

Resources

How Stuff works – computer.howstuffworks.com – Basic explanations to explain everything from computer memory to power supplies.

Tech Soup – www.techsoup.org - TechSoup.org offers nonprofits a one-stop resource for technology needs by providing free information, resources, and support. There is also TechSoup Stock where libraries can get software and hardware at greatly reduced prices.

Webjunction- www.webjunction.org – Cooperative of Library staff sharing and using online resources including TechAtlas Tools (technology planning) and computer security issues, hardware concerns and training.

Webopedia – www.webopedia.com – Online dictionary for computer and internet technology definitions.

Crucial – www.crucial.com - great website to figure out what type of RAM your computer needs. Amazingly, they also sell memory chips!

Cnet – www.download.com – Great place to get free or inexpensive downloads, for example Spybot, great free spyware program with free license for everyone, including libraries.

Cnet Bandwidth speed test - http://reviews.cnet.com/7004-7254_7-0.html - Check how fast your internet connection is.

Microsoft Shared Computer Toolkit – <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxppro/maintain/sct/default.msp> - security program for shared public computers

Belarc Advisor- http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html - Free Personal PC Audit – software analyzes your computer hardware, software and gives you a nice inventory of your computer. WARNING: This is only licensed for personal use. You must contact Belarc to receive permission to run on your library computers. Scroll to bottom of the above link for details.