

# Looking for work? Learn to use a computer

Computers. Technology. Most people use computers and technology every day.

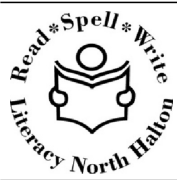
If they run across something unfamiliar, they play around with the keys or buttons until they figure it out. No problem. But, for some, the word 'computer' is simply another word for anxiety or fear.

Considering almost every job requires basic computer skills, if you are looking for work and don't know how to operate a computer, your employment options are limited.

The Adult Learning Centre (formerly known as the Literacy North Halton) knows how you feel and has developed a 10-week course (three hour class per week, daytime or evening) that takes the anxiety out of the words 'computer' and 'technology'.

The Essential Skills Computer Training for the Workplace class is ideally suited for adults who are:

- looking for work
- re-entering the workforce
- considering second career training
- laid off and need to re-



## Literacy Matters

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train

• employed, but require computer skills in order to keep up, or advance

Sound like you? Work with a small group of adults and learn how to operate a computer without fear.

Topics include:

- Computer parts, terms and vocabulary
- Windows operating system
- MSWord
- File management
- Email and Internet research
- Online learning

Interested? Call now to book a registration appointment for January classes. The course is free to eligible adults, with a nominal registration fee of \$40 that includes a student guide.

Need more information? Call the Adult Learning Centre: 905-873-2200.



## Keeping Halton warm

Many needy people in Halton Hills will be cozier this winter as the 'Let's Blanket Halton' knitting group have been busy creating knitted squares which volunteers have assembled into 120 blankets to be donated to local charities. The group, working through Georgetown Yarn and Crafts store at 170 Guelph St., were given the yarn, supplied by the store and its suppliers, and they knit the squares. The 120 blankets have been donated to Links2Care, Georgetown Salvation Army and Halton Women's Place. On hand for the presentation were (from left) volunteer Thelma Francis, Cathy Gerrow of Links2Care, Major Renée Clarke of Georgetown Salvation Army and Yarn & Crafts store owner Diane Crawford. In the 15 years the program has been running, a total of 1,500 blankets have been donated.

Photo by Ted Brown

## Community Calendar

### Wednesday, Jan. 5

**Bruce Trail hike:** Level 1, 5-6 km loop hike on local trails. Depart at 9:30 a.m. from the Georgetown Market Place parking lot between Zellers and the grey medical building. Bring water and snacks. Lunch at a local eatery after the hike. Leader: Maureen, 905-873-9757, halton-hillshikers@yahoo.ca

### Thursday, Jan. 6

**Get Knitting:** Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown Branch, invites you to Knit Night, 7-8 p.m. This group of knitting enthusiasts welcomes knitters and those who would like to learn for an hour of friends, books and all things knitting-ish! The knitting doctor will be in to provide help with a pesky pattern or other knitting questions. Info: 905-873-2681 or www.hhpl.on.ca

### Friday, Jan. 7

**Video Dance Party:** will be held for youth, ages 7-14 at Acton Town Hall Centre, 7-10 p.m. Tickets available online at videodanceparty.ca or at the door starting at 5 p.m. Dances are fundraisers for and chaperoned by local youth sports groups and organizations and are hosted by Party Cinemas. Future dance dates: Feb. 4 and March 11.

**Youth dance:** Youth in Grades 6-8 can attend well-chaperoned at the Gellert Community Centre, 7:30-10 p.m. where paid Recreation and Parks staff and volunteers are in attendance to help ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment. Tickets, \$9, on sale at the Centre.

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