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Re: Turn Your Story into a Graphic Novel with author-illustrator Kristin Varner
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The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is offering two free “[Turn Your Story into a Graphic Novel](#)” workshops with award-winning author and illustrator Kristin Varner on Saturday, Aug. 2, open to aspiring artists and writers of all ages. The morning session begins at 10:30 a.m. in the gym at Olympic Peninsula Academy, 400 N. 2nd Ave., Sequim. The afternoon session starts at 3 p.m. in the Raymond Carver Room at the Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St.

During each hourlong workshop, Varner will guide participants through drawing original characters and creating mini four-panel comics. She will also share the creative process behind her middle grade graphic novels and describe how her childhood experiences have inspired her stories.

For more information about this and other free library events, visit NOLS.org/events.

About the Presenter

Kristin Varner is an award-winning author, illustrator and graphic novelist based in the Pacific Northwest. She grew up in the Rocky Mountains of Utah, where she fell in love with animals at a young age. Varner received her degree in illustration from Rhode Island School of Design and has created art for children's books, games, apparel and toys. Her two middle grade

novels, “Horse Trouble” (2021) and “Dog Trouble” (2024), are both recipients of the American Library Association’s “Best Graphic Novels for Children Reading List” awards. Visit kristinvarner.com to learn more about her work.

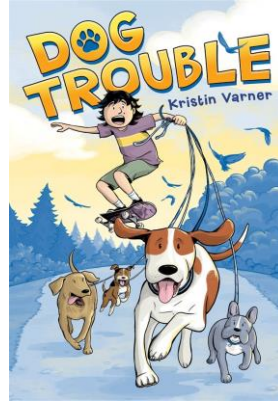
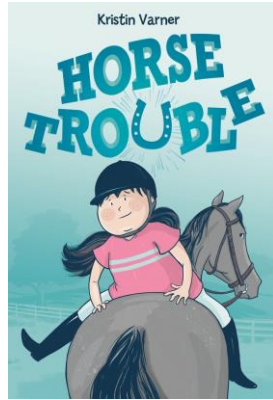
About the Summer Reading Program

These events are part of the “Level Up at Your Library” Summer Reading Program, running through Aug. 23. Sign up for the all-ages reading challenge, earn a T-shirt or tote bag, enter to 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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