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Little Rock SeniorNet Class Schedules

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2017 Computer Classes for Seniors (50+)

SeniorNet of Little Rock will be offering the following classes in **March - 2017**

3/20 & 3/22/17	Mon & Wed	10:00 -12:00	Introduction to Google Photos	Charlie Frith
3/6/ - 3/29/17	Mon & Wed	1:00 - 3:00	Fundamentals for Beginners – Windows 10	Kissire/Owens
3/10 or 3/17/17	Fri or Fri	10:00 – 10:45 or 11:00 –11:45	One-On-One Computer Support (45 Minute Session)	Cathy Christian
3/21 & 3/23/17	Tues & Thur	1:00 – 3:00	Shopping on the Internet	Hughes/Owens

Classes will be held at the Donald W. Reynolds Center UAMS Institute on Aging in Room 2156. If you are interested in enrolling in a class or obtaining more information about any of the classes, please call SeniorNet voice mail at (501) 603-1262 or send an email to seniornet.martha@gmail.com **Check our website: littlerockseniornet.com**

Diane Hughes, Chairman Little Rock Learning Center



I got a Google Home for Christmas

Google Home is a voice-activated speaker powered by **Google Assistant**. ... A simple voice request triggers **Google Home** to:

- You can now awaken your Google Home with, "Hey Google" or with "OK Google."
- Stream music - Just Say "Hey Google Play Christmas music."
- Find your phone - just tell your Google Home to find your phone and it will place a phone call.
- Lights on, lights off - Use voice commands to turn your lights on and off.
- Shopping List - Any time you need to add items you can just tell your Home "OK Google add milk to my shopping list"
- Translation - Google Home will translate foreign words and phrases.
- Fun with Chromecast - Your Google Home is designed to

create a remote control-free television viewing experience. You can say "Show photos of Charlie on TV and it will show photos from Google Photos.

- Get traffic conditions - Google Home can help by spitting out conditions that will either give you reason for hope or make you think it's best to hop back into bed.
- Set an alarm - "OK Google, set an alarm for 5 minutes" or whichever time you prefer. You'll hear a pleasant sound and see a circle of lights on the top of Google Home when the alarm goes off.

Top 4 iPhone Battery Myths, Debunked*

1. "Your iPhone should be completely out of battery power before you recharge it" -

Lithium-ion batteries are much smarter than their nickel cadmium and nickel-metal hydride predecessors. It is not necessary to drain your battery prior to charging it.

2. Leaving your phone to charge overnight (or when it's already at 100%) will kill your battery." Your iPhone's battery is smart. So it actually knows to stop charging when it's reached full capacity.

3. "Disabling Bluetooth and Wi-Fi, and closing all my non-active apps are great for battery life." Back in the day, Bluetooth and Wi-Fi used to consume a lot of battery - but now, they require so little power that toggling the options on or off doesn't make a whole lot of difference. Similarly, closing apps out might actually be doing more damage than just leaving them open as they are, especially if you plan to re-open them soon (think Facebook or Instagram).

4. "You can only use Apple chargers with your iPhone. "All

smartphone manufacturers want you to use their official charger with your device - that's because poorly-made, counterfeit charges *can* damage your battery life and ruin your phone. But that doesn't mean that you can't use a high quality, third-party charger on your phone.

* From iDrop News

Five Tips to Improve iPhone Battery Life*

1. Like everything else in life, your phone needs a break too. Leaving your phone up and running 24/7 puts unnecessary stress on the battery. you don't need to leave your phone on all night or during moments in the day where you know you won't be using it.

2. Turn on Auto-Brightness

Your iPhone's screen consumes more energy than even your apps do - in order to conserve battery life, reduce your screen brightness. Enable auto-brightness in your settings, which can help cut down on battery consumption by at least 50%.

3. Avoid extreme temperatures

You're killing your phone's battery life if you're taking it with you to the powder or sand. Your iPhone battery is most comfortable between 62-72 degrees - anything too much lower or higher than that, and you're damaging your battery capacity.

4. Update iOS

Yes, it can be a pain, but it's totally necessary for your battery's health. System improvements, including bug fixes, mean that your phone runs better, and your battery strains less trying to work around inefficiencies.

5. Check Your Battery Usage List

If you're noticing a lot of apps are using energy in the background, disable "Background App Refresh". That might mean an email app checking for messages even while you're asleep, or a fitness app that's always hunting down your location. On a similar note, cut out any unnecessary

location. On a similar note, cut out any unnecessary GPS/location tracking services - they consume a ton of energy, especially when not in use. You can view those in your "Privacy" settings, underneath "Location Services".

* From iDrop News

Can You Hear Me



If you get a suspicious call and someone asks if you can hear them, don't answer. Just hang up. If you've received one of these mysterious calls recently, you might be a potential victim of a new scam. Local authorities in areas across the U.S. are alerting citizens about the scheme, and have been since late last year, according to *CBS News*. The con works when a scammer calls an unwitting recipient, and then proceeds to ask if they can hear them clearly. Answering "yes" allows the fraudsters to record that response, and use it to sign you up for products and services or authorize unwanted charges, according to a report by the Better Business Bureau. And it's not limited to that specific question, either. Be wary of any question from a suspicious caller. Even if scammers don't have

access to your credit card information, they can possibly authorize charges with just your phone number and a recorded "yes" response. In other cases, scammers might demand payment for something that you didn't sign up for, and threaten legal action because they have your "yes" response as confirmation, *CBS* reported.



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