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Subject: Celebrate National Poetry Month at Clallam County Poetry Slam

In honor of national poetry month, the Port Angeles Main Library is hosting a Poetry Slam for poets and actors grades 6-9, April 21 at 6:30 pm. Students will compete by reading an original poem or performing a published poem and the public is invited to attend. Prizes include an iPod Nano, an iPod Shuffle and gift certificates for local bookstores. Light refreshments will be served.

Contestants entered the slam either through classroom elimination or through independent entries. Many 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade teachers throughout Clallam County encouraged their students to enter the contest and held classroom competitions. Judges for the contest include Friends of the Library Board Member Larry Welch, *Peninsula Daily News* reporter Diana Urbani de la Paz, *Tidepools* editor Michael Mills, Port Book and News owner Alan Turner and Odyssey Bookstore owner April Bellerud.

The contest is designed to encourage young adults to express themselves through poetry and is part of the North Olympic Library System's ongoing programming for young adults. Funding for this program has been generously provided by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For information on the Poetry Slam or other programs for youth, contact the Youth Services department of the Port Angeles Main Library at (360) 417-8502, or email [youth@nols.org](mailto:youth@nols.org). The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 S. Peabody St. in Port Angeles.

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