



**Cowlitz County Historical Museum
405 Allen St
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**Public Program
This Thursday, October 7th – 7:00 PM**

**“Early Years of Computing in Cowlitz County...
The People and Their Computers”.**

Retired L.C.C. professor Alan Howard leads a panel of early local computer professionals, which include Bob Andrew (Port Longview), Darlene Wall deVida (Cowlitz County & LCC), Don Tikka (Cowlitz County), and Jim Elliott (Longview Publishing) in an open discussion to:

- Reveal the scope of early computing in the County (roughly the 1950s through the 1970s).
- Experience what working in a computer shop was like during that era.
- Document the people involved and the equipment they used.

Several other local early computer “pioneers” are expected to be in attendance and join in the discussions.

A very special treat - Dennis Weber will present excerpts from his father John Weber’s accounts of his early years with IBM installing and servicing local computing equipment. John is considered the patriarch of local computer tech support professionals.

During certain times in the late 1960’s and early 70’s, Cowlitz County enjoyed the reputation of having the most computers per capita in the U.S. We hope you can attend this unique event and get a glimpse of what it was like working with these physically huge, horribly expensive, and often mysterious machines.