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Contact: Jennifer Lu'Becke, Youth Services Librarian
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Re: Free Event with Children's Book Authors, Port Angeles Main Library, April 10
Attached: *Rachel-Michelle-Wilson.jpg; Kristin-Varner.jpg*

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is partnering with Squatchcon to host two published authors for [Art vs. Writing: A Storyteller Face-Off!](#) from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10, at the Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St. The free, interactive event is geared toward youth in grades K–6, but audiences of all ages are welcome and will enjoy the creativity.

Children's book authors Kristin Varner and Rachel Michelle Wilson will embark in the ultimate battle between words and art. They'll make arguments the effectiveness of both in storytelling and invite participants to help them crown a champion. Throughout this debate, participants will collaborate with Varner and Wilson using writing prompts and live drawing to craft a complete story from beginning to end.

Participants will leave with an understanding of story essentials and the confidence to write and illustrate stories of their own.

About the Presenters

[Kristin Varner](#) is an award-winning author, illustrator and graphic novelist based in the Pacific Northwest. Her two middle grade novels, “Horse Trouble” (2021) and “Dog Trouble” (2024), are both recipients of the ALA Best Graphic Novels for Children Reading List awards.

[Rachel Michelle Wilson](#) is a children’s book author-illustrator. Her debut “How to Pee Your Pants: The Right Way” (2024) was selected as one of Kirkus Reviews Best Picture Books of 2024 and an ALSC Notable Children’s Book of 2025. Her latest picture book “To Catch a Ghost” (2025) is about a new girl determined to trap a ghost for show-and-tell.

Squatchcon Comic and Arts Convention 2026 takes place in Port Angeles, April 9-12. Visit squatchconpa.com to view all events and activities.

Library program support comes from the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For information about youth programs at your library, visit NOLS.org, call 360-417-8500 or email youth@NOLS.org.



Children’s book author-illustrator Rachel Michelle Wilson.



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