

# Gadget Menagerie -- Touch, test, try

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**"We have a workshop for you"**



You've heard the expression: "We have an app for that." You've heard about smart phones, iPads, Kindles, android, Galaxy tablets, Nook tablets and more, and you don't understand what makes them different from each other, or which one might be the best fit for your lifestyle. Well, "We have a workshop for you."

The Washington State Library will visit the San Juan Island Library to provide a workshop in mobile devices. You're invited to touch, test, and try different devices of interest. You'll be able to see them side by side and literally get a feel for how they work. Discover what devices have in common, how they differ, and learn basic tips.

Participants will learn how various eReaders, tablets and other devices work at the Gadget Menagerie at the Library on Tuesday, March 18 from 1 to 3 pm. Bring your own device or explore one from the Washington State Library Gadget Menagerie, including (subject to availability) Kindles, Nooks, Galaxy Tablets, iPads, Microsoft Surface and Chromebook.

The Washington State Library is a Division of the Office of the Washington Secretary of State. One of the cool features of the State Library is they provide training and resources to libraries across the state that are all individually working on the same problems, like how to best get eBooks to library users, or how to keep up with the ever changing world of mobile devices. It's hard for a small library like the San Juan Island to keep up with all the phones and tablets that people have to use our library resources.

On the day staff from the Washington State Library are here, they will also offer a training session to San Juan Island Library staff. Hopefully, after the training, more of our staff will be able to help with your questions about how various devices work, to troubleshoot problems, and offer some tips for how to get the most out of a device you have. I am looking forward to receiving training so that when I am at the information desk I can help you.

This training is funded in part by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Visit the library on Tuesday, March 18 between 1 and 3 to touch, test, and try mobile eReading devices.

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