

On the Docket for the

## General Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2009

# Keeping Computers Safe

## Security Apps and Suites

Discussion of options by NYPC experts

One of the most important things you can do for your computer—and yourself—is to keep it safe from malware, nefarious software designed to corrupt your drive, steal your data, or generally make your tech life miserable. Fortunately, many anti-malware applications are available to help: anti-viruses, firewalls, anti-spyware, worm removers, system scanners, and more. Most of these are low-cost; many are free for personal use. There's Nod32, BitDefender, PCillin, AVG, Symantec, ZoneAlarm, Comodo, Kerio, SpyBot, AdAware, and many more. Many of these are available as either stand-alone applications, or in an integrated suite. And what about web-based security scanners, such as Trend Micro's House Call, GRC's ShieldsUp, or Secunia Online Software Inspector?

In fact, this abundance of riches can be confusing: what to use? Is an integrated suite better than a group of stand-alone apps? When may you use more than one anti-malware application, and when will "More is better" lead to a computer crash? When should you use—and how do you interpret—scans of your system?

Once you've chosen and loaded your anti-malware, can you just sit back and relax? (Of course not!)

### NYPC Offers Help!

In this General Meeting, we'll provide much-needed guidance! This will be a presentation by several NYPC computer pros who will show and discuss the security software and systems they use and the ones they recommend for their clients. Some pros pick and choose from various vendors of firewalls, anti-virus programs, and spyware catchers, while others prefer software suites. Some programs are free, and some are paid versions. Some are easier to use than others, and some good ones are just plain difficult to configure and understand. There are some good free virus scanning programs, and some to avoid.

Our panel of experts, consisting of Laura Balsam, Michael Horowitz, Mike Ostrowe, and Mary Ginsburg, will discuss which anti-malware applications they like, and why—and which they don't like, and why. They'll tell when they may prefer to pay for a subscription

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# Inside NYPC



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## General Meeting Info

- When:** Thursday, February 19, 2009
- Where:** PS 41, 116 W 11th St  
West of 6th Avenue
- Schedule:** 6:00pm Doors open  
6:30pm Q&A/Announcements  
7:00pm Presentation
- Travel:** A,B,C,D,E,F,Q,V to West 4th St  
1,2,3,9,L to 14th St @ 7th Ave  
(check with MTA)
- PATH:** Take 33rd St line to 9th St Sta
- Web site:** <http://www.nypc.org>  
for details of this meeting
- Office:** (212) 643-7005

NYPC's General Meetings are free and open to the public.

To check on the NYPC General Meeting, find location, or get up-to-the-minute details on speakers, call our office or check our website.

## Looking Forward: Your Input Needed

The economy is bad, with falling stock indices, loss of jobs, and fear for the future. NYPC is not immune! We have been having a hard time with reduced membership and a decreased class participation, due partially to renovations on the fifth floor, where our office is. The floor is now finished but the economy poses a threat.

With the exception of Microsoft™ and some publishers, which remain very supportive of user groups, most vendor support has dried up.

So: For NYPC to continue with a dedicated meeting room, we must:

- Increase membership
- Improve class participation
- Enhance services to our members

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to a suite, and when a user-assembled group of free software suffices. (Often the answer to this lies, at least in part, in the user's expertise and patience.) They will also describe how to maintain your computer's defenses, once appropriate software is loaded. Among specific applications to be discussed are ZoneAlarm Security Suite, TrendMicro's House Call, Bit Defender, Malwarebytes's Antimalware, and the Secunia online software inspector.

Our speakers are very experienced computer people with differing approaches and opinions. The opinions will vary, but

you won't have to wait for tech support or press F1...our panel will be ready to take your questions. One good tip could save you a lot of grief, and the price for keeping out of trouble is only a subway token.

The panelists will probably not agree, but they'll provide valuable knowledge to enable you to make a wise decision. This may be one of the most important meetings you'll attend! *William Ginsberg, Program Chair, programs@nypc.org, with Mary Ginsburg, nypc@nypceducation.org*

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There are many interesting ideas/happenings which we can explore, such as:

- Sales of USB library loaded with software which is free with open distribution permitted
- Free Open Source software: guidance in choosing and help in using
- Membership directory of members' skills, both in print and on the web

So with reduced funds for travel or buying expensive equipment, for the cost of dues (\$45 a year), we can still enjoy ourselves and create a stronger community. With our SIGs, and our reasonably priced classes, we can learn so much and develop our interests and skills to be ready for the recovery which will surely come (hopefully soon).

What you can do:

- Renew early to help NYPC's cash flow
- Tell your friends and colleagues about NYPC
- Promote and take NYPC classes
- Forward information about our meetings to your friends
- Adopt a store or source to distribute our literature there
- Volunteer (e-mail me at treasurer@nypc.org)
- Become more involved in guiding and running NYPC
- Offer your expertise to the NYPC Speakers' Bureau to promote yourself and NYPC

Please e-mail me with other ideas about how NYPC can serve you better, and how you can help NYPC:

- What classes would you like?
- What new/revived SIGs do you want?
- What new services can we offer you?
- What problems need resolving?
- What other ideas would you like to share?

*Len Ginsburg, treasurer@nypc.org*

# NYPC Classes

To register or to request specific classes, phone 212 643-7005, x2, or email [classes@nypceducation.org](mailto:classes@nypceducation.org).

For complete descriptions and instructor information, click on class name at <http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>. Check there for updates/new classes.

Unless otherwise specified, classes are hands-on. We welcome walk-ins for seminars, but please phone to confirm that the class is being held. One advantage of NYPC computer training is our flexibility. If there's a topic you want to learn, let us know. If we have at least three students, we'll try to tailor a class to your needs. Prices below are for NYPC members; if you are not a member, please add registration fee of \$10.

## ⇒ Photo Enhancement with Photoshop Elements

Learn how to enhance your digital photos! Photoshop Elements is Adobe's "consumer level" digital imaging program. Though far less expensive and easier than Photoshop, it offers considerable power in enhancing and distributing digital images. Like all graphics applications, it is also very enjoyable. In this hands-on course, we'll learn by doing, from using layers through tonal and color corrections, and more. Students are encouraged to bring their own photos to class for advice.

Wednesdays, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2:00-5:00pm  
OR

3 Sundays, February 22, March 1, 8, 12:30-5:00pm (incl. breaks)  
12 hours, hands-on, \$129

## ⇒ Special Topics in Using Microsoft Word

For those who use Microsoft Word but want to go beyond the basics: **Advanced Formatting:** Learn to use tables to format text with perfect alignment. Automate document formatting with Styles and Templates. Your documents will look better and be more consistent.

**Efficient Letters:** Learn how to use Mail Merge, AutoText and AutoCorrect, and simple Macros.

**Working with Long Documents:** Covers Master Documents and Subdocuments, Bookmarks and Cross-references, Table of Contents, Index; Collaborative writing/editing

Wednesdays, February 18 (Formatting), 25 (Efficient), March 4 (Long), 9:00am-12:00pm

Hands-on, \$35 each class (\$30 each if taking more than one)

## ⇒ Effective Internet Searching

Enhance your Internet Searching Skills! In each of the following courses we'll learn how to structure efficient and effective searches, and how to interpret and use your results. Take one or more. Please bring some topics on which you'd like to search.

**Better "Googling":** Though emphasizing Google's syntax and features, we'll also look at alternate search sites and when to use them.

**Beyond Google: Advanced Internet Searching:** Google is great, but sometimes it's overwhelming to get 100,000 hits! We'll look at alternatives to Google: meta search engines, clustering search engines, topic-specific searchers, and exciting new ways to visualize results... also directories (and when to use them), RSS feeds, and other ways to supplement search engines.

**Finding Health/Medical Information Online:** There are millions of health-related sites, but not all give valid information. How can you find the ones with the reliable information you need? We'll look at how to structure effective searches, how to separate valuable information from the questionable, and what to do with the information you find. We'll also look at some excellent sites.

**Using TECH Sites to Solve Computer Problems:** Of course, the best resource is NYPC, but where do you go at 2 AM? There's a wealth of helpful, specific information on the web, but finding the

most useful sites often depends on knowing how to structure your search and choose the best sites. This session will show you how!  
Monday afternoons, February 23, March 2, 9, 23, 2:00-5:00pm  
Price per hands-on session, \$35 for 1; \$30 each for more than one

## ⇒ Create Professional Presentations with PowerPoint

Learn how to use Microsoft PowerPoint to create effective presentations. This software tool enables you to present information and data as a slide show with consistent backgrounds, images, and fonts. In this course you will learn how to create, format, and edit informative slides, incorporating not only text and charts, but also images, sound effects, and video. In addition to the technical aspects of using the software, we will also offer some advice on arranging your information to increase slide effectiveness.

