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Contact: Pam Force, West End Youth Services Librarian
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Re: Lego© Mindstorms© Robotics Camp for Summer Reading 2016

This July the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) will offer several Lego© Mindstorms© Robotics Camps as part of its annual summer reading program for young adults ages 12-18. The first camp will take place at 2:30pm on Wednesday, July 6 at the Forks Branch Library, followed by sessions at 11am on July 7, 14, and 21 at the Sequim Middle School cafeteria. Additional camp dates are scheduled for 3pm on July 7, 14, and 21 at the Port Angeles Main Library.

About the camps

Are you up for the Lego© Mindstorms© Robotics challenge? Young adults ages 12 to 18 will work in pairs to program, conduct experiments, and modify a rover-style robot that can solve puzzles and complete challenges! Teams will design, program, test and improve their rovers to create efficient programs. Sequim teacher Caleb Gentry will teach the basics of program design. Come to one session or attend them all! Limited space is available, and pre-registration is recommended. Lego© Mindstorms© use is made possible by the Washington State Library.

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.

To register for this program or to learn more about the 2016 Summer Reading Program, visit www.nols.org, send an email to youth@nols.org, or call your nearby NOLS library. The Forks Branch Library is located at 171 South Avenue in Forks. The Sequim Middle School cafeteria is located at 301 West Hendrickson Road in Sequim. 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.

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