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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Re:** Building your child's future...one book at a time

Set your child on the path to success by completing the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" reading challenge with the North Olympic Library System (NOLS)! A nationwide initiative to encourage parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children, the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program will equip the children in your life with essential early-literacy skills. All parents and caregivers with children ages 0-5 are welcome to participate!

### **How to get started**

To register in the program, visit your nearest NOLS branch library anytime throughout the year and pick up a helpful reading log to track your progress. Participation is free. To cheer you along, NOLS will give away a small prize for every 100 books you and your child read. Earn a Library tote bag when you've read 500 books, and a celebratory book at 1,000!

Research shows that reading aloud to children from an early age can help close the vocabulary gap and prepare children to enter kindergarten with the skills they need to succeed. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and reading.

This program is generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library, the Friends of Sequim Library, the Friends of the Forks Library, and the Clallam Bay Friends of the Library.

## **Additional information**

To receive regular updates about upcoming programs for children and families, “Like” NOLS on Facebook or visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org). For information about “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” and other programs for youth, send an email to [Youth@nols.org](mailto:Youth@nols.org), or contact the Port Angeles Main Library at 360.417.8500 ext. 7705, the Sequim Branch Library at 360.683.1161, the Forks Branch Library at 360.374.6402, or the Clallam Bay Branch Library at 360.963.2414.



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