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Re: NOLS to offer Study Sessions featuring Lynda.com and Microsoft Imagine Academy
Attachments: *Imagine Academy Student sm.jpg*

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is offering free, weekly, drop in study sessions using the Library's Mobile Computer Lab. Sessions will be held Tuesdays, from 5pm to 7pm, February 20 through March 13 at the Port Angeles Main Library. Participants can take an online class, practice for a certification exam, or learn a new job skill using NOLS' online resources Lynda.com and the Microsoft Imagine Academy. Come to one, come to them all. Pre-registration is not required.

Lynda.com

Lynda.com is a leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals. Library cardholders have free access to the Lynda.com video library of engaging, top-quality courses taught by recognized industry experts.

Lynda.com's library of courses and instructional videos can be accessed for free with a library card, from any device with an internet connection. Users can personalize their Lynda.com account to help manage course history, playlists, bookmarks and certificates of completion. Many courses also feature exercise files, so while watching a tutorial about Microsoft Excel users can follow the activity with downloadable, pre-populated Excel spreadsheet files. Lynda.com courses can also be used to prepare for Microsoft Certification Exams.

Microsoft Imagine Academy

The Microsoft Imagine Academy provides over 400 Microsoft online courses and learning resources at three different levels including productivity, computer science, and IT Infrastructure. Build Microsoft Office skills, access guides, and even earn Microsoft Certifications.

The Microsoft Imagine Academy is made possible through a public-private partnership between Microsoft, the Washington State Library, Office of the Secretary of State, the Washington State Legislature, and more than 400 Washington libraries, including NOLS.

Microsoft Certification Exams

Certiport certifications are an industry recognized standard demonstrating ones proficiency in a Microsoft application to an employer or prospective college. NOLS will be offering multiple testing sessions for certification exams at NO CHARGE in March. Market value for the exams is typically between \$99 and \$130 per exam, depending on the location. In March, testing will be held at the following NOLS locations and times:

Port Angeles Main Library
March 15, 1-3pm
March 20, 5-7pm

Forks Branch Library
March 21, 1-3pm

Sequim Branch Library
By arrangement

Limited space is available and registration is required at www.nols.org/events. Multiple one-hour sessions are available at this event, but it is only possible to take one exam per session (you have 50 minutes to complete each exam). If you wish to take multiple exams, please register for multiple sessions. If you're unable to attend one of the designated testing sessions, contact ehelp@nols.org to schedule an individual testing appointment with library staff.



NOLS to offer free Computer Study Sessions.

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