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Re: Young Adult Makerspace Workshop to be offered at NOLS

Young adults ages 11 to 18 are invited to get creative with a Makerspace Workshop this summer as part of *Spark a Reaction*, the annual summer reading program for teens taking place at all four branches of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) until August 2. This workshop will be held at the Forks Branch Library on Tuesday, July 15, from 2pm to 4pm, the Sequim Branch Library on Friday, July 18, from 2pm to 4pm, and at the Port Angeles Main Library on Thursday, July 24 from 2pm to 4pm.

This hands-on workshop will provide participants the opportunity to learn about the design process and be part of a community of builders. Participants will work collaboratively on challenges related to engineering or electronics. This and other *Spark a Reaction* workshops for young adults will be facilitated by Sequim Middle School science teacher Caleb Gentry. Space is limited and pre-registration for workshops is recommended. To register, visit www.nols.org, email youth@nols.org or call your library to register.

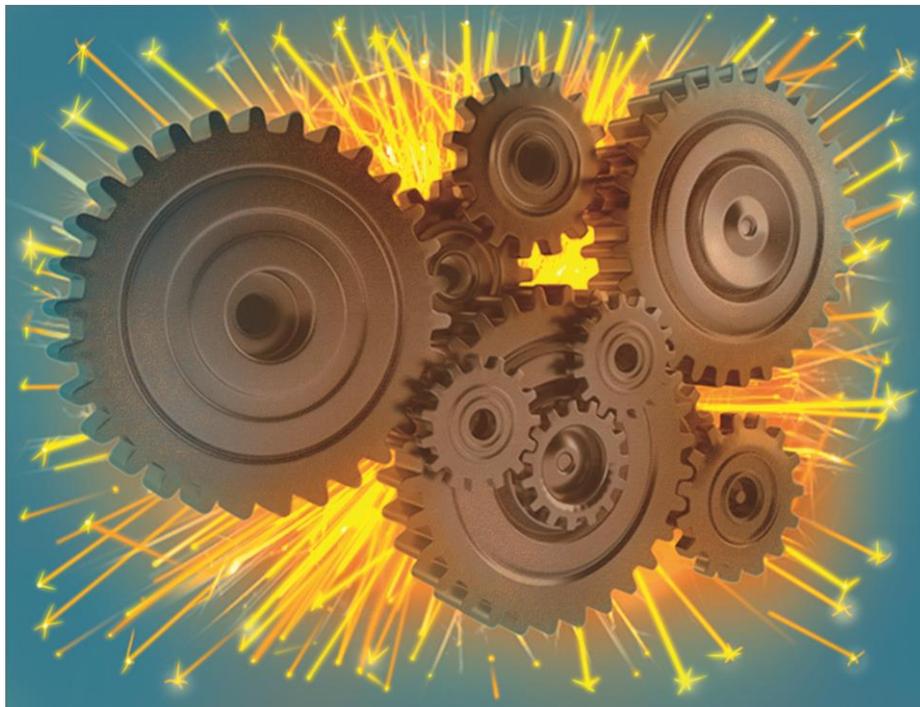
Young adults can participate in *Spark a Reaction* by signing up at any NOLS branch location and reading at least three books before Saturday, August 2. Teens who read at least three books will receive a free book of their choice and be entered for the grand prize drawing of a Netbook. Young adults can also participate, and enter into the grand prize drawing, by attending this workshop series and doing other activities detailed on the game card available at any NOLS branch.

The Library's annual summer reading program supports student success. Research shows that

by reading during the summer, young adults can prevent the “summer slide”, meaning the loss of educational gains, particularly reading skills, during the summer break from school. The Library’s summer reading program provides an antidote to the summer slide by offering incentives to read and opportunities for teens to explore their world, discover new interests, share new books with friends, stay academically sharp for next school year, and enhance college and career readiness.

For more information about *Spark a Reaction* and other Library events for tweens and teens, visit www.nols.org or contact the Port Angeles Main Library at 360.417.8500 Ext. 7705 or youth@nols.org. The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue, the Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street, the Forks Branch Library is located at 171 Forks Avenue South, and the Clallam Bay Branch Library is located at 16990 Highway 112.

The Summer Reading Program is generously supported by the Friends of the Library at all four NOLS branch locations.



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