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Re: Brainstorm small business ideas at the free Business and Connection program
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The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is partnering with the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship (CIE) to offer the **Business and Connection** program series at the Forks Branch Library, 171 S. Forks Ave. The “Imagine and Ideate” session will be held on Tuesday, June 4, from noon to 2 p.m. Both prospective and current small business owners are invited to join the conversation, brainstorm, and get clarity on their business ideas. There is no cost to attend and refreshments are provided.

The Business and Connection series aims to give people the tools and direction they need to successfully start or grow a small business. Business advisors from the [Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship](#) will provide interactive presentations and discussion of important topics around business ownership. Participants will also have the opportunity to connect with local community members who have similar experiences.

Future topics in this series are listed below; presentation times to be announced.

- Tuesday, Sept. 3, Fast Feasibility: Learn to quickly determine if your business idea will work.
- Tuesday, Dec. 3, Business Model Mastery: Learn the basics of how any business really makes money.

For more information about this program and other events, visit nols.org, ask at the library, or call 360-374-6402.

This program is generously funded in part by the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship, the Forks Chamber of Commerce, the Washington Small Business Development Center, and Friends of Forks Library.



CIE director of programs Rick Dickinson (center) and CIE business advisor Micah Jonet (right) share small business information with community members.

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