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**North Olympic Library System**  
**2210 South Peabody Street**  
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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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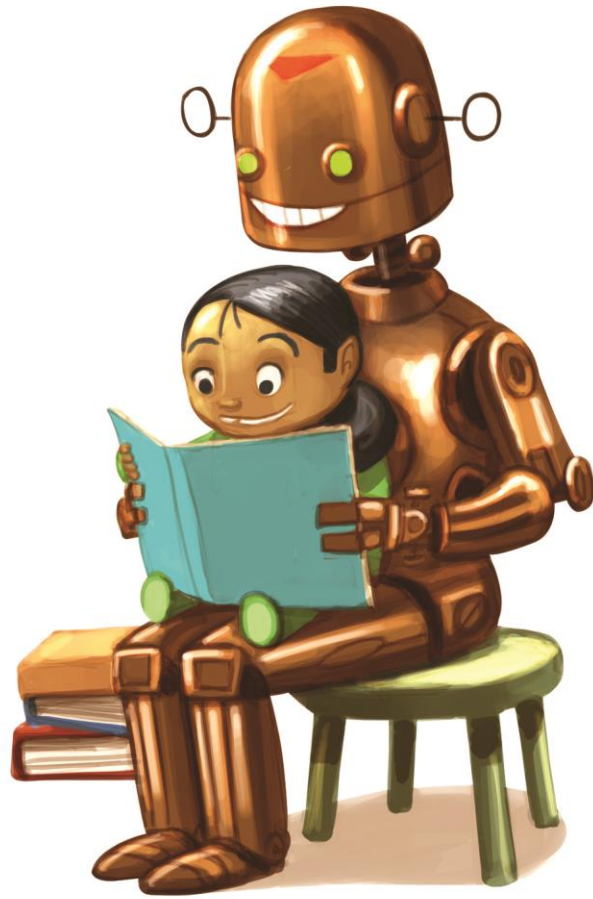
Re: Science Storytimes at the Port Angeles Main Library

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Get ready for *Science Storytimes* at the North Olympic Library System's Port Angeles Library this summer! Offered as part of the Library's 2014 Summer Reading Program *Fizz, Boom, Read!* Storytimes will be held on Fridays from July 11 through August 1 at 10:15am. Although the content is intended primarily for preschoolers ages 4-5, all ages are welcome at *Science Storytimes*. Library staff assisted by teen volunteers will share science-themed stories, perform mini-science experiments and the children will make a craft to take home.

Storytimes at the library provide young children the opportunity to interact with peers through music, storytelling, book-sharing, games and activities. Studies show that exposure to books and the shared experience of reading aloud can result in improved school readiness for younger children and can prevent the "summer slide", meaning the loss of reading and math achievement in school-aged children, which typically occurs over summer vacation months. A similar loss in science learning may be avoided by participating in science programs at the library, such as *Science Storytime*. The Library's *Fizz, Boom, Read!* events and activities are designed to prevent a summer science slide.

The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street. For information about storytimes, the Summer Reading Program and other early literacy programs at the Library, go to [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org) and click on "Youth", or contact Youth Services at 360.417.8500 x7705.



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