

Community Computer Education

July 7th – 7 pm
North Plains Public Library

Class #1: Getting Set Up with a Computer

- Before you buy!
 - What are your most important needs for this computer?
 - How might your interests grow in the future?
 - Are there alternatives to buying a computer?
- Preparing to buy – making decisions
 - Laptop vs. desktop?
 - Windows PC vs. Apple Macintosh?
 - New vs. used?
 - Local vs mail order?
 - What accessories (“peripherals”) do you need?
 - How to get on the Internet?
 - Getting the software you need... included vs purchased vs free?
- Hooking it up and turning it on
 - Stuff you’ll get, and what to do with it
 - Connecting it up
 - Turning a new computer on for the first time
 - “Cleaning up” a used computer
- Where to from here?
 - Learning to use the computer
 - Finding the programs (“software”) you need
 - Get a start on getting organized

