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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Re: NOLS Summer Reading Program for all ages begins June 16  
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### **Summer Reading Program for all ages begins June 16**

The North Olympic Library System invites everyone in Clallam County to take part in the Summer Reading Program, June 16-August 26! All ages, from babies to adults, can take part. **Sign up for the reading challenge at [www.nols.org/srp](http://www.nols.org/srp) or at your local branch** and read – or be read to – throughout the summer to earn a limited-edition T-shirt and enter to win prizes. Pick up a free book and participate in free activities, kicking off with Jeff Evans Summer Reading Magic Show on June 21 and 22.

The theme of this year's Summer Reading Program is **"Find Your Voice,"** and free activities at the Library will explore how we use our voices to share stories, express ourselves, and spark change. Adults can take part in storytelling, open mic, and journaling events. Teens can try songwriting, perform in Battle of the Bands, work together to solve an Escape Room, or join a teen book club. Kids can take a comic drawing workshop for grades 4-7, enjoy the popular Discovery Club that's offered weekly for grades K-5, join a book club for grades 1-3, or sing, rhyme and play at Family Storytime for ages 0-5. All ages can explore tidepools with Feiro Marine Life Center, learn Hawaiian hula dancing, and celebrate at an ice cream party. Check [nols.org/events](http://nols.org/events) for the activities happening at your local branch.

Summer reading is great at any age, but is particularly important for young people. Kids who don't read during the summer can lose up to a third of what they learned in the previous school year. NOLS Summer Reading Program provides a fun way for families to help keep kids engaged, prevent the "summer slide" of learning loss and develop a lifelong love of reading.

### **Take the Summer Reading Challenge**

Once you have registered for the reading challenge, track your reading from Friday, June 16 through Saturday, August 26. Whether you read for 20 minutes or two hours, it counts as a reading day. Read for 30 days to earn an entry into the Grand Prize Drawing and pick up a special **Summer Reading Challenge T-shirt designed by local artist and Clallam County Poet Laureate Jaiden Dokken**. Read for an additional 30 days for a second entry into the drawing. Each Grand Prize Drawing winner can select one of the following prizes: a \$100 gift card to a local book store or restaurant, or a LEGO® set (up to \$100 in value).

The Summer Reading Program is generously supported by Friends of the Library groups at all four NOLS branches. For more information about the Summer Reading Program, visit [www.nols.org/srp](http://www.nols.org/srp), call 360.417.8500, or email [discover@nols.org](mailto:discover@nols.org).



*NOLS Community Outreach Specialist Kristin Overbey holds free books and a reading tracking sheet for Summer Reading Program participants.*

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