

## **General Interest Course Descriptions:**

### ***Sign Language***

*This includes history, origin and instruction in ASL and signed English. Upon completion of this course you should have a vocabulary of approximately 500-600 words and be able to converse in basic sign conversations.*

### ***Spanish 1 - Pickering***

Emphasis is on conversation. After the very first class students will be able to use about 15 important sentences orally and as well as written. A field trip to a local Mexican restaurant may take place once students have learned the menu. Students will have to order in Spanish or the servers won't take their orders. If students are interested, a dance lesson at a Pickering studio will take place.

Students will learn numbers to a million, days, months, seasons, clothing articles, people in the family, as well as basic grammar, verbs, nouns, adjectives and more.

It is a fun course ideal for people travelling to Spanish speaking countries for business or pleasure or who want to learn more about the Hispanic Culture and Heritage. Some students are married to Spanish speaking persons and want to be able to speak to the in-laws etc.

### ***Spanish 2 - Pickering***

This is an intermediate level with more conversation and grammar. Short presentations will be done by the students, in Spanish. Past and present tenses will be taught, as well as oral and written skills are to be built upon. A field trip to a restaurant again where students will only speak Spanish. Less and less English will be spoken in the classroom.

### ***Spanish 3 - Pickering***

Advanced Level. 90% Spanish will be spoken in the classroom. Presentations by the students, advanced Grammar, and lots of conversation. We will have guest speakers when they are available. Games, Hispanic Culture and Heritage covered by attending events at the Canadian Hispanic Association.

### ***French Conversation Beginner***

This is a starting point for those with essentially NO French knowledge. Listening activities as well as speaking. (i.e. ordering at a restaurant, introducing oneself, asking questions, asking for and giving directions).

Basic listening and speaking skills are emphasized. A variety of class activities will simulate the practical experience.

### ***French Conversation Intermediate***

The intermediate class focuses on conversational French as well as listening, but is for students who have either taken the beginner course, or who already have some knowledge of French.

A conversational approach to French, enabling student's to communicate in everyday situations. The main emphasis is on speaking and listening.

### **Conquer “the Cloud”!**

Modern Computer Essentials (Apple)

*This course will introduce you to stress-free computing! From document creation to file management to photo sharing, you will focus on skill-and-confidence-building when computing in “the cloud.” Engaging workshops are delivered in our state-of-the-art Mac lab, where students will explore Apple iCloud, Microsoft OneDrive, and even Google Drive and Dropbox for stress-free daily computing. Have an iPhone or iPad? Bring it with you! We will also explore the amazing ways to link, surf, produce, and communicate with all of these devices together—hopping from phone to tablet to computer with efficiency and ease.*

### **Conquer “the Cloud”!**

Modern Computer Essentials (Windows/Android)

*This course will introduce you to stress-free computing! From document creation to file management to photo sharing, you will focus on skill-and-confidence-building when computing in “the cloud.” Engaging workshops are delivered in our brand new computer lab (Windows machines), where students will explore Microsoft OneDrive, Google Drive, Dropbox and even Apple iCloud for stress-free daily computing. Have a smartphone or tablet? Bring it with you! We will also explore the amazing ways to link, surf, produce, and communicate with all of these devices together—hopping from phone to tablet to computer with efficiency and ease.*

### **Create Comic Books, Graphic Novels, and Fantastic Stories**

Is lightning about to strike? Are your ideas ready to scale tall buildings in a single bound? Might you be ready to join the pantheon of writers? Are you the next Stan Lee or Joe Shuster?

#### **WRITERS ASSEMBLE!**

Join this league of enthusiastic creators as we explore the processes and practices of writing and creating your own comic books, graphic novels, and fantastic stories. This is not just another writing class, but a portal to unleashing your own inner tales of the fantastic and putting them on paper. Join published author and DCDSB teacher, Manfred von Vulte, as he takes you through the process of creating and publishing the stories and characters that reside in your mind’s eye. Throughout this eight-week program, various topics, techniques, and competencies will be introduced and work shopped for your saga to come to life. Creators and artists from the world of comic books, cons and expos, and publishing will be featured to enhance your experience and aid you in crafting your next cliff-hanger. Dare to be extraordinary!