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Grants Awarded to Public Computer Center at Julia Boyer Reinstein Library

Funding For Additional Computer Training

The Public Computer Center (PCC) at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library on Losson Road in Cheektowaga has been awarded three grants, allowing the Center to remain open and to continue to meet the needs of the community with free computer training.

Praxair Foundation provided a grant of \$8,000.

Walmart in Lancaster provided a grant of \$1,000.

Walmart in Cheektowaga provided a grant of \$500.

Christine Bazan, director, Cheektowaga Public Libraries, said, "Our Public Computer Center really helps adults to learn and thrive in this ever-changing technological world. We are extremely pleased to receive these generous grants from multi-national companies with local interests here in Erie County."

The grants will support two additional classes per week throughout the year.

The current schedule includes:

Computer Training: Beginning Computers, Internet, File Management, Email

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Mail Merge

Social Networking: Skype, Facebook, Twitter

Workforce Development: Linked In, Resume Help, Electronic Job Applications, and Job Search Strategies

Now into its third year, the PCC provided 964 classes, training over 1,400 people in 2012. To learn more about the free computer training offered at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library, visit <http://jbrpcc.org/> or 716-668-4991 Ext. 14.

In 2010, the Cheektowaga Public Library PCC was one of thirty libraries across New York State funded with a \$244,517 grant provided by the New York State Library Broadband Technology Program, part of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library and the Anna Reinstein Memorial Library on Harlem Road make up the Cheektowaga Public Libraries and are part of the 37-site Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System. All libraries have computers and Wi-Fi available for public use. To learn more visit: www.BuffaloLib.org.

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