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Re: Chess, game and puzzle contests at NOLS

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is hosting free game programs throughout the summer, including several friendly competitions, in celebration of this year's all-ages Summer Reading Program theme: Level Up at Your Library. Libraries are not only places for knowledge; they're also vibrant community hubs where you can have fun and connect with others. Visit NOLS.org/game for information about the contests listed below and additional game events.

Video Game Tournaments – Clallam Bay and Forks

At the Clallam Bay Branch Library, 16990 Hwy. 112, on Thursday, July 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., kids and teens can show off their video game skills in a **Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament**. The winner will earn bragging rights, a Smash Bros. poster and a trophy. Lunch and light refreshments will be provided. The Forks Branch Library, 171 S. Forks Ave., will host the same tournament on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Chess and UNO Tournaments – Forks

The Forks Branch Library, 171 S. Forks Ave., will host a **Chess Tournament** on Saturday, July 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. This casual unrated rapid tournament (10+5 time control) welcomes players of all skill levels, ages 13 and up. Prizes will be awarded to the top players, and everyone will have the chance to improve their chess game and connect with other chess enthusiasts. Chess

boards will be provided and participants can bring their own. Scott Jackson from the Quileute Tribal School Chess Club will be assisting with the event.

Then, on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 3 to 4 p.m., the competition turns to card games with a fast-paced **UNO Tournament**.

Jigsaw Puzzle Contests – Port Angeles

The Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St., continues **Jigsaw Puzzle Contests** on the second Saturday of each month, July 12 and Aug. 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. New puzzles will be available this summer, so come early for the best selection. Bring your own team of up to four people, ages 10 and up, or join new teammates at the event. The first team to finish a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle wins a prize.

Magic: The Gathering Draft Tournament – Port Angeles

Kids and teens in grades 4 to 12 can come to the Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St., on Monday, July 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. to use their Magic: The Gathering card deck-building skills with “booster packs” provided by the library. Then, compete for first, second and third place prizes. All participants get to keep their newly drafted deck.

About the Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program is happening now through August 23. Sign up for the reading challenge, earn a T-shirt, win prizes and participate in free events.

For more information about the Summer Reading Program, visit NOLS.org/srp, call 360-417-8500 or email discover@nols.org. The Summer Reading Program is generously supported by local Friends of the Library groups.

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