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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Contact: Pam Force, West End Youth Services Librarian
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Re: LEGO® Cool Creations at West End branch libraries

Accept the LEGO Cool Creations challenge this June at the North Olympic Library System (NOLS)! Based on author and Master LEGO brick designer Sean Kenney's book *Cool Creations in 35 Pieces*, this program will offer individual kits containing 35 game pieces to participants who will then be given 45 minutes to create as many objects as possible. The first challenge will take place at 1pm on Wednesday, June 29 at the Forks Branch Library, followed by another session at 1pm on Thursday, June 30 at the Clallam Bay Branch Library.

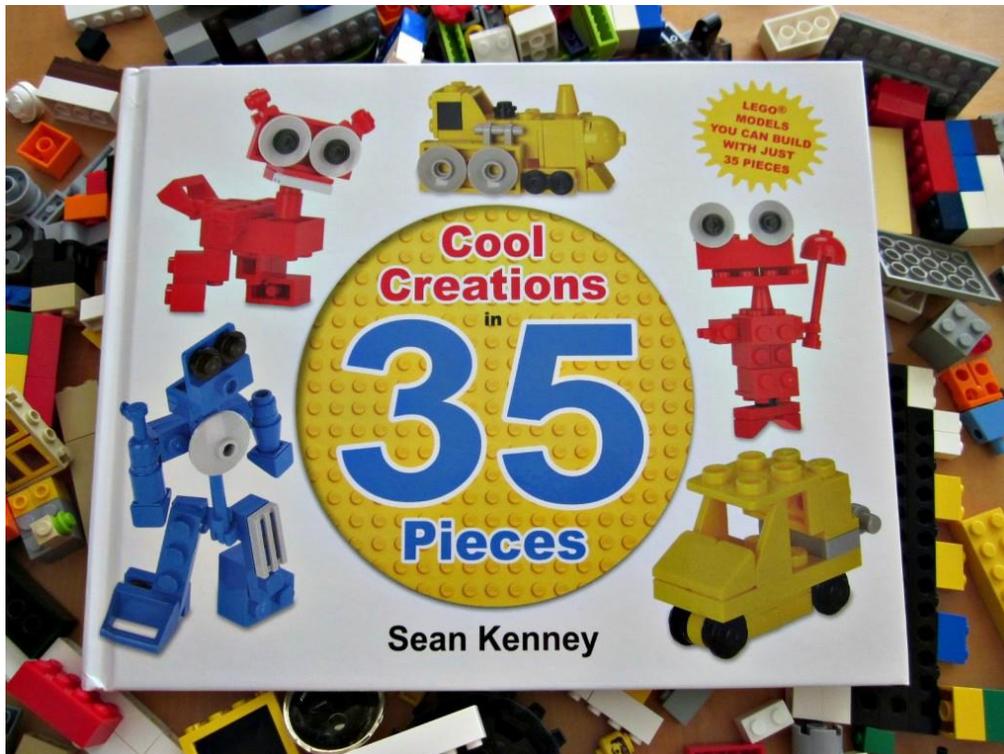
The LEGO Cool Creations challenge is recommended for children ages 7 and older. The program is free of charge, however a limited supply of kits are available. All LEGOs will remain in the library after the event. Children may work on the kit alone or in a team. *Advance registration is required* for attendees at the Clallam Bay Branch Library: register online at www.nols.org, call 360.963.2414, or send an email to youth@nols.org. All materials will be provided.

Additional information

LEGOs® are well-regarded tools in educational circles, and have been shown to help develop three-dimensional thinking (a precursor to physics), enhance communication and critical thinking, boost motor development, improve creativity, and develop problem-solving. For younger children, the brightly colored pieces and interlocking combinations provide hours of sorting skills, patterning practice, and fine-motor development, which are key factors in most

kindergarten math curriculums.

For more information about these and other programs for youth, visit www.nols.org and select “Youth,” or call 360.963.2414. The Clallam Bay Branch Library is located at 16990 Highway 112 in Clallam Bay. The Forks Library is located at 171 South Forks Avenue in Forks. All materials for this program are generously provided by the Washington State Library.



LEGO Cool Creations challenges will take place June 29-30 at the Forks and Clallam Bay branch libraries.

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