



They Say You Learn Something New Every Day...



Now your library can help you make that happen. Longmont Public Library has just subscribed to a dynamic new product called UniversalClass.

UniversalClass offers over 500 online non-credit classes that you can take from the comfort of your own computer. Want to become a better photographer? UniversalClass will help you to do that. Perhaps you need help in starting your own business; you can take a class to do that too. Cooking, psychology, history, and religion are just a few of the subject areas you can explore using this service.

UniversalClass allows you to enroll in up to five classes and each one has a real instructor who you may communicate with using email. You can work through the selected course at your own

pace though the coursework needs to be completed in six months.

Best of all, these personal enrichment classes are free to our library members, all you need is a current library card. Go to our library homepage, select the Library 24/7 bar and then select the Learn Something New icon. You will need to register and after that, begin having fun as you pore through over 500 continuing education options. Select your area of interest and then take the class.



Or register here at <http://longmontco.universalclass.com/register.htm>

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Upcoming Learning Opportunities

The Nazi State: 1933 - 1938
Longmont Public Library
June 16
303-651-8470

Civil War Ghosts and Legends
Longmont Public Library
July 28
303-359-1295

Longmont's Vance Brand Airport Expo 2011
Vance Brand Airport
June 25, 2011
303-651-8431

"The Power of an Unstoppable Woman" with Dr. Rose Backman
Plaza Conference Center
June 4, 2011
303-776-2000

We're Interested in Hearing From You

Let us know how you're able to spread positive lifelong learning information in your community. As a way to inspire your fellow Learning Ambassadors, we'll include results and your good ideas in upcoming issues! Send your experience and results to Karen Roney at karen.roney@ci.longmont.co.us, or call 303-651-8633.



A few of the 500+ classes available to you for FREE from UniversalClass



Introduction to Business Management

The world of business management offers an array of career opportunities unparalleled among income earning possibilities. Industries from mining to waste disposal have management-level positions in many companies. Business management requires a combination of skills and knowledge, coupled with good judgment and leadership qualities. There are several fundamental aspects of operating a business – whether you run your own small business or hold a management position in a national corporation – that a manager should be aware of. Our course takes you through some of the various requirements you may encounter while managing a business.

We begin by examining the various disciplines and levels in business management and give you hints on how to get a management job in your company. In lesson 2 we cover areas of financial management such as types of capital, debt and equity financing alternatives, a business plan and a budget. Lesson 3 deals with legal and regulatory compliance issues. Human resources and personnel issues are discussed in Lesson 4.

Sales management fundamentals – the sales cycle, customer relationships and pricing – make up lesson 5. We examine the marketing functions (lesson 6) right after sales functions because the two disciplines work hand-in-hand to drive business. Lesson 7 covers some key accounting principles and practices. Inventory control techniques make up Lesson 8, focusing on the role of inventory control, the processes involved and control mechanisms used.

Lesson 9 "Taxes and Your Business Organization" delves into types of organization and some key business tax requirements. Order fulfillment follows the purchase from sales inquiry to delivery in Lesson 10, and explains how fulfillment is important to customer relationships. We finish with lesson 11 explaining the importance and function of information technology. Once completed, you will have a basic understanding of how to manage a business.



Introduction to Gardening

Does spring weather make you wish to get your hands dirty in the garden? Is your neighbor's garden the envy of your eye? Have you always wanted to start a garden but just were not sure how to start? The easiest way make this decision is to take a class that will guide you step by step through the process of deciding what kind of garden you wish to start, where to place it, how to be certain that the soil is ready and good for growing, how to know what to plant and where to plant it.

Basic Gardening will take you from the basic plant parts, and why they are important all the way to the production of fruit. You will discover the importance of having good soil, and what that means, and how to correct it in your yard. The gardener's best friend is the composter, and the beginning gardener needs to understand just what composting is and why that is such an important skill. Becoming more aware of the ecology of our world and how we can work with it rather than against it is a very important lesson.

You will also learn about plant hardiness and planting zones; about the most important date in a gardener's life: the date of the last spring frost. You will learn about plant propagation, the proper care of seedlings, and how to care for newly transplanted additions to your garden. You will even learn how to repel pests and attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Basic Gardening is a class to give the novice gardener all the basic information necessary to begin the most popular U.S. hobby to date: gardening



Digital Photography 101

You just bought your first digital camera and don't know the ins and outs of all those buttons. If that isn't daunting enough, the user's manual is pages thick and intimidating. Well, you've come to the right place.

