Community Connections

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OUR GOALS

- To promote a stronger, healthier community in Holyoke.
- To establish greater levels of empowerment and self-sufficiency among residents.
- To create connections between residents, local organizations, neighborhood businesses, and other community members.
- To enable residents to be the creators and producers of their own information and content on the Internet.
- To establish a model for other Community developments across the country as to how individuals, families, and a community can make productive use of information and communications technology.
Family PLUS (Parents Leading, Uniting, Serving) Initiative

Family PLUS (Parents Leading, Uniting, Serving), is a model for Boys & Girls Clubs wanting to implement family support activities into their Club's programming.

This model introduces Clubs to factors affecting the family unit and methods of collaborating with community organizations to provide parents and caregivers with resources.
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Building Stronger Communities... One Family at a Time.

Family Strengthening Virtual Symposium
A Series of Virtual Sessions Designed to Create Generations of Stronger Families.
Windows Basics for Adults

Learn about your computer
- Introduction to computers
- Parts of a computer
- Using your mouse
- Using your keyboard
- Turning off your computer properly

Desktop fundamentals
- The desktop
- The Start menu
- The taskbar
- Windows Sidebar and gadgets
- Working with windows
- Using menus, buttons, bars, and boxes

Programs, files, and folders
- Using programs
- Working with files and folders
- Getting started with printing
- Using Paint
- Using WordPad

Internet, e-mail, and networking
- Exploring the Internet
- Getting started with e-mail
- Managing your contacts
- Understanding security and safe computing
- Setting up a wireless network

Pictures and games
- Working with digital pictures
- Learn about Windows games

Help and support
- Getting help

What accessibility features does Windows offer?
Through the support of founding partner Microsoft and Best Buy

Children’s Foundation, BGCA offers the Skill Tech:

- Basic Training members learn how to use various Microsoft software programs, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Publisher and Digital Image Pro through animated lessons and instructor-led group activities.

- Skill Tech II features three modules for beginner, intermediate and advanced skill levels. Participants learn about hardware identification and installation, networking and technology-related careers.

- **Goal:**
  
  To prepare youth for success in school and the 21st Century workforce.
Digital Arts Suite and Festivals

- Club Tech’s Digital Arts Suite teaches members how to create computer-generated art. In each of the five tutorials (Web Tech, Design Tech, Photo Tech, Music Tech and Movie Tech), members advance through three levels of animated lessons online and participate in instructor-led group activities.

- Club members are invited to submit their artwork to the annual Club Tech Digital Arts Festivals, which celebrate Club members' creativity in Web design, graphic design, photo illustration, music composition and film production/screenplay writing.
Digital Arts Suite and Festivals

- 2007 and 2008 Year National Winner
- Christian Agron (Web Tech)
Digital Arts Suite and Festivals

- 2007 National Winner
- Hector Rivie
  (Design Tech)

Photoshop Project
Digital Arts Suite and Festivals

- Projects by 10 to 13 Year old HBGC members

Photoshop Project
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WEB TECH

computer learning tutorials allow you to learn valuable computer skills. You can learn beginner, intermediate and advanced skills from over 120 lesson base on:

PHOTO TECH

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Digital Image
- Microsoft Front Page
- Microsoft Publisher
- Microsoft Movie Maker
- Acid Express

DESIGN TECH

MUSIC TECH

MOVIE TECH
Holyoke Community College Students

Victor Rodriguez Jr., age 22, of Holyoke, explains to Hector Guzman, age 12, of Springfield, how a robot works.

Holyoke – Seventeen students from Holyoke Community College are teaching youths at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holyoke how to build and program robots to perform simple tasks without human control, such as moving in a perfect square. At the end of the four-session program, the robots will compete in drag races. On Thursday, April 29, a robotics demonstration was held at the Boys and Girls Club.

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Kelly Beaudoin, 19, of Granville, works on a Lego robot.

Olga Roman, 10, of Holyoke, receives help from Amanda Murtha, 20, of Springfield.
Building Bots

Thank You for Supporting Our Positive Place For Kids

Robotics Club
Spring 2010
ImageMakers: National Photography Program

ImageMakers National Photography. This comprehensive photography program that encourages girls and boys to learn and practice photography, expressing themselves in creative and innovative ways. The national initiative delivers a state-of-the-art photography curriculum, provides photographic resources and opportunities for Club members to compete on a national level.

ImageMakers provides local, regional and national recognition through an annual photography contest. Winning photos will be displayed nationwide at museums as well as at BGCA's annual National Conference.

Photos by 7 Year old HBGC members
NetSmartz Internet Safety

- **Educate Parents & Communities**
  - These 45- and 30-minute PowerPoint presentations for parents and guardians of children ages 5-17 include
  - Facts of online risks
  - Statistics, videos, and other resources
  - Tips for keeping children safer online

- **Encourage Tweens & Teens**
  - Two 30-minute PowerPoint presentations for tweens and teens contain
  - Animated and documentary-style videos
  - Candid, thought-provoking discussions
  - Practical advice and free resources

- **Teach Younger Children**
  - These 30-minute, interactive Primary and Intermediate presentations include
  - Age-appropriate explanations of online risks
  - Easy-to-remember online safety rules
  - Interactive, animated lessons led by Clicky, Nettie, and Webster
NEW YORK, May 13, 2010 — Microsoft Corp. and Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) today announced the opening of the first Club Tech Center of Excellence, an expansion of the decade-long partnership of Club Tech, a program to bring technology access and skills training to children across the United States. The first Club Tech Center of Excellence opened yesterday at the Children’s Aid Society Dunlevy Milbank Boys & Girls Club in the Harlem borough of New York, the location where the two organizations first launched Club Tech with Bill Gates and Hillary Clinton 10 years ago.

Club Tech Centers of Excellence represent the latest evolution of Club Tech, a BGCA program initiated by a $100 million donation from Microsoft in 2000 to provide software, training and development of a digital literacy curriculum. Currently, nearly 1 million kids and teens participate in the Club Tech program every year at more than 3,600 Boys & Girls Clubs around the world.