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Re: Computer Science Education Week at NOLS!

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is kicking off the month of December with a variety of fun, interactive technology programs that celebrate worldwide Computer Science Education Week. From programming tiny robots to experimenting with circuitry, Computer Science Education Week abounds in opportunities for developing techies of all ages and skill levels.

### **Ozobots!**

*Thursday, December 1, 3pm @ the Forks Branch Library*  
*Tuesday, December 6, 1pm @ the Clallam Bay Branch Library*  
*Saturday, December 10, 10:30am @ the Sequim Branch Library (registration required)*

Young people ages 8-14 are invited to code their way into the future with Ozobots, on loan from the Washington State Library. Ozobots are tiny robots participants can program using a basic coding program. Pre-registration is required in Sequim and suggested in Clallam Bay and Forks. Register now at [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org).

### **Hour of Code**

*Wednesday, December 7, 6pm @ the Port Angeles Main Library*

All ages are invited to participate in an hour of code at the library! Laptops will be provided, and all coding levels are welcome. Pre-registration is suggested, as limited seats are available. Register now at [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org).

### **Roominate**

*Saturday, December 10, 10am-2pm @ the Port Angeles Main Library*  
*Tuesday, December 13, 1pm @ the Clallam Bay Branch Library*  
*Wednesday, December 14, 2:30pm @ the Forks Branch Library*

Young people ages 8-14 will have the opportunity to work with Roominate™ building sets, on loan from the Washington State Library. Named *Time Magazine's* 2014 "Toy of the Year," Roominate™ encourages children to experiment with basic circuitry and electricity.

### **Technopalooza Technology Fair**

*Saturday, December 10, 10am-2pm @ the Port Angeles Main Library*

All ages are invited to explore technology at this "Geek Out! Technopalooza Technology Fair" at the Port Angeles Main Library. Interactive stations will be set up throughout the library, and feature hands-on coding activities using the NOLS mobile computer lab as well as technology from the Washington State Library's Gadget Menagerie. Kids wanting to try their hands at engineering can experiment building with Roominate, and 4-H volunteers led by Jeff and Christine Spaulding will be on-hand to demonstrate Scribblebots and Squishy Circuits. Volunteers from the Feiro Marine Life Center will also participate in the event by demonstrating a computer-driven water quality sensor.

### **About Computer Science Education Week**

Computer Science Education Week is an annual program dedicated to inspiring K-12 students to take interest in computer science, held in honor of Admiral Grace Murray Hopper, a computer science pioneer and career US Navy member. Libraries across the country provide computer science programs to support innovation and provide members of the community with access to technology. Although Computer Science Education Week programming is typically geared towards young people grades K-12 in school programs, several of the programs being offered at NOLS are for adults as well as children. Programs are held in conjunction with Library efforts to encourage problem solving and critical thinking skills in young people and help provide preparatory experiences for a 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace.

Computer Science Education Week programs are presented in partnership with the Washington State Library, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the Clallam County 4-H and Five Acre School. Programming is also generously supported by Friends of the Library groups throughout Clallam County.

For additional information about this and other upcoming programs at your Library, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org) and select "Events," or contact your nearby NOLS branch location.

# Computer Science Education Week

Computer Science Education Week programs and events will take place December 1-14 at all North Olympic Library locations.

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