

Where's IT at?



A TECH Guide for Students in Skagit, Island, and San Juan Counties

ABOUT THE GUIDE

This guide provides information and resources that will help you gain free or low cost access to computers and the Internet. It will also help you to further develop your computer skills and make some basic decisions about career pathways.

CAREER PLANNING

- Do you
- ...enjoy using facts and judgment to solve problems?
 - ...like to tinker with objects and figure out how they work?
 - ...like to work with your hands, building, or repairing things?
 - ...feel comfortable working with machines or equipment?
- Do you have
- ...an aptitude in math and science?
 - ...good hand-eye coordination?
 - ...the ability to communicate and work well with others?
 - ...the ability to work accurately and precisely?
 - ...the curiosity and ability to solve a problem creatively?
 - ...the ability to use logic to solve problems?

If you answered yes to many of the above questions, then a career in Technology may be right for you. Here are some websites with career assessments, job descriptions, pay scale, and other information that will be helpful in planning your future.

www.nwcet.org/programs/cybercareers Cyber Careers is the Net Generation! Middle and high school students will find loads of great information about IT careers: salary, education requirements, interesting opportunities, job links, a video and a great girls only site. Take the IT Inventory Quiz: a fun way to explore what IT jobs you might like.

www.funeducation.com This site includes free career assessment tests.

www.bls.gov/k12/computers.htm This site profiles jobs. It gives a good description of education pathways, pay scale, job availability, etc.

www.mapping-your-future.org This site will assist you in deciding which careers may be right for your personality. It also will aid you in devising a career plan. It profiles education, knowledge, and gives a list of related jobs. The site features a program called CareerShip, which is a direct career-planning guide.

www.ppwfc.org/youth_assessment.asp Resources at this site cover career and salary information. The career guides link to information on occupations and career paths. Reports, guides, and surveys can be used to see how an occupation or industry is doing.

People who have chosen a career pathway that best suits their skills, abilities, and interests are usually happiest in their careers. Deciding what you want to do with your life can be overwhelming, but exciting and challenging at the same time. If you pair your interests and abilities with determination and a lot of hard work, you will be on your way to your DREAM JOB!

CLUBS / PROGRAMS / ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County **360-404-2031**
www.bgcskagit.org
 160 Cascade Pl, Suite #218, Burlington

Clubs:

Anacortes: 360-588-9045 La Conner: 360-466-3672
 Mount Vernon: 360-428-6995 Sedro Woolley: 360-856-1830

Boys & Girls Clubs of Oak Harbor **360-240-9273**
www.bgcoh.org
 98 NE Barron Dr, Oak Harbor

Programs & Resources of Boys & Girls Clubs:

NetSmartz: Internet safety program for kids of all ages
Microsoft Club Tech: Digital Arts Programs teach multimedia skills in digital photography, music creation, movie making, website building and graphic design
Skill Tech: Programs teach basic computer hardware skills and Office software skills
Other programs: YouthNet, T3 [Teen Tech Teams], newsletter club, digital scrap booking club (may vary from Club to Club)

Skagit YMCA Afterschool Programs **360-336-9622**
www.svymca.org
 215 E Fulton, Mount Vernon

Several sites located at the elementary schools in all Skagit County School Districts. Weekly computer instruction and homework support is offered at most of the school sites as part of the after school curriculum.

Skagit County 4H Hillcrest Computer Lab **360-428-4270**
<http://skagit.wsu.edu/4-HSC/technology.html>
 1717 13th St, Mount Vernon

Sponsors a variety of technology related programming for youth in this public computer lab

Tech Prep

High school students can earn college credit while still in high school for a variety of technology related courses. Availability of classes depends on the school. For more information about specific courses available at your school, contact your Career Specialist or Counselor or visit your local Tech Prep website for program details.

PrepWork Consortium
www.prepwork.org **360-416-7879**

Serves Skagit-Island and San Juan counties

CLUBS/PROGRAMS/ORGS Cont.

WorkSource www.WorkSourceNorthwest.com
 Offers free public access to computers for the purpose of career exploration and job seeking

www.youthworksnow.org: Northwest WA community youth portal website focusing on helping youth complete high school and plan their careers

WorkSource Skagit 2021 E College Wy, # 210, Mt Vernon **360-336-5781**
WorkSource Whidbey 31975 SR 20, #3, Oak Harbor **360-675-5966**
San Juan Career Center 540 Guard Street Suite 210 **360-378-4662**

Salvation Army, Teen Center Computer Lab **360-293-6682**
 3001 R Ave # 100, Anacortes
 This public access computer lab for teens is open after school during school year.

