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Re: Book-It Repertory Theatre presents *El Deafo* at the Port Angeles Main Library
and the Port Townsend Public Library
Attached: *El Deafo Cover.jpg*

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) and Port Townsend Public Library will host Book-It Repertory Theatre's performance of *El Deafo* to kick-off their annual summer reading programs. The theatre group will perform at the Port Angeles Main Library on Thursday, June 22, at 11am, and at the Cotton Building (607 Water St. Port Townsend) at 4pm, hosted by the Port Townsend Public Library. The show is geared towards young people; kindergarten through sixth grade.

In this staging of Cece Bell's Newbery-honored graphic novel, *El Deafo*, audiences will experience Cