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**North Olympic Library System**  
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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Contact:** Jennifer Knight, Youth Services Librarian, Port Angeles Main Library  
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**Re:** 2016 Summer Reading Kickoff @ the Port Angeles Main Library

Celebrate the start of summer with the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) and the Hands On Children's Museum of Olympia from 2-6pm on Monday, June 20 at the Port Angeles Main Library. This is a fantastic time to sign up for the 2016 Summer Reading Program, visit interactive stations, learn about basic circuitry, and make things fly. Participants ages 0-18 will also receive a free book when they sign up for the summer reading program.

### **About the Hands on Children's Museum**

The Hands on Children's Museum stimulates curiosity, creativity and learning through fun, interactive exhibits and programs for children, families, and school groups. Located in Olympia, the museum is well-known regionally as a destination for kids and families. Its participation in the Library's annual summer reading program is part of an ongoing outreach to bring the museum to new audiences.

### **Summer Reading at NOLS**

The 2016 Summer Reading Program, taking place June 20 through August 20, offers an array of events and incentive-based reading programs to encourage children to read during their summer vacations. Research shows that children who do not read during the summer lose up to a month of instructional knowledge they learned the previous year—what is known as the “summer slide.” Library summer reading programs have been shown to help alleviate the “summer slide” by providing access to materials, enrichment activities, and encouraging kids to

continue reading.

As part of the reading incentive program, young people ages 0-18 will receive a book when they sign-up for the program. For every 14 hours kids and teens (ages 3-18) read, they will be entered into a grand prize drawing. Adults and kids of all ages who read 100 hours or more will receive a special t-shirt commemorating their reading success.

### **Additional information**

For more information about how to participate in the 2016 Summer Reading Program, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org), contact the Port Angeles Main Library at 360.417.8500 x 7705, or send an email to [youth@nols.org](mailto:youth@nols.org). The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street in Port Angeles. Summer reading programs and events are generously supported by Friends of the Library groups at all four NOLS libraries.



*The 2016 Summer Reading Kickoff will take place from 2-6pm on Monday, June 20 at the Port Angeles Main Library and feature interactive exhibits from the Hands On Children's Museum of Olympia.*

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