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Subject: County-wide *Battle of the Books* Competition

Eleven teams of Clallam County fourth-graders will do battle in a trivia-style competition at 6:30pm on Friday, March 25, at the Port Angeles Main Library. *Battle of the Books 2016* is the culmination of a year-long collaborative project between the North Olympic Library System (NOLS), the Port Angeles, Sequim, Quillayute Valley and Crescent School districts, and Queen of Angels. Throughout the year, more than 180 fourth-graders participated in the program, each of whom received free copies of the five books read as part of the project. The students also received a t-shirt featuring art created by a fellow student during a design contest held last year. This year's participating schools include: Jefferson, Greywolf, Forks Intermediate, Olympic Peninsula Academy, Hellen Haller, Franklin, Roosevelt, Queen of Angels, Crescent, Dry Creek, and Hamilton Elementary.

About the competition

For five months prior to the final competition, library staff led book club discussions at each of the schools to help support and encourage student reading. Books read during the year included: *Flora and Ulysess* by Kate DiCamillo; *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein; *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis; *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* by Jack Gantos; and *Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman. The competition will include trivia questions about each book.

“The program is designed to encourage kids to be lifelong readers,” Youth Services Librarian Jennifer Knight said. “We want reading to be fun—having a *Battle of the Books* program is a way to cultivate that.”

Additional Information

The *Battle of the Books* program is generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library, the Friends of Sequim Library, and the Friends of the Forks Library. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street in Port Angeles. For information about this and other programs for youth, visit the library website at www.nols.org, contact the Youth Services Department of the Port Angeles Main Library at 360.417.8500 x7705, or send an email to youth@nols.org.



2015 *Battle of the Books* contestants

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