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Re: County-wide *Battle of the Books* Competition

Twelve teams of Clallam County fourth-graders will do battle in a trivia-style competition at 6:30pm on Friday, March 24, at the Port Angeles Main Library. *Battle of the Books 2017* is the culmination of a year-long collaborative project between the North Olympic Library System (NOLS), the Port Angeles, Sequim, Quillayute Valley and Crescent School districts, and Queen of Angels Catholic School. Throughout the year, over 200 fourth-graders participated in the program, each of whom received free copies of the five books read as part of the project. The students also received a t-shirt featuring art created by a fellow student during a design contest held last year. This year's participating schools include: Jefferson, Greywolf, Forks Intermediate, Olympic Peninsula Academy, Helen Haller, Franklin, Roosevelt, Queen of Angels, Crescent, Dry Creek, and Hamilton Elementary. This year for the first time a homeschool team is participating as well.

About the competition

For five months prior to the final competition, library staff led book club discussions at each of the schools to support and encourage student reading. Books read during the year included: *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 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.”

More 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.



2016 Battle of the Books contestants

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