*­BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY*

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**DIY Radio: Podcast This!**

**Syllabus**

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Thursdays 330-530pm

**About the Class**

Adults used to control the media, but not anymore. Youth with stories to tell can become journalists and radio hosts by creating "podcasts" or internet radio shows. In this after school course, you will learn how to record, edit, and publish your own podcasts.

**What will I learn?**

We will go over how to use a free audio program called Audacity, how to craft stories for radio, and how to make your voice heard by sharing your podcast online.

**What will classes be like?**

Each two hour class will consist of a discussion portion and a lab portion. In the discussion part, we'll share our work and go over strategies for making good podcasts. In the lab part, we'll go over equipment and software and then have open lab time.

**Equipment**

Students will not be required to have their own equipment. We will provide microphones for use in the lab. Microphones will be available for checkout for use at home. Students who want to work on their projects at home must bring in their own flash drive / hard drive.

**Attendance**

Please be to class on time. If you know you will be late or absent, please try to let the instructor know ahead of time.

**Class Schedule**

Thursday, October 7

**Day 1: Introduction to Podcasts**

What is a podcast? What is Audacity and how do I use it?

Lab: using Audacity, search for cool podcasts

**Homework**: podcast show and tell – bring podcasts / radio you enjoy. Bring in 5 ideas for podcast topics

Thursday, October 14

**Day 2: Treatments and Editing**

What makes a good podcast? How do I interview? How do I record an interview? How do I make a plan for my podcast? How do I edit in Audacity? In lab exercise: practice interview.

Thursday, October 21

**Day 3: Scripts and Editing**

Share show treatments/plans. We talk about how to give (and how to take) honest critique. How to edit and add effects in Audacity. We go over how to write a radio script.

**In-class activity:** write a treatment for your podcast.

Thursday, October 28

**Day 4: Recording Your Own Podcast**

Write your episode script and then and record and edit it.

**In-class activity:** record your first episode

Thursday, November 4

**Day 5: Getting Subscribers**

Class wrap up. Now that you've started a podcast, what can you do next? Resources for podcasting. We go over how to publish and publicize your podcast. Final lab to finish your projects. Continue recording and editing.

**Note**: If you need extra time in lab to work on your project, please e-mail/call me so we can arrange a time!