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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.

Film Screening of *Without a Net: Digital Divide in America*
Monday, December 4, 6:30pm
Port Angeles Main Library
Without a Net: The Digital Divide in America explores how access to technology can provide opportunities for learning and help level the playing field for underserved communities. This one-hour film focuses on digital inequalities in public school classrooms by examining the challenges of providing connectivity, technology, and computer learning.

Hour of Code
Monday, December 4, 3pm, Sequim Branch Library
Wednesday, December 6, 6:30pm, Port Angeles Main Library
Thursday, December 7, 3:30pm, Port Angeles Main Library

Join NOLS for the largest learning event in history! The *Hour of Code* is a global movement reaching over 100 million students in over 180 countries. *The Hour of Code* is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. Participants can choose from tutorials designed for all ages; themes include Minecraft, Wonder Woman, Star Wars, Moana, science, math, social studies, language arts, art, media, music, and more! These sessions are open to youth and adults with a limited number of laptops and iPads available for use during the hour.

Technopalooza
Saturday, December 9, 10am-12pm
Port Angeles Main Library
Explore scribble-bots, ozobots, watch a raspberry pi demonstration, try your hand at coding, and check out other cool gadgets at the second annual *Technopalooza*! Made possible in part by the Washington State Library and Five Acre School, the event will feature both hands-on activities and demonstrations that are fun for youth and adults. Join in on an all-ages celebration of technology!

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 21st century workplace.

Computer Science Education Week programs are presented in partnership with the Washington State Library, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Five Acre School. Programming

is also generously supported by Friends of the Library groups throughout Clallam County. For more information about this and other programs at your library, visit www.nols.org, call the Port Angeles Main Library at 360.417.8500 x7705, discover@nols.org. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street, and the Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue.

**Computer Science
Education Week**

Celebrate Computer Science Education Week at NOLS December 4 – 9.

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