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## Kids Coding Classes at the Library

Natchitoches, LA, October 18, 2021 – According to code.org, 90% of parents want their child to study computer science, yet only 1 in 4 schools nationally offer coding education. This is a compelling statistic, and the Natchitoches Parish Library (NPL) has taken steps to bridge this gap in access! The NPL now provides access to Prenda's learn-to-code web-based software for all library cardholders.

Prenda includes hundreds of coding tutorials and activities that gamify learning and lets coders build real-world portfolios as they go. These portfolio projects have children build dozens of real websites, video games, apps, animation, and programs. And with over 13 coding languages, including Scratch, HTML, CSS, Javascript, Python, and more, there is something to catch anyone's interest. Everything about Prenda's platform is designed to allow kids to take ownership over their learning experience.

Sign your child up for an account today! Visit natlib.org, click "E-Books & More," then "Digital Resources," and finally, "Learn to code with Prenda." If you have problems creating an account, you may call the NPL for help at 318-357-3280, or message their Facebook page. Library cards are available for free to all Natchitoches Parish residents and those that work in the parish. To sign up for a card today, text LIBRARYCARD to 318-357-3280 or visit either library branch location.

## PHOTOS:

- -NPL LOGO.jpg
- -Prenda logo.jpg

## About the Natchitoches Parish Library

Knowledge. Connection. Community. The Natchitoches Parish Library serves the public and community through its competent and friendly staff by providing services and programs aimed at meeting the informational, recreational, and educational needs of our patrons. We seek to provide a beneficial and usable collection of information and activities to connect Natchitoches Parish residents to the world.