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Date: December 20, 2012
Contact: Lorrie Kovell, Librarian, 360-417-8500 x 7750 or lkovell@nols.org
Re: Adult Winter Reading Circus
Attached: Graphics of Louie Foxx, Mario Lorenz, The Night Circus book cover, Reading Circus Logo

The circus is coming! The circus is coming! The *Winter Reading Circus: A Library Program for Adults* arrives at all four branches of the North Olympic Library System in January. The *Reading Circus*, a fun, multi-faceted program that encourages adults to read, runs from January 7 to March 20, 2013. Participants aged 18 and up are encouraged to ‘run away with the circus’ beginning January 7. Participants who sign up for the reading program will receive a reading log, and (while supplies last) a coupon for a free hot beverage at a local coffee shop or stand.

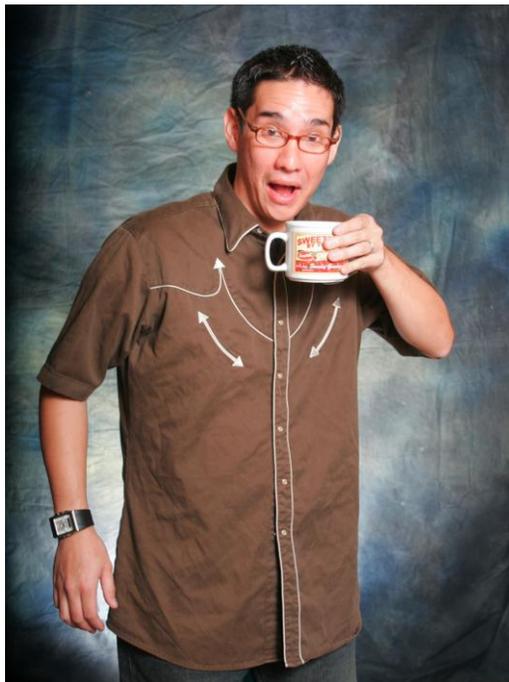
Participants, who read or listen to five books of their choice between January 7 and March 19, will receive a Winter Reading Circus reusable tote bag (while supplies last) and become eligible to win a Nook e-reader or a night’s stay for two at Lake Crescent Lodge in Olympic National Park. Earn more chances to win by reading or listening to additional books and attending the special events.

The theme for the *Winter Reading Circus* was inspired by the best seller *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. “Morgenstern’s mysterious circus appears without notice and begins after dark,” says librarian Lorrie Kovell. “Given the resurgence of local interest in circus arts, cabaret, and burlesque shows, the library thought adults might enjoy a reading program with these themes. And, of course, the long Northwest nights are perfect for reading.” *The Night Circus* will be read and discussed in each branch this winter.

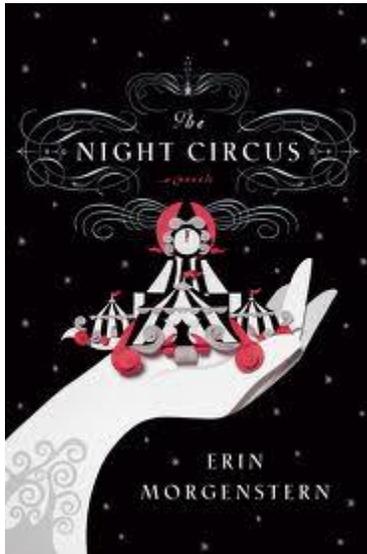
Other special events include a circus flavored *Art Blast*, at the Port Angeles Main Library at 7pm on January 11. The *Art Blast* will feature nationally known and locally popular *One Man Side Show: Louie Foxx*, and juggler extraordinaire *Mario Lorenz*. Each NOLS branch will also host screenings of circus themed feature films. Films included in this series are *Big Fish*, *The Greatest Show on Earth*, *Cabaret*, and *Burlesque*. Adventurous adults can also be the star in their own center ring by making their own circus hula hoop!

For more information on the *Winter Reading Circus* and a complete schedule of events, visit www.nols.org; click on “Events” and select the page for your local branch, or contact Lorrie Kovell at 360.417.8500 ext. 7750 or lkovell@nols.org.

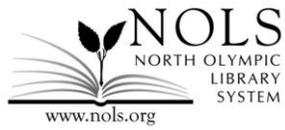
The Adult Winter Reading Circus is made possible through the generous sponsorship of the Port Angeles Friends of the Library, Friends of the Sequim Library, Friends of the Forks Library and Friends of the Clallam Bay Library.



Photos: Louie Foxx with coffee cup, Mario Lorenz with top hat, *The Night Circus* book cover, Adult Winter Reading Circus Logo



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