3 Thursday mornings, February 19, 26, March 5, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Hands-on, \$99

## ⇒ Mastering Your Digital Camera Controls

With their wealth of controls and menu options, digital cameras can bewilder even the most experienced photographer. The user can change not only aperture and shutter speed, but also ISO, white balance, automatic program, and more. In this class we'll learn how to take advantage of the many camera options to take better photos.

- Please tell registrar your camera model when you register
- Plan to bring your manual to class

2 Monday mornings, February 23, March 2nd, 9:00am-12:00pm  
OR

2 Friday afternoons, February 20, 27, 2:00-5:00pm

Hands-on with your camera, \$59

## ⇒ What to do with All Those Digital Photos Easily!

You have a new digital camera, and you're enjoying taking snapshots the new way. They look great in the camera screen.

*Now what?* You don't want to learn Photoshop—or even Elements—but you want to tweak and manage your new photos. This course will help! We'll show how to get your photos onto the computer, demonstrate some easy-to-use photo management and enhancement tools, and help you find the one that's best for you. Then we'll discuss ways to print them. (Bring your camera to class.)  
Two sessions, hands-on, \$59

Wednesday, March 4, Tuesday, March 10, 6:00-9:00pm

## ⇒ Getting Started with QuickBooks

QuickBooks, the popular bookkeeping application for small businesses, has powerful capabilities, but effective use depends on proper set-up and getting to know the ins and outs of its forms and reports. In this class we'll help you get started in using QuickBooks for your business. Trial versions of the program will be given out so you can practice and do your homework. Four afternoon sessions, plus one individualized session with the instructor, for help in setting up your own QuickBooks.

4 Thursday afternoons, February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2:00-5:00pm  
Four sessions, hands-on, \$129

## ⇒ Learn at Lunch Series - See page 7

One-hour, focused seminars on interesting computer topics

Various days, 12:00-1:00pm

Presentation, \$10

Bring your lunch; beverages provided

## NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events February-Early March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Access Visual Basic	3 Genealogy	4	5 Enterprise Windows	6	7
8	9 MAC	10 Exchange Excel	11	12	13 Phot/Dig Graph	14
15	16 Web Design Ventura	17 Perl Investment	18 <b>WORD: Format</b> <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS (1)</b> Speech Recog	19 <b>NYPC General Mtg</b> <b>POWERPOINT (1)</b>	20 <b>DIG CAM CONT (1)</b> Digital Video	21 PC Clinic
22 <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS (1)</b>	23 <b>LL: Open Office Writer</b> <b>DIG CAM CONT (1)</b> <b>NET SEARCH: Google</b> ATT	24 <b>LL: Computerize Bks?</b> QuickBooks	25 <b>LL: Choose Dig Cam</b> <b>WORD: Efficient</b> <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS (2)</b> Web Lounge	26 <b>POWERPOINT (2)</b> <b>QuickBooks (1)</b> TechTips	27 <b>LL: Windows Vista</b> <b>DIG CAM CONT (2)</b> Social Networking	28
March 1 <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS (2)</b>	2 <b>LL: Computer Security</b> <b>DIG CAM CONT (2)</b> <b>NET SEARCH: Advanced</b> Access Visual Basic	3 <b>LL: MS Office 2007</b> Genealogy	4 <b>WORD: Long Docs</b> <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS (3)</b> <b>Easy Dig Phot (1)</b>	5 <b>POWERPOINT (3)</b> <b>QuickBooks (2)</b> JAVA Gen Mtg Enterprise Windows	6 <b>LL: Word 2007 Basics</b>	7
8 <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS (3)</b>	9 MAC <b>NET SEARCH: Health</b>	10 Photoshop Exchange Excel <b>Easy Dig Phot (2)</b>	11 <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS (4)</b> Alpha DB	12 <b>QuickBooks (3)</b> DeLUGE	13	14

### Calendar Legend

Plain = SIG Meeting  
**Bold = NYPC Class**

*Italic = Other Meetings*  
**Black background = General Meeting**

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. **Confirm meeting information at our online calendar, <http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>.** See page 3 for Seminars/Classes. See pages 5 and 6 for SIG meetings.

### Location Legend

NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 550  
 PS41 116 West 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue MS Microsoft, 1290 6th Ave. (51st/52nd Str), 6th Floor

# SIG Directory

This shows events scheduled at press time. Find detailed information about many meetings at [www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings](http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings); click on the SIG of interest to invoke a pop-up with details. Updates—changes, cancellations, or topics to replace TBA—are announced here. If we have your e-mail address, we will send you occasional meeting updates/reminders. See Location Legend bottom of page 4.

## Meetings at Microsoft

Security procedures at Microsoft have become tighter. As always, a photo ID is imperative. Also, be sure that your name is on the SIG Chair's security list.

### AXS Access

Linda Ewen, [LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com](mailto:LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com)  
 Mon., February 2nd, March 2nd, 6:30 PM  
 Location: MS  
 2/2: Access 2007  
 3/2: TBA

### ATT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, [jshereff@gmail.com](mailto:jshereff@gmail.com)  
 Monday, February 23rd, 6:30 PM  
 Location: MS  
 General Discussion of PC technology

### ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, [brochford1@comcast.net](mailto:brochford1@comcast.net)  
 Wednesday, March 11th, 6:00 PM  
 (No February meeting)  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topic TBA

### LUG Deluge (Desktop Linux Users Group)

<http://www.delugeny.org>. Mark Halegua, [phantom21@mindspring.com](mailto:phantom21@mindspring.com)  
 Watch website for next meeting  
 Location: NYPC

### EWN Enterprise Windows

Edwin Woo, [nyewin@live.com](mailto:nyewin@live.com)  
<http://nyewin.org>  
 Thursday, February 5th, March 5th, 6:00 PM  
 Location: MS  
 2/5: Power Tool Administrator from Weston Software  
 3/5: Incident Response

### EXC Excel

Al Vachris, [alfred.vachris@gmail.com](mailto:alfred.vachris@gmail.com)  
 Tuesday, February 10th, March 10th, 6:00 PM  
 Location: MS  
 Basic VBA. Steps to make a recording into a macro

### EXG Microsoft Exchange Server

Ben Serebin, [exchangeug@reefsolutions.com](mailto:exchangeug@reefsolutions.com)  
<http://www.nyexug.com>  
 Tuesday, February 10th, March 10th, 6:00 PM  
 Location: MS  
 2/10: Quest Software Product Review/Demo  
 3/10: Exchange 2007 Direct File Access

### GFH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>  
 David Kleiman, [roots@heritagemuse.com](mailto:roots@heritagemuse.com)  
 Tuesday, February 3rd, March 3rd, 6:00 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Putting Your Family on the Web, parts 1 & 2

### HRD Hardware

Kevin Raguette, [Rags6600@hotmail.com](mailto:Rags6600@hotmail.com)  
 Dates/Topics TBA

### INV Investment

<http://www.better-investing.org/chapter/newyork> Phyllis Pawlovsky, [PGP106@cs.com](mailto:PGP106@cs.com)  
 Tuesday, February 17th, 6:15 PM  
 Location: MS  
 United Technologies; 10 Minutes Quick Analysis

### CSG Java Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.nycjava.net>  
 Gary Russo, [garyrusso@hotmail.com](mailto:garyrusso@hotmail.com)  
 Dates TBA. Check SIG website  
 Check Yahoo group for topic

### CSG Java Study Group

Dario LaVerde, [dario@nycjava.net](mailto:dario@nycjava.net)  
 Check Yahoo group for information

### ODK C++/JAVA: ODK Management

Carlos Jerome, [info@aroundtheblock.org](mailto:info@aroundtheblock.org)  
 Call for location/date: 212-673-9187

### LNX LINUX

We're working to revive this important SIG

### MAC MAC SIG

Betty Henderson, [esqh@yahoo.com](mailto:esqh@yahoo.com) (temp)  
 Monday, February 9th, March 9th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 2/9: Polly Bookhout: iWeb 08

### MKT Marketing Committee!

Murray Strelitz/Grace Lee, [marketing@nypc.org](mailto:marketing@nypc.org)  
 Date TBA, contact leaders

### BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Date/Location TBA  
 Members are welcome to attend, but we'd like to know ahead. Please e-mail [correspond@nypc.org](mailto:correspond@nypc.org)

### GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 19th, 6:00 PM  
 Location: PS 41, 116 W. 11th Street  
 Security Apps/Suites: Keeping Computers Safe

### PRL Perl Seminar NY

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/perlsemny>  
 James E. Keenan, [jkeen@verizon.net](mailto:jkeen@verizon.net)  
 Alex Gill, [ag@tkwx.us](mailto:ag@tkwx.us)  
 Tuesday, February 17th, 6:15 PM  
 Topic TBA

### PHT Photography & Graphics

Mary Ginsburg, [lm\\_ginsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net);  
 Tony Holley, [tholley@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:tholley@citytech.cuny.edu)  
 Friday, February 13th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Low-light photography: Review of photos from our field trip to the Met. Bring your photos, even if you weren't on field trip.

### PHO Photoshop

[http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop\\_sigs.html](http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sigs.html); Laura Balsam, [nypc@hookbuilt.com](mailto:nypc@hookbuilt.com)  
 Dates TBA; watch SIG website  
 Location: NYPC  
 Geared toward intermediate to advanced Photoshop users, but all are welcome. Join us at 11:45 AM in the Tick Tock Diner for socializing prior to the 1 PM meeting.

### QBB QuickBooks

Len Ginsburg, [LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net)  
 Tuesday, February 24th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 QuickBooks forms and reports...and interfacing with MS Word

### SNT Social Networking

Leftonred Atanycorner, [vp@nypc.org](mailto:vp@nypc.org)  
 Friday, February 27th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Social Networking is more than FaceBook. This SIG will explore many sites & features

### SPR Speech Recognition

<http://www.out-loud.com>;  
<http://www.speechwiki.org/sr/nypcsrsig.html>  
 Leftonred Atanycorner, [vp@nypc.org](mailto:vp@nypc.org); Laura Miner, [76233.3413@compuserve.com](mailto:76233.3413@compuserve.com)  
 Wednesday, February 18th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topic TBA

### PAS Tech Tips

Michael Ostrowe, [mjostrowe@earthlink.net](mailto:mjostrowe@earthlink.net)  
 Thursday, February 26th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topic TBA

### VPI Ventura

Allison Moore, [amoore@nyc.rr.com](mailto:amoore@nyc.rr.com)  
 Monday, February 16th, 7:00 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 More on directory publishing in Ventura

**SIG Directory, continued**

**VID Digital Video—NEW SIG!**

Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu  
 Friday, February 20th, 6:30 PM  
 First meeting will focus on what directions the SIG should take. Come and share your ideas, suggestions, and desires.  
 This new SIG will cover digital video, from choosing and using a digital camera, to editing videos and posting them to the Internet.

**BAS Visual Basic**

http://www.nypcvb.org  
 David Kulick, dgkulick@hotmail.com  
 Monday, February 2nd, March 2nd, 6:15 PM  
 Location: MS  
 2/2: Programs that demonstrate concepts inc operator overloading, generics creation and consumption, the using statement, TryCast, and IsNot

**WMM Web Design with Dreamweaver**

Mary Ginsburg, nypc@nypceducation.org  
 Monday, February 16th, 2:00 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Exploration of Macromedia Dreamweaver as a web development tool. Oriented towards beginners, but all are welcome

**WFI Web Lounge**

Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net  
 Wednesday, February 25th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topic TBA

**Other Organizations**

**NPC Non-Profit Computing**

John L. German, 212-759-2368  
 Includes:

**JOB Career Development Group**

For information, see  
 http://www.idealists.org/en/org/119879-107  
 Facilitators include:  
 Susan Werbin, 212-799-6111  
 Mort Trachtenberg, 212-769-TRAC

**SIGs on hiatus:**

Contact leader with interest

**BEG Beginners SIG**

Mary Ginsburg, lm\_ginsburg@earthlink.net

**EMB Embedded Systems**

Lee Thalblum, lee\_t@bigfoot.com  
 Returning SOON

**FLA Flash**

Jeff Frankel, webjff1967@aol.com

**NET Internet**

Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu;  
 Mary Ginsburg, lm\_ginsburg@earthlink.net

**MTA MetaStock**

Al Kinzinger, Jr., Metastockug@yahoo.com

**PDA Palm/Treo/Centro/Wireless**

On hiatus. Contact leaders, Ted Cohn and Grace Lee, nypcpalmpilot@gmail.com

**XML XML/Web Services**

Mahesh Chhatlani, nypcxml@hotmail.com



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- keeping your taxes to a minimum
- satisfying recordkeeping requirements
- using financial reports for business decisions
- maximizing success in your business \$

**COMPUTING SERVICES**

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 Providing general computer services for businesses and individuals including repair, network design & setup, hardware & software recommendations, malware eradication, and more.

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 misteretail@yahoo.com; 718 263-2041  
 eBay Trading Assistant trained by eBay. I sell for you or teach you how to do it. Together we can set up your eBay Store. Digital Imaging Specialist: I teach photography too\$

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 •Wired & Wireless Networks  
 •Spyware & Virus Removal  
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[www.SoftwarePundits.com](http://www.SoftwarePundits.com)  
 Over 20 years' experience helping businesses achieve success through technology. Clients range from small business owners to Fortune 500 companies. No-obligation consultation. \$

**INTERNET**

**Progressive Internet Action,** "The Ben & Jerry's of Internet Services"  
 215 W 91st Street, Suite 57, New York, NY 10024-1336; 212-787-0700;  
 DickJones@pia.net; <http://www.pia.net>  
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**Mary Ginsburg**  
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 Patient training in computing basics, digital imaging (Photoshop and more), and Internet use. Help with advanced Internet searching; specialty: medical/health topics. \$

### Learn at Lunch Series

- Held in the NYPC Office, Room 550 in New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Avenue
- One-hour, focused seminars on interesting computer topics
- 12:00-1:00pm. 50-minute presentation, \$10
- Bring your lunch; beverages provided
- Register via 212 643-7005, x2, or [classes@nypceducation.org](mailto:classes@nypceducation.org)

⇒ **Monday, February 23: Get up to Speed with OpenOffice Writer**

⇒ **Tuesday, February 24: Should I Computerize My Bookkeeping?**

⇒ **Wednesday, February 25: Choosing a Digital Camera**

⇒ **Friday, February 27: Get up to Speed with Vista Windows**

⇒ **Monday, March 2: Tips & Tricks for Computer Security**

⇒ **Tuesday, March 3: MS Office 2007—Overview of Changes**

⇒ **Friday, March 6: Microsoft Word 2007 basics**

⇒ **Monday, March 9: Survey of Useful Tech Sites**

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### Enter Contest — Volunteers needed

Due to a variety of changes in SIGs and their schedules, we need to update the section of the website about SIGs:

<http://www.nypc.org/sigs.php>

We would like to enlist your help to find outdated or incorrect information, and to suggest changes. Everyone who contributes a suggestion or update will be entered into a drawing for a subscription to *Smart Computing* or *CPU Magazine*.

Send your updates and suggestions to [sigs@nypceducation.org](mailto:sigs@nypceducation.org). The suggestions will be compiled and forwarded to Michael Horowitz, our terrific webmaster.

### Tune and Teach: PC Upgrade & Repair Clinic

*Saturday, February 21, 10 AM - 3 PM*

Bring your ill computer to NYPC for evaluation and installation of freeware antivirus and firewall.

Unlike other repair facilities, our experts use the teaching opportunity to explain what they're doing!

A donation of \$50 (per computer) goes to help NYPC. Diagnosis only; any parts cost extra, and are installed later.

We cannot guarantee that we can restore your PC to function, but if not, we'll explain your options.

**Back up any data before you bring your computer to the clinic.**

*Tell your friends and colleagues!  
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- Reservations required
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### coming attractions

*We've got some great general meetings coming up...*

Thursday, March 27      Pinnacle presents...

Let us know what you'd like to see! Tell us on the evaluation forms we pass out at the General Meeting, or send an e-mail to [Bill Ginsberg, programs@nypc.org](mailto:Bill.Ginsberg@nypc.org).

