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Howard County Library System
HCLS First Public Library System in Maryland
To Provide Customers Access to lynda.com
*Courses for all levels teach technical skills, creative techniques,
business strategies, and more.*

ELLCOTT CITY, MD -- Howard County Library System (HCLS) is the first public library system in Maryland to offer customers free access to **lynda.com**, an online education portal that offers more than 3,600 video courses. The curriculum choices focus on technical skills, creative techniques, and business strategies. Course offerings include:

- Career development (resume design, job searching, time management, marketing, etc.)
- Software tutorials (Microsoft Office, Photoshop, Wordpress, GIS, SQL Server, etc.)
- Creative skills (photography, animation, filmmaking, music editing, graphic design)
- IT and web development ... and more.

To create an account to access the portal, HCLS customers can go to **lynda.com**, click "Log In" in the upper right corner, select the "Organizational Login" tab, enter HCLS' website URL (hclibrary.org), and click the "Go" button. Users will then be prompted to enter their HCLS library card number and PIN.

HCLS customers have access to the entire **lynda.com** catalog of classes. The **lynda.com** website is also optimized for mobile browsing and can be accessed from an Internet-enabled tablet or smartphone.

Lynda.com is the latest addition to the **HCLSNow!** catalog of free, on demand, self-directed, online educational tools. Available anytime, anywhere, **HCLS Now!** is the gateway for customers to access, stream, and download free, on-demand content 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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