

TINA CLINGAN WOWS CROWD

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Tina Clingan, from **Bay Area Laser**, captivated an packed room of intent listeners as she shared tips, tricks and secrets of printers at the Greater Tampa Bay PC User Group (GTBPCUG) meeting on August 2nd.

“If you want your printer to work for you, you’ve got to take care of your printer. If you don’t maintain it, it will not be ready when you need it most.”

Ably assisted by Jessica Kilgore, Tina answered question-after-question using the many training aids she had brought with them.

Here are some of her tips:

- ❶ Ensure you change the paper selection when you are using cardstock; otherwise, your printer will increase its chances of jamming.
- ❷ With DeskJets, print at least twice-a-week. This keeps the cartridges from clogging.
- ❸ Always fan the paper before placing it into the printer. IF it has been in the printer for several days, take it out and fan it.



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- ❹ If you don’t print very often, place your DeskJet cartridges in zipped-lock bags. They do not need to be refrigerated; however, store them in the upright position from which they operate.
- ❺ Do not use recycled paper with DeskJet or laser printers because the paper sheds too much and will cause long-term problems for the printer.
- ❻ If the paper jams, do *not* pull it out in the opposite direction it was traveling. Rather, use the panel on the rear of the printer through which you can slowly and carefully pull the paper.



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