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**Date:** March 4, 2016  
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**Re:** *Book Wars* trivia competition at the Port Angeles Main Library

Seventh- and eighth-grade students from Stevens Middle School will compete in a literary trivia competition at 6:30pm on Friday, March 11, in the Raymond Carver Room at the Port Angeles Main Library of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS). The event is a culmination of a year-long program during which participating language arts students formed teams and read eight books selected by library staff. The team that prevails March 11 will win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet for each of its members. The public is welcome to attend this fun, free event.

### **About the program**

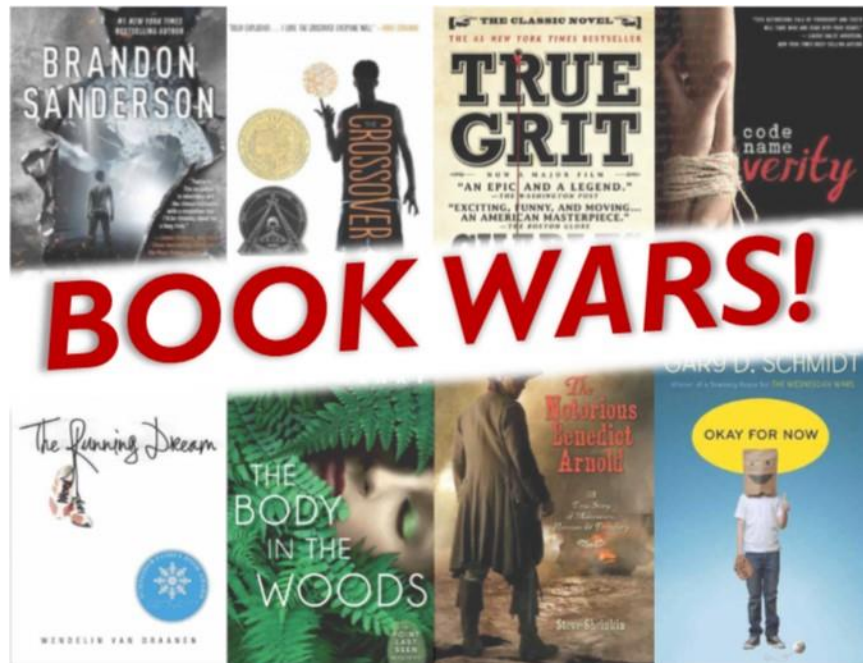
*Book Wars* is loosely based on a program initiated by Everett School District and conceptualized by eighth grade teacher Angela Gooding. “The purpose of the program is to encourage students to read for pleasure outside of class, as well as to introduce them to genres they might not otherwise pick up,” NOLS Youth Services Librarian Jennifer Knight said. “This was a great opportunity to generate some buzz about the collection and get teens reading.” NOLS Youth Services Specialist Jennifer Lu’Becke, who developed much of this year’s program, added. “It was rewarding and fun to see how excited the teens were about the books.”

Books selected for the program included *The Body In The Woods* by April Henry; *The Notorious Benedict Arnold* by Steve Sheinkin; *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Drannen; *Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt; *True Grit* by Charles Portis; *Crossover* by Kwame Alexander; *Code Name*

*Verity* by Elizabeth Wein; and *Steelheart* by Brandon Sanderson. As part of the program, Portland author April Henry visited with all seventh- and eighth-grade classes earlier in the year.

### More information

*Book Wars* is made possible with the generous support of the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For additional information, contact the Port Angeles Main Library at 360.417.8500, or send an email to Jennifer Knight at [jknight@nols.org](mailto:jknight@nols.org). The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street in Port Angeles.



*Book Wars*, a literary trivia competition featuring local middle school students, will take place at 6:30pm on Friday, March 11 at the Port Angeles Main Library.

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