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Subject: Annual Battle of the Books competition set to begin, now includes home-school contestants

As the annual "Battle of the Books" program for local fourth-graders is set to begin in classrooms around Clallam County, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is excited to announce that this year the program will also include Port Angeles-based home-school participants. Beginning in October, library staff will facilitate monthly book discussions for fourth-grade home school participants between the ages of 9-10 at the Port Angeles Main Library. All participants will receive free copies of the book selections, as well as a special competition t-shirt featuring original student artwork. Space is limited, and registration is required: To register your home-school fourth-grader, visit the Youth Services Department at the Port Angeles Main Library, call 360.417.8500, x7705, or send an email to Youth@nols.org.

About the competition

"Battle of the Books" is a year-long collaborative project between NOLS and schools from around Clallam County. Throughout the year, Library staff will visit classrooms and facilitate discussions about each month's book selection. As a culmination to the program, teams of students from each school, in addition to a home school team, will compete for a trophy on March 24 at the Port Angeles Main Library. Books that will be read during this year's "Battle of Books" include: "The Fourteenth Goldfish" by Jennifer L. Holm; "How to Steal a Dog" by Barbara O'Connor; "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio; "City of Ember" by Jeanne DuPrau; and "One

Crazy Summer” by Rita Williams-Garcia. The final 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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