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Contact: Sheri Kruckeberg, Youth Services
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Re: Tears of Joy Theatre performs for Summer Reading 2014

As part of *Fizz Boom Read*, the North Olympic Library System's (NOLS) annual summer reading program for young people, Tears of Joy Theatre will be performing *Tad & Fry: A Tale of Friendship and Metamorphosis* at the Port Angeles Main Library on Monday, July 28, at 6:30pm.

A tadpole and a fry can become friends, but what happens when they grow up? Tad and Fry are best friends, but as their bodies start to change and they grow up, their friendship is put to the test. What will happen when Tad grows legs or Fry is ready to migrate to the ocean? Experience biology and learn about the science of metamorphosis through this charming and interactive puppet performance that utilizes shadow puppetry and music.

Tears of Joy Theatre is recognized as one of the nation's outstanding puppet theatres, known internationally for its innovation and excellence. Each year the programs of the theatre serve more than 100,000 children and adults. The company was originally founded in Hawaii in 1971 by Reg and Janet Bradley. The company tours widely throughout the West and offers a variety of educational programs in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area. Tears of Joy Theatre has received a Washington State Governor's Arts Award and a Young Audiences Sunburst Award for its "exemplary commitment to arts in education." Four of the theatre's productions have received American puppetry's highest honor, The Citation of Excellence in the Art of Puppetry from UNIMA-USA.

Fizz Boom Read, which runs through Saturday, August 2, is an array of programs and special

events that encourage children to keep reading during the summer break from school. Research shows that children who participate in summer library programs benefit academically from story hours, reading incentives, and other activities that enhance the reading experience. Kids who enjoy reading will read more, and reading more means reading better.

For more information about *Fizz Boom Read* and other events for young people, visit www.nols.org or contact the Port Angeles Main Library at 360.417.8500 x 7705 or youth@nols.org. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street.

Fizz Boom Read is generously supported by the Friends of the Library at all four NOLS branch locations.



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