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Silver Surfers

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Seniors no longer have to be at a disadvantage in this highly technical world. Portable tablets with their wireless capability, bright, touchscreens and simple, clever apps make computers truly accessible to all.

The Chilliwack Learning Society (CLS) continues to meet the needs of seniors in our community who wish to explore the entertaining and educational world of tablet technology.

Now in its second year, the Silver Surfers Project which engages senior participants with trained volunteers is offering free one-on-one sessions for seniors interested in learning how to operate an iPad.

The program teaches iPad skills at a comfortable pace under the tutelage of patient volunteers, many of whom are seniors themselves. Participants may bring their own iPad or learn on the iPad provided by the CLS volunteer.

These new one-on-one iPad sessions can be tailored to the specific needs of the learner and allow for flexibility in meeting times and locations. Silver Surfers may meet just once or multiple times depending on the circumstances. public libraries, cafes and other wireless environments may act as space for these shared experiences.

If you have recently acquired an iPad and would like to learn about the various features of this device or are just curious about what an iPad has to offer, these customized one-on-one sessions provide the perfect opportunity to learn the basics and beyond.

Surf the Internet, set up an email account, discover how to download apps, explore the features of the powerful iPad camera, chat with loved ones on Skype or iMessage, watch videos, play games and so much more. "It's never too late to learn to surf," that's the motto of the Silver Surfers Project.

• If this program might be of interest to you, contact the Chilliwack Learning Society at info@chilliwacklearning.com or phone: 604-392-2404. Someone from the CLS will get back to you and facilitate a match with one of their volunteers as soon as possible.

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