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Subject: Entries now being accepted for North Olympic Library System's PoetrySLAM

Calling all poets and performers in grades 6 through 9! Show your talent for performing or writing poetry by qualifying for a spot at the second annual PoetrySlam at the North Olympic Library System's Port Angeles Library. The PoetrySlam will be on Friday, April 20 at 6:30pm. Awards for the best performers and poems will be a Nook e-readers and gift certificates to local bookstores.

"Teachers, students and the community loved last year's event and many people have been asking if there will be another Slam this year," Youth Services Librarian Jennifer Knight said. "Poetry is a powerful medium. It gives kids an opportunity to engage with poetry in an exciting and fulfilling way. We encourage anyone in grades 6 through 9 to give it a try!"

Contestants may enter one of two categories: recitation or original poetry. Entries in the recitation portion of the contest must be memorized and students will be judged on their ability to act out the poem. Poems entered in the original category may be read and will be judged on content.

To qualify for the April 20 Slam, performers and poets must participate in an elimination round in their classroom or at the Port Angeles Main Library. The Library's elimination round will take place on Saturday, April 14 at 2:00pm. Pre-registration by April 10 is required for the library elimination contest. Students must provide an advance copy of the work they plan to perform. Call the Library at (360)417-8502 or e-mail [jknight@nols.org](mailto:jknight@nols.org) to register. The elimination contest at the Library is free and open to the public.

The PoetrySlam is just one event in the North Olympic Library System's series of programs for young adults. Offered in celebration of National Poetry Month, funding for this program has been generously provided by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For information on this or other

programs for youth, contact the Library at (360) 417-8502 or [youth@nols.org](mailto:youth@nols.org). The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street in Port Angeles.

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