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Re: Author Kevin Emerson to visit Clallam Bay and Sequim Branch Libraries

Seattle-based author Kevin Emerson will visit the Clallam Bay Branch of the North Olympic Library System to lead a writing workshop for young people as part of the COAST Program on Wednesday, May 18, at 3:00 pm. He will also visit the Sequim Branch Library on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30pm, to discuss his work and how he became a writer.

Kevin Emerson is the author of *Carlos Is Gonna Get It* as well as the Oliver Nocturne series. His books, which are geared towards young readers in grades 4 through 7, have been favorably reviewed; *Booklist* says his dialogue is “right on”. A former elementary school science teacher, Emerson offers workshops for middle and high school students when he is not actively writing. He is also a member of a band called the Board of Education, which is active in the Seattle kids’ music movement, Kindiependent. His books and CDs are available for check-out at the Library.

The event at the Clallam Bay Library is part of an ongoing partnership between the North Olympic Library System and Cape Flattery School District’s COAST (Creating Opportunities for After School Thinking) program. Funded by a Department of Education 21st Century Learning Grant, COAST’s mission is to provide after-school enrichment activities for children. The program at the Sequim Library is made possible through a partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula to promote reading among teens and tweens. The Boys and Girls Clubs recently received a grant from the Walmart Foundation to provide

programming support for adolescent literacy. Emerson will visit the Sequim Boys and Girls Club earlier in the day for a writing workshop, sharing tips and tricks for young writers. Both events are free and require no advance registration.

The Clallam Bay Library is located at 16990 Highway 112, Clallam Bay. To learn more about this program, contact the Library at (360) 963-2414 or ClallamBay@nols.org, or visit www.nols.org. For more information about the COAST program, contact the Clallam Bay or Neah Bay Schools at (360) 963-2103.

The Sequim Library is located at 630 N. Sequim Avenue in Sequim. For more information about this program contact the Library at (360) 683-1161 or Sequim@nols.org, or visit www.nols.org. To learn more about the Walmart Foundation Bright Spot for Reading Initiative or other youth programs at the Boys and Girls Clubs, contact Stacy Ceder at 360-683-8095.

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