In Computer-Help for March: 1-3 PM session for March 25, 2024.

In the News:

- a) [Finance worker pays out \\$25 million after video call with deepfake 'chief financial officer'](#)
- b) [3 million smart toothbrushes were not used in a DDoS attack after all](#)
- c) [Get ready for the one sports streaming service to rule them all](#)

- d) [AI breakthrough enables scientists to read Roman scrolls once buried by Mount Vesuvius](#)
- e) [EU to slap Apple with €500 million fine](#)
- f) [What Is Gemini, and Why Did It Replace Google Assistant?](#)
- g) [Windows 11 Update Brings New Tricks to Microsoft Copilot](#)
- h) [How-To Geek's Best of MWC 2024](#)

Articles for March

a) **What is an AI PC? (And should you buy one?)** by Adrian Kingsley-Hughes, 02.27.2024. "Think of an AI PC as a supercharged personal computer, tailor-made with the right hardware and software to handle AI and machine learning tasks like a pro. The goal is to create systems that are quicker at executing AI tasks...An NPU, short for neural processing unit, is a specialized processor that's tailor-made to manage the heavy lifting for AI tasks, a job typically assigned to the GPU (graphics card). Right now, NPUs aren't quite ready to take the reins from GPUs entirely...next-gen NPUs will likely be up to speeding through AI tasks all on their own, leaving GPUs to focus on what they do best. Where does Windows 12 fit in here?...AI is going to be a cornerstone to the new Windows release, and it will be a way for Microsoft to give Windows Copilot...more features, and closing the gap between Windows and Apple's MacOS." Read the article to learn

a) more about AI PCs. zdnet.com/article/what-is-an-ai-pc-and-should-you-buy-one and related article: pcworld.com/does-your-next-laptop-really-need-to-be-an-ai-pc

b) **Stop and think before you click that link! Bad Google results are increasing** by Kim Komando, 2.21.2024. "Over 91% of people rely on Google for information every single day, and crooks know this. No wonder they're hijacking Google search results to scam you. Today's cybercriminals use tools like ChatGPT to create insane amounts of content at lightning speed. Their goal? To snag your personal and financial information." Read the article to learn what tricks scammers are using to get to the top of your Goggle search results and how you can "outsmart" them. komando.com/security-privacy/bad-google-results-increasing

c) **How to Keep Windows Running Smoothly With Routine Maintenance** by Leo A. Notenboom. "Much like an automobile, it can be useful to periodically look under the hood, clean things up, and make sure that all is as it should be." In this article, he (cont)

c) reviews "what you should do, when you should do it, and what you can rely on Windows to do for you... periodic maintenance can result in a faster, more stable, longer-lasting Windows experience." Read the article to learn what Mr. Notenboom recommends and what things were "once needed that no longer apply."

askleo.com/how-to-keep-windows-running-smoothly

d) **A quick guide to Amazon passkeys** by Kim Komando. "Amazon just got on board the passkey train. Passkeys replace your probably-not-that-strong password with something no one can hack: Your fingerprint or face ID. The beauty of passkeys? They're easier to use (no remembering your password!) and

d) super secure. A passkey lets you sign into your favorite apps and websites using a PIN, fingerprint or facial recognition. One passkey is actually made up of two elements — a public key that's registered with the account you have through a website or app and a separate key stored privately on the device you use to log in. It never leaves your device, so it's inherently safer than one a company stores on its servers." The article is the top story in the newsletter and explains how to setup a passkey for your Amazon account from your computer or phone.

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e) **Can I Get Malware From Opening an Email?** by Leo A. Notenboom. "It used to be that email programs would automatically run programs embedded in email mes-

e) sages when displayed, and occasionally those could be malicious. This is no longer the case, and you will not get malware from simply opening an email. Opening an email is a safe thing to do. Looking at an email is a safe thing to do." **However, attachments and links are a different story.** "You can get infected by just looking at the contents of an attachment." And you can get **infected by clicking on links** in an email message. Read the article to (re)learn what you can do to prevent getting malware from your emails.

askleo.com/virus-by-looking-at-email

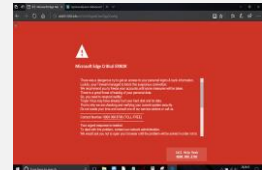
f) **How to link your smartphone with Windows 11** by Lance Whitney 02.12.2024. "Connecting your iPhone or Android phone to Windows 11 lets you make phone calls, send texts, and view notifications



f) directly from your PC." If this is something you would like to have access to, read the article for step by step instructions. Remember you will have to log in with our WSCUG credentials. Scroll down to the see this article. username: **WSCUG** password: **Woody2023** askwoody.com/newsletter/link-your-smartphone-with-Windows-11

Comments from Ross--

Red screen Scam: Has this ever happened to you? You're happily browsing along when all of a sudden the screen goes red and a big scary alert flashes that your computer has been hijacked or hacked? Stay calm, this red alert is as fake as a certain person's orange tan. If you get such an alert, and you have no way of shutting off your computer, don't panic. And definitely DO NOT call the "Microsoft support" number that is flashing on the screen. This number is fake. Here is an example of a fake warning: "Google Chrome Critical Error." Call 1(888)616-8566 - Microsoft Support. If you can't get out of the fake alert, then press AND HOLD the computer power button for 10 seconds. Do not let go of the power button for at least 10 seconds. This will turn off your computer and get rid of the fake alert.



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Copilot Cheat Sheet (Formerly Bing Chat): Complete Guide for 2024 techrepublic.com/article/bing-copilot-cheat-sheet

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