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Re: LEGO® Junior Maker Program at the Port Angeles Main Library

Looking for a fun indoor activity this winter? Create and play during a monthly *LEGO® Junior Maker* program at the North Olympic Library System (NOLS)! The Port Angeles Main Library will host the program from 10am-12pm on Saturday, January 23, February 20, and March 19.

This event will take place in the library Living Room and will be facilitated by teen volunteers. Parents or caregivers are asked to accompany children under 8 years-old. Participants will be encouraged to write a story about their creation, which volunteers will photograph during the program. All materials will be provided. Afterwards, the LEGO® bricks will remain in the library.

Research shows that creative play is important in the development of reading and critical thinking skills. Libraries from around the country offer programs using LEGO® bricks to encourage young people and families to play and build together. "Building with LEGO® bricks is a fun, engaging way to foster community and support literacy development," Port Angeles Youth Services Librarian Jennifer Knight said. "We love hands-on programs like this at the Library where we can step back and let the kids create."

The library's LEGO® brick collection was built with the generous support of the North Olympic Library Foundation, the Port Angeles Friends of the Library, the Girl Scout Troop of Western Washington, and brick donations from library patrons. The Port Angeles Main Library has offered a building program periodically for several years, and currently uses the brick collection at outreach events, storytimes, and other events at NOLS. If you wish to make a LEGO® brick donation to the Library, please contact Jennifer Knight at jknight@nols.org or call 360.417.8500 x7733.

For information about these and other programs for youth, visit www.nols.org and select "Youth," or call

360.417.8500. To receive regular updates about upcoming NOLS programs, services, and events, “Like” the Library on Facebook! The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street in Port Angeles.

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