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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: February 28, 2012  
Contact: Antonia Krupicka-Smith, Youth Librarian, Sequim Branch Library  
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Re: Focus on Taiwanese culture at Kids Book Club in March at Sequim Library

On Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30pm, the Kids Book Club will meet at the Sequim Branch of the North Olympic Library System. The book selection is *The Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin. 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 School Library Journal Review, *The Year of the Dog* is a lighthearted coming-of-age novel with a cultural twist. Readers follow Grace, an American girl of Taiwanese heritage, through the course of one year - The Year of the Dog - as she struggles to integrate her two cultures. Throughout the story, her parents share their own experiences that parallel events in her life. These stories serve a dual purpose; they draw attention to Grace's cultural background and allow her to make informed decisions. She and her two sisters are the only Taiwanese-American children at school until Melody arrives. The girls become friends and their common backgrounds illuminate further differences between the American and Taiwanese cultures.

Monthly book discussions help foster kids' lifelong love of reading. 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, continuing through June. 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 April book selection is *Rapunzel's Revenge* by Shannon Hale. In May the club will read *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. In June, the final book in the Spring series will be *Our Only May Amelia* by Jennifer Holm. Multiple copies of *The Year of the Dog* 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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