Owning a great digital camera is no guarantee you will take great pictures. Over the years digital SLRs, and other digital cameras, have become affordable, more powerful and much more complicated. This Digital Photography course is designed to give you a comprehensive overview of digital camera designs and capabilities, and the series of steps to take great photographs. You'll learn about lenses, when to use them and how to select the right lens for your pictures. We take the mystery out of pixels, megapixels, filters, flashes, exposure meters and much more.

You know how important communication is. That's why we'll show you how to shoot photos that will enable others to feel what you do. And we'll show you how to tell a story through your pictures.

Good composition is the hallmark of any outstanding photograph. We'll teach you the rules of good composition, the Rule of Thirds, style and background settings, and the S Rule.

Learn the tricks of professional photographers, and how you can photograph and compose stand out black and white photos. This Digital Photography course also teaches you ways to house your special memories forever. Should it be a family reunion, wedding, new baby or that special vacation, you'll learn how to incorporate camera tools to photograph stunning water reflections and mesmerizing sky images. Imagine creating professional looking imagery using your digital camera, the help of your PC and this online class.

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Astrology 101

Astrology is the study of the relationship between the relative positions of certain celestial bodies and life here on earth. Because the word astrology comes from the Greek words astron, meaning 'star' and logos, meaning 'word', we can literally translate astrology to mean the language of the stars. A language and practice that has developed over thousands of years by numerous cultures around the world since its earliest recorded beginnings in the third millennium BC.

In this self-paced, online course we will explore the wonderful world of astrology, and how it can impact your daily life. We'll discuss the basics, terminology, symbols, natal charts, the twelve signs of the Zodiac, the planets, the houses, elements & modalities, angles, quadrants, aspects, orbs, and so much more. And by the end of this class, we'll put together all of the knowledge gained so that we can determine a person's astrological chart! So what are you waiting for? Join us today, and let's learn the fundamentals of astrology!

Areas of Study

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| Accounting | Home and Garden | Real Estate |
| Alternative Medicine | Homeschooling | Reference |
| Arts and Photography | How To / Do It Yourself | Religious Studies |
| Business | Language Arts | Science |
| Career Training | Law/Legal/Criminal | Self-Help |
| Computers & Tech | Mathematics | Social Work |
| Cooking | Medical Billing | Special Education |
| Crafts & Hobbies | New Age | Spiritual Studies |
| Entrepreneurship | Office Skills | Teacher Tools |
| Finance | Parenting and Family | Terminology |
| GED Training | Performing Arts | Test Preparation |
| General Education | Personal Care | Web Development |
| Health & Medicine | Pet and Animal Care | Writing Skills |
| History | Psychology | |

Boredom Busters

*By Stephanie Ohlsen, Discovery Days Instructor,
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Here are two recipes for good, gooey fun. Each has some unique properties that will intrigue and entertain kids and adults alike.

Is it a liquid or a solid? It depends on how you play with it. If you pour it or stretch it slowly it appears to be a liquid. If you apply pressure or make abrupt movements with it, it appears to be a solid. For the scientists in the group, substances like this are called polymers



Gak

Ingredients

Solution A

- 1 cup white glue
- 1 cup water
- Food coloring (several drops)

Solution B

- 1-1/3 cup warm water
- 3 teaspoons Borax

Directions

Mix solution A in one bowl and Solution B in another bowl. Be sure both are mixed together well. Pour solution A into solution B. No need to stir, just reach in and pull out a handful of Gak. Roll it around in the liquid for a few minutes until all loose ends are a part of the blob of Gak.

See how far you can stretch your piece of Gak. Pull slowly and it stretches; pull fast and it breaks. You can use cookie cutters and Play Doh tools with Gak, but it works best when you work with its properties and not apply too much pressure.

Slime

Ingredients

- 2 parts cornstarch
- 1 part water

Directions

Mix together with a spoon, or better yet, your hands.

Slime has a very soothing consistency. Squeeze it in your fist and it becomes hard; relax your hand and it oozes between your fingers. Tap it hard with a finger and it's a solid; poke it gently and it's a liquid.

About LifeLongmontLearning

LifeLongmontLearning is a community-based, City-sponsored movement to increase access to learning opportunities available in our area. It is the vision of this effort's leadership—which represents government, education, community and business—to ensure that all children enter school ready to learn; for all students to acquire the education and skills to be successful in the 21st century; for all working adults to improve their employability in a changing world; and for retired adults to continually enrich their lives. For more information, visit www.LifeLongmontLearning.com.