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Date: June 5, 2017
Contact: Jennifer Knight, Youth Services Librarian
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Re: 2017 Summer Reading "Build a Better World" Kickoff @ the Port Angeles Main Library
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Learn how you can *Build a Better World* at the 2017 Summer Reading kickoff event at the Port Angeles Main Library, Saturday, June 17 from 10-3! The event will feature hands-on activities organized by the Hands On Children's Museum of Olympia and a volunteer fair geared towards adults and teens. This is a fantastic time to sign up for the 2017 Summer Reading Program, learn about volunteer activities in the community, and visit interactive building stations. When signing up for the Summer Reading Program, participants of all ages will receive a free book as well as the opportunity to earn a special NOLS t-shirt and a chance at winning amazing grand prizes!

About the Hands on Children's Museum

The Hands on Children's Museum stimulates curiosity, creativity and learning through fun, interactive exhibits and programs for children, families, and school groups. Located in Olympia, the museum is well known regionally as a destination for kids and families. Its participation in the Library's annual summer reading program is part of an ongoing outreach to bring the museum to new audiences. Explore fun activities with the Hands on Children's Museum at the Port Angeles Main Library on June 17 from 10am-1pm.

About the Volunteer Fair

Interested in volunteering but unsure about where to start? Visit the Port Angeles Main Library

on June 17 from 11am to 3pm to discover and learn more about local nonprofit organizations, ways to volunteer, and how to take part in building a better community. Representatives from The Boys & Girls Club, Bloodworks Northwest, Clallam County Historical Society, Clallam Progressive Coalition, Gathering for Hope, League of Women Voters, North Olympic Land Trust, OlyCAP, Olympic National Park, Volunteer Chore Services, WSU Extension Office and many other organizations will be setup throughout the library.

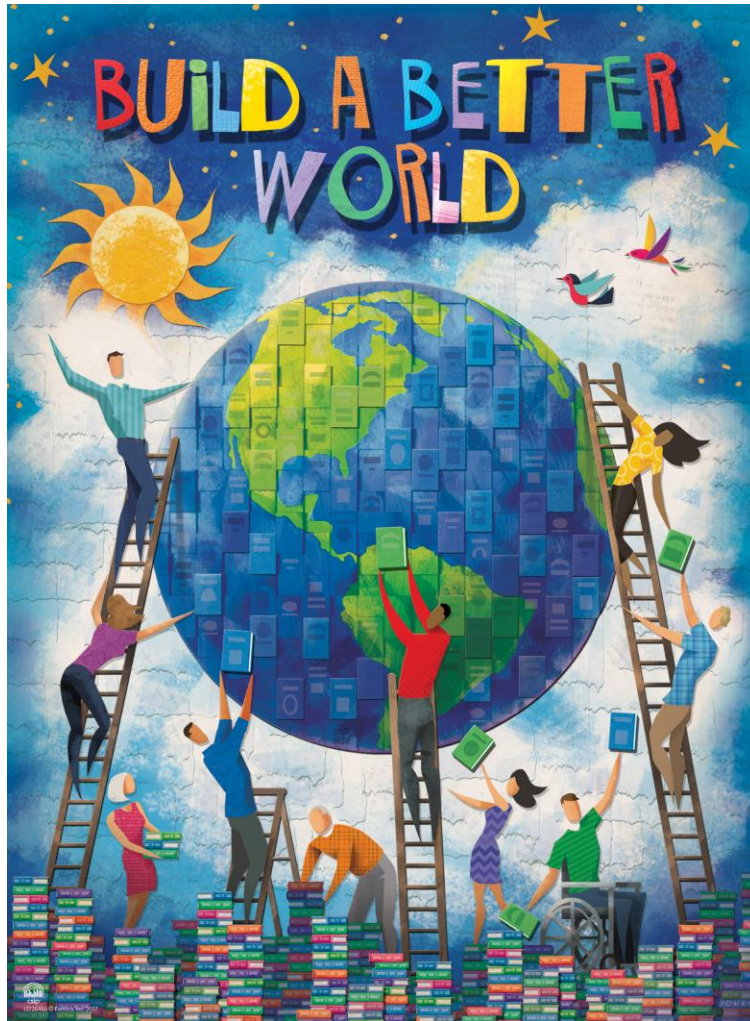
More Information

The theme for the 2017 Summer Reading Program is *Build a Better World*. This summertime celebration, which encourages children to keep reading during the summer break from school, features a reading challenge and a multitude of events for all ages. Research shows that children who do not read during the summer experience “summer slide” and may lose up to a month of the instructional knowledge they gained during the previous school year. Library summer reading programs have been shown to help alleviate the “summer slide” by providing access to books, enrichment activities, and encouraging young people to keep reading.

Beginning June 17, all ages, babies through adults, can sign up at any NOLS library or community event and begin tracking their reading. A free book will be given to everyone who signs up and a special NOLS Summer Reading Challenge t-shirt will be given to everyone who reads 30 days throughout the summer! For every 15 days of reading, a grand prize raffle ticket can be earned. Each Library branch will draw a prize-winning ticket for kids, teens, and adults. Winners will have the opportunity to select one four prizes: a whale watching tour, an airplane flight, a gift certificate to a local restaurant, or a LEGO set. The Summer Reading Program runs through Saturday, August 19.

The Summer Reading Program is generously supported by the Friends of the Library at all four NOLS libraries. For more information about the Summer Reading Program kickoff and other events happening this summer, visit www.nols.org, email discover@nols.org, or contact your local NOLS library branch. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street in Port Angeles; the Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue in

Sequim; the Forks Branch Library is located at 171 South Forks Avenue in Forks; and the Clallam Bay Branch Library is located at 16990 Highway 112 in Clallam Bay.



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