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Re: Mystery novel set for Kids Book Club in February at Sequim Library

On Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30pm, the Sequim Library Kids Book Club will meet at the Sequim Branch of the North Olympic Library System. The book selection is *Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett. All children between the ages of 8-11 years and their parents or guardians are welcome to attend. Kids and adults should read the book before coming to the book club.

According to a Kirkus starred review, “Art, intrigue, and plenty of twists and turns make this art mystery a great read. Petra Andalee and Calder Pillay set out to find the connection between their teacher (a freewheeling constructivist teacher), the eccentric woman in their neighborhood, the bookstore owner, and an international art thief. Balliett intersperses fascinating information about Johannes Vermeer and his paintings throughout the two friends' quest to solve the mystery—a mystery layered with pentominoes (a mathematical tool consisting of 12 pieces), puzzling clues, and suspicious strangers. Helquist's detailed black-and-white illustrations hold hidden messages, clues related to the pentominoes, and more puzzles. Fans of E.L. Konigsburg's *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* or Ellen Raskin's *The Westing Game* will find equal pleasure in this debut by a talented writer.”

This monthly book discussion group helps foster a lifelong reading habit. Books have been carefully selected by librarians to be age-appropriate, of high literary value, and to encourage a love of books. The Kids Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Sequim Library, through March. The group is led by Youth Services Librarian Antonia Krupicka-Smith. Parents and guardians are encouraged to read the books with their children, and to begin the discussion at home.

The popular Kids Book Club at the Sequim Branch will continue in March with book selection *Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin. Multiple copies of *Chasing Vermeer* and other titles in the discussion series are available at the Sequim Branch Library and can be requested online through the Library's catalog at [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org). Pre-registration for this program is not required.

The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue. For more information on this and other programs for youth go to [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org) and click on "Events" and "Sequim", or contact Youth Services Librarian Antonia Krupicka-Smith at 360.683.1161 or [Sequim@nols.org](mailto:Sequim@nols.org).

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