Goodwill Job Training & Education Centers
 This free, public computer lab/training center serves anyone 16 or older. Programs include computer classes, GED/EDP training, ESL classes, and assistance with job seeking using technology. (Scholarship search, writing essays, cover letters, etc.)
 102 Valley Mall Way, Mount Vernon **360-848-9323**

Skagit County Community Action Teen Literacy Program **360-416-7585**
www.skagitcap.org/Skagit_Literacy.htm
 Program offers computer-based reading and math tutoring and GED preparation, as well as basic computer skills

Lopez Island Family Resource Center **360-468-4117**
www.lifrc.com
 160 Village Rd, Lopez Island
 The resource center includes a public computer lab with Internet access and some training opportunities.

The Funhouse Discovery Center **360-376-7177**
www.thefunhouse.org
 30 Pea Patch Lane, Eastsound, Orcas Island

Offers computer and high-speed Internet access, sponsors a Homework Club during the school year, and sponsors the Mentored Learning Program which offers high-school students access to online courses for credit.



CLUBS/PROGRAMS/ORGS Cont.

IGNITE of Island County

www.ignite-us.org/chapters.htm

Volunteer group of professionals who encourage girls to consider careers in technology. Members speak at schools, conduct field trips to local companies, connect high tech women mentors with specific schools, and are available to sponsor or assist in planning technology workshops for young girls.

EDUCATION

COLLEGES

Western Washington University

360-650-3000

www.wwu.edu

516 High St, Bellingham

Technology programs offered: Computer Science, Internet Resource Creation & Management, Web Content Development, Web Programming, Web Site Management

Whatcom Community College

360-676-2170

www.whatcom.ctc.edu

237 W Kellogg Rd, Bellingham

Technology programs offered: Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, Business Information Systems, Information Management, Office Technologies

Bellingham Technical College

360-752-7000

www.btc.ctc.edu

3028 Lindbergh Ave, Bellingham

Technology programs offered: Computer Network Technology, Computer Software Support, Business & Office Technologies, Data Entry Specialist

Northwest Indian College

360-676-2772

www.nwic.edu

2522 Kwina Rd, Bellingham

Technology programs offered: Courses offered in computer basics, operating systems, software applications, Internet, databases, networking, hardware, programming, website design and maintenance, multimedia



COLLEGES Cont.

Skagit Valley College

360-416-7600

www.skagit.edu

Mount Vernon Campus

360-416-7600

2405 East College Way, Mount Vernon

Business Resource Center

360 416-7873

204 W. Montgomery St, Mount Vernon

Whidbey Island Campus

360-675-6656

1900 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

South Whidbey Center

360-341-2324

11042 SR 525, #138, Clinton

San Juan Center

360-378-3220

221 Weber Way, Friday Harbor

Technology programs offered: Computer Information Systems, Management Information Systems, Multimedia Interactive Technology, Telecommunications Networks Technology, Computer Training Institute (non-credit community classes)

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Check with your school to find out what technology classes are offered to students.

Skagit County

Anacortes School District

360-293-1200

www.asd103.org

2200 M Ave, Anacortes

Anacortes HS

1600 20th St, Anacortes

360-293-2166

Anacortes MS

2202 M Ave, Anacortes

360-293-1230

Burlington-Edison School District

360-757-3311

www.be.wednet.edu

927 E Fairhaven Ave, Burlington

Burlington-Edison HS

301 N Burlington Blvd., Burlington

360-757-4074

Concrete School District

360-853-8141

www.concrete.k12.wa.us

45389 Airport Wy, #103, Concrete

Concrete HS/MS

7830 S Superior Ave, Concrete

360-853-8143

Conway School District

360-445-5785

www.conway.k12.wa.us

19710 St Route 534, Mount Vernon

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS Cont.

La Conner School District yiqid.lcsd.wednet.edu	360-466-3171 PO Box 2103, La Conner	
La Conner HS La Conner MS	360-466-3173 360-466-4113	
Mount Vernon Schools www.mv.k12.wa.us	360-428-6110 E Lawrence St, Mt Vernon	
Mount Vernon HS LaVenture MS Mount Baker MS	314 N 9th St, Mt Vernon 1200 LaVenture Rd, Mt Vernon 2310 E Section St, Mt Vernon	360-428-6100 360-428-6116 360-428-6127
Sedro-Woolley School District www.swsd.K12.wa.us	360-855-3500 801 Trail Rd, Sedro-Woolley	
Sedro-Woolley HS State Street HS Cascade MS	1235 3rd St, Sedro-Woolley 800 State St, Sedro-Woolley 201 N Township St, Sedro-Woolley	360-855-3510 360-855-3550 360-855-3520

Island County

Coupeville School District http://pride.coup.wednet.edu/	360-678-4522 2 S Main St, Coupeville	
Coupeville HS & MS	501 S Main St, Coupeville	360-678-4409
Oak Harbor School District www.ohsd.net	360-279-5006 350 S Oak Harbor St, Oak Harbor	
Oak Harbor HS Midway HS North Whidbey MS Oak Harbor MS	950 NW 2nd Ave, Oak Harbor 200 SE Midway Blvd, Oak Harbor 67 NE Izett, Oak Harbor 150 SW 6th Ave, Oak Harbor	360-279-5400 360-279-5575 360-279-5500 360-279-5300
South Whidbey School District www.islandweb.org/schools/swsd.htm	360-221-6100 721 Camano Ave, Langley, WA	
South Whidbey HS Langley MS	5675 Maxwellton, Langley 723 Camano Ave, Langley	360-221-4300 360-221-5100



PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS Cont.

San Juan County

Lopez Island School District www.lopez.k12.wa.us	360-468-2219 86 School Road, Lopez Is	
Orcas Island School District www.orcasislandschools.org	360-376-2284 557 School Road, Eastsound	
Orcas Island MS/HS	715 School Road, Eastsound	360-376-2287
San Juan Island School District www.sjisd.wednet.edu	360-378-4133 PO Box 458, Friday Harbor	
Friday Harbor HS Friday Harbor MS Stuart Island School	45 Blair St, Friday Harbor 85 Blair St, Friday Harbor Star Route, Stuart Island	360-378-5215 360-378-5214 360-378-5214
Shaw Island School District	360-468-2570 PO Box 426, Shaw Island	

LIBRARIES

Check your public library for technology resources they have available. Most public libraries offer free access to the Internet, but some also offer access to other software or training.

Skagit County

Anacortes Public Library http://library.cityofanacortes.org	360-293-1910 1220 10 th St, Anacortes
Burlington Public Library www.burlington.lib.wa.us/community.htm	360-755-0760 900 E Fairhaven Ave, Burlington
La Conner Regional Library www.lclib.lib.wa.us	360-466-3352 614 Morris, La Conner
Mount Vernon City Library www.ci.mount-vernon.wa.us	360-336-6209 315 Snoqualmie St, Mt Vernon
Sedro-Woolley Public Library www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/library.htm	360-855-1166 802 Ball St, Sedro-Woolley

LIBRARIES Cont.

Upper Skagit Library District **360-853-7939**
www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us 70B Main St, Concrete

Island County

Sno-Isle Libraries **360-651-7000**
www.sno-isle.org 7312 35th Ave NE, Marysville

Oak Harbor Library	1000 SE Regatta Dr, Oak Harbor	360-675-5115
Coupeville Library	788 NW Alexander, Coupeville	360-678-4911
Freeland Library	5495 Harbor Ave, Freeland	360-331-7323
Langley Library	104 2nd St, Langley	360-221-4383
Clinton Library	4781 Deer Lake Rd, Clinton	360-341-4280

San Juan County

San Juan Island Library District **360-378-2798**
www.sjlib.org Guard St, Friday Harbor

Orcas Island Library District **360-376-4985**
www.orcaslibrary.org Rose St, Eastsound

Lopez Island Library District **360-468-2265**
www.lopezlibrary.org Fisherman Bay Rd, Lopez Is

WEBSITES

American Library Association's Great Websites for Kids
www.ala.org/greatsites

Yahooligans! Glossary
www.yahooligans.com/docs/info/glossary1.html
A dictionary of computer and Internet words and phrases written for kids

IC-YouSee Home Page
www.ithaca.edu/library/training/icyousee.html
The ultimate site for beginners. Explains the web in easy terms. Tells you what you can find, where you can go, what to do if a problem occurs, glossary, and list of fun and useful sites.

WEBSITES Cont.

KidzOnline Tech Training
www.kidzonline.org/TechTraining/
Streaming Video instruction that is unbelievable: Flash, Animation, Networking, Web Page Building. You need a fast connection to view this stuff but it is great!

Webmonkey
www.webmonkey.wired.com/webmonkey/kids
Fun lessons for kids to learn everything you need to know to create your own website from beginning to end.

Middle School Hub
www.middleschoolhub.org
Has free online activities for students grades 5-8. Includes games, puzzles, quizzes, spelling activities, and more.

Intel-The Journey Insidesm
www.intel.com/education.journey
Learn about technology, computers, and society using video, audio, and other activities

For Girls Only

Binary Girl, Where Girls and Technology Click
www.binarygirl.com
Seeks to share knowledge with those interested in learning more about technology through an interactive community of women.

Girl Geeks
www.girlgeeks.org
Encourages women to develop careers in technology.

Girls' E-Mentoring Program
www.uic.edu/orgs/gem-set
Links girls, ages 13-18, to mentors for science, engineering, and technology career questions.

Girlstart-Smart from the Start
www.girlstart.com
Take quizzes, read articles, or play games all relating to math, science, & technology



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<http://whatcomtechprep.org>

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