

ywca community technology center

explore your possibilities. expand your horizons.

The **YWCA Community Technology Center** is a computer lab environment open to all members of the Chicagoland community. Whatever your needs – an **internet connection**, access to **cutting-edge software**, **assistance** configuring a new computer purchase, **self-paced skill training** or **comprehensive computer instruction** – our resources are here for you.

Computer Literacy Training

The CTC's wide variety of course offerings serve to enhance participants' employment opportunities through computer training. Core classes teach computer fundamentals, Internet navigation, e-mail communication, and productivity software skills, while introductory, intermediate, and advanced-level instruction is offered in Microsoft Office 2010. All classes are IC3 and Microsoft certification-ready, and certification testing is available! ***Classes are held Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM***

Community Open Lab

Our CTC facility is equipped with 24 desktop computer stations, four lobby stations, and wireless connectivity. The wide range of software suites and programs run in the CTC includes Microsoft Office 2010 Professional and Adobe CS3 Design Premium, all available to the community for use that is completely free and without time limit constraints. Community Open Lab is available Monday through Wednesday from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM and Thursday from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Youth Programming

TechGYRLS is a youth empowerment program for 9 to 14 year-old girls and is designed to raise young girls' interest, confidence, and competency in the critical areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). TechGYRLS helps them develop the ability to use technology tools, critical thinking and problem-solving skills in whatever profession they pursue. The program offers young students a safe, supportive, girls-only environment for exploration and learning. Using a curriculum comprised of design, animation, programming and robotics, TechGYRLS encourages girls to explore emerging their technical curiosity, take risks, create leadership opportunities, and envision a broad range of possibilities for their futures. The TechGYRLS program is offered ***Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.***

All services are affordable and confidential. Call **773.496.5657**, or email **ctc@ywcachicago.org**