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Re: Paws to Read at the Port Angeles Main Library

On Saturday, January 14 at 2pm, the North Olympic Library System's Port Angeles Library will offer *Paws to Read* for young people. In collaboration with Olympic Gentle Paws Therapy Dog Club, *Paws to Read* allows kids to practice their reading skills by reading to therapy dogs.

Experience has shown that interacting with therapy dogs can help children build their reading skills and their confidence as readers. The dogs are trained to listen and be attentive as children read. During the program each child will have the opportunity to read or just talk to a therapy dog. All dogs and trainers are members of the Olympic Gentle PAWS therapy dog group.

Children of all ages are welcome, pre-registration is not required, and children can stop by anytime between 2pm and 3pm. The next Paws to Read events will be on the third Saturdays of February and March.

The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street. For information on this program, or other programs for youth, check out the North Olympic Library's website at <a href="www.nols.org">www.nols.org</a>, contact the Youth Services Department of the Port Angeles Main Library at (360) 417-8502 or email <a href="www.nols.org">youth@nols.org</a>.