

Aug 6, 2025 | Library tech committee minutes.

Attendees: Nikki Holland, Starr Latronica, Matthew Wojcik, Margaret Atkinson, Bob Ferrante, Guest: Ellen Girouard

Meeting called to order: 4:34pm

Minutes from the July meeting approved.

Continuing business

Report on Udemy resources

Margaret: There's a lot of courses. Searched on course material for Google Docs. and Found a 22-hour Google Suite for Beginners course.

Logging on is difficult and may require BML assistance/intervention.

Bob showed a full list of Gale's Udemy AI courses:

Matt: "The courses I took there seem pretty good."

Margaret: What's great about a video is they never get tired of showing you the same thing over and over. For visual learners, this works very well.

Matt: Rather than curate a list of courses we should provide Search tips for finding what they need: Subject, Length, Level of instruction (beginner, intermediate, advanced), etc.

Bob: Could we offer a "Silent disco" room for courses, maybe with a curator or Udemy expert who can help people find what they're looking for and get them through their first Udemy course. We could provide guidance, laptops and headsets. Attendees can then take what they learned, and use it on their own. Maybe offer this 2 hours a month (?), with a proctor to help people find what they're looking for and help get accounts set up.

Bob: Does Gale report to us how many patrons use Udemy on Gale?

Starr: I believe so.

Using Udemy could go on the list of topics for future courses.

Ellen: Provide bookmarks for the Gale site. Fold this into the newsletter.

Starr follow-up:

Teens: talked to Max. Current cadre of TAFLTS, nobody identified with skills and interest of doing tech training. He'll float this at the sleepover. Might be more effective to advertise this at the library.

Senior Center: Tech support; Sarah does 1-on-1 training, as her schedule permits. Would there be interest; Ellen and Starr will go over and chat with Sarah.

Dates for our planned Tech group meetings

Matt: We had a change; date not determined yet; we're shooting for September.

Starr: A lot of people are on vacation right now, haven't had time to promote it; it's obviously bad to do a session that nobody attends; we'll get to this.

Note: We need to have time to create a poster and other communications (e.g. newsletter).

Tara always posts items at the Senior Center. Also good about having paper feedback forms at programs.

What do we call these "Tech Talks?" Ellen suggested "Talking about Tech" – we want a title that communicates this is a group meeting and not a class.

Matt: Let's not oversell this; we'll organize a session and not worry about calling it the "first in a series" etc.

Matt: We're seeing great stats about how Facebook and social media announcements are viewed and read.

New PCs from the Thompson Trust grant

Matt: We're pricing the PCs from the Thompson Trust grant; there are a lot of choices, and it's not easy picking out items apples to apples. Working with a salesperson instead of trying to navigate the websites of the vendors. We can probably keep using the monitors and just buy new CPUs.

Next meeting date: Sept 3

Matt believes we have this meeting room as a recurring reservation.

Adjourned: 5:09PM

Action items

Starr Get stats from Gale on how many users consume Udemy.

Starr and Ellen will meet with Senior Center staff.

Schedule for first Talking about Tech meeting

Prepare marketing and outreach materials walking backward from that date.