Resources to stay up to date on cybersecurity issues

As cybersecurity threats continue to evolve, it is crucial to stay informed. Explore these resources to enhance your knowledge and protect against emerging risks.

by Jamie Pena

Upcoming Classes

Homes for the Holidays: Gingerbread House-Making Contest
Date: 11/1 – 12/22 – Register for a free kit November 1.

Bakers and crafters of all ages and abilities are invited to design and build their own edible creations! Patrons will be given the opportunity to vote for their favorites! Winners will be announced online on Friday, December 22.

In-Person and Online Tech Tuesday Class: iPhone Basics (Part 2)
Date: 11/7
Time: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Participants will learn about swiping and using the control center, explore email and camera features, and more.

In-Person and Online Tech Tuesday Class: Google Services
Date: 11/14
Time: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Did you know your Gmail account lets you access Google services such as Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Calendar, YouTube, and much more? Join us for a brief introduction to many of the extra features you get when you sign up for a Gmail account.

Reporting Tools

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office - 360-344-9779 (non-emergency)

Federal Trade Commission - Scams and Fraud - https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/ (1-877-382-4357)

Federal Trade Commission - Identity theft - https://www.identitytheft.gov/ (1-877-438-4338)

Department of Justice Identity Theft and Fraud - provides steps to take if you have experienced fraud or identity theft. - https://www.justice.gov/criminal/criminal-fraud/identity-theft/identity-theft-and-identity-fraud

AARP Fraud Watch Hotline – https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/helpline.html (1-877-908-3360)
Free to all, watchdog alerts for subscribers, scam reporting tool, and scam map.

Jefferson County Library: Jamie Pena, Digital Equity Navigator – jpena@jclibrary.info, (360-301-5815)

Dove House, Heather Freund, Advocate – heatherf@dovehousejc.org, (360-385-5292)

General Tools

Have I been pwned (breached)? – Verify if an email address or password has been breached. Sign Up to be notified if your data is involved in a future breach. - https://haveibeenpwned.com/

How secure is my password? – enter passwords to find out how strong a potential password may be. Includes tips for creating a strong password, impacts of stolen passwords, and how to stay safe online. - https://www.security.org/how-secure-is-my-password/
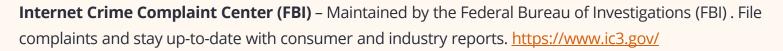
Internal Revenue Service: Charities and Nonprofits – Verify charitable organizations to avoid charity fraud. https://www.irs.gov/charities-and-nonprofits

KnowBe4 – free educational and IT security tools. - https://www.knowbe4.com/free-it-security-tools

National Cybersecurity Alliance – non-profit organization with resources and guides for continuing education, guides, and resources. - https://staysafeonline.org/

Snopes – The oldest and largest fact-checking site online. - https://www.snopes.com/

Stay-Up-to-Date

Internet Crime Complaint Center (FBI) – Maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) . File complaints and stay up-to-date with consumer and industry reports. https://www.ic3.gov/

Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA): offers the latest in cybersecurity news, advisories, sign-up for alerts, tools, and resources. https://www.cisa.gov/

KnowBe4 Blog – JCL cybersecurity training company. Sign up for alerts and stay up-to-date. https://blog.knowbe4.com/

Bleeping Computer – free website and online community for staying-up-to-date on cyberthreats, educational tools, and forums. https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/

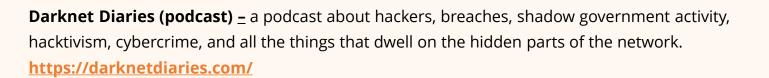**The Hacker News -** https://thehackernews.com/

Better Business Bureau – Scam lookup and reporting tool, plus tips for staying safe online. https://www.bbb.org/

Podcasts / Video

Educational audio / visual

AARP / The Perfect Scam (podcast) - **https://www.aarp.org/podcasts/the-perfect-scam**

Darknet Diaries (podcast) – a podcast about hackers, breaches, shadow government activity, hacktivism, cybercrime, and all the things that dwell on the hidden parts of the network. **https://darknetdiaries.com/**

The CyberWire Daily (podcas) – News and analysis with expert interviews from around the world. **https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/daily-podcast**

Kubicle – Short sketch comedy videos from the non-profit National Cybersecurity Alliance. **https://kubikleseries.com/**

Smashing Security – Winner of the "Best Security Podcast" in 2018, 2019, and 2023, and the "Most Entertaining" in 2022 and 2023. - **https://www.smashingsecurity.com/**

LinkedIn Learning courses

Free with your library card.

Cybersecurity Foundations – Malcolm Shore

Learning Computer Security and Internet Safety – Jess Stratton

Books

The Art of Invisibility : the world's most famous hacker teaches you how to be safe in the age of Big Brother and big data - Kevin Mitnick with Robert Vamosi

Fancy Bear goes phishing : the dark history of the information age, in five extraordinary hacks - Scott J. Shapiro.

A hacker's mind : how the powerful bend society's rules, and how to bend them back - Schneier, Bruce

The Ransomware Hunting Team : a band of misfits' improbable crusade to save the world from cybercrime – Renee Dudley

My Online Privacy for Seniors – Jason Rich

Rules for Staying Safe

- Use strong, unique passwords and passphrases.
- Use a password manager.
- Use antivirus software
- Keep software updated.
- Enable multi-factor authentication.
- Think before you click!
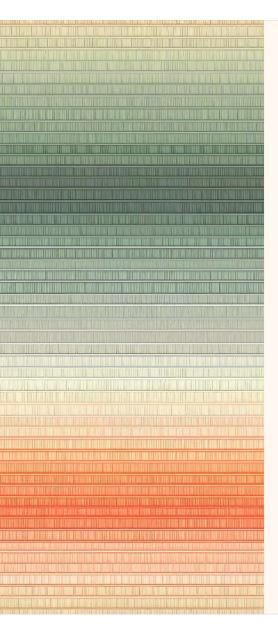- Backup your data.

Evaluations

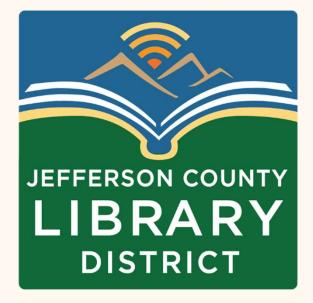Educational listening.

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What did you enjoy?

What could we do better?

What would you like to see?

Thank you!