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Contact: Clair Dunlap, Youth Services Librarian
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Re: Free songwriting workshop for teens at Port Angeles Main Library, July 7
Attached: *Colbert-SongwritingWorkshop.jpg*

Port Angeles, WA – Teens are invited to join professional musicians for a free [songwriting workshop](#) from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, at the Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St.

Seattle-based singer/songwriters K. Van Petten and Connor Cash Colbert will lead students through analyzing song forms and discussing what makes a song “catchy.” Participants will practice writing their own lyrics in a supportive environment. Following positive feedback from previous workshops, Van Petten and Colbert are returning for a third year at the request of the Teen Advisory Board.

About the Presenters

K. Van Petten and **Connor Cash Colbert**’s musical projects include Baddy Gold, Wet Whitman, and False Hemlock. Van Petten works for Sonic Guild, a nonprofit that supports local music. Colbert holds a BFA in Musical Theatre with an emphasis in songwriting and directing from Boston Conservatory at Berklee. Both have participated in residencies at Centrum and are published poets.

About the Summer Reading Program

The workshop is part of the “Plant a Seed, Read” Summer Reading Program, running through Aug. 22. Sign up for the 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](https://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.



Connor Cash Colbert, center, plays a song example for teens in a prior songwriting workshop. Colbert and K. Van Petten return to the Port Angeles Main Library on July 7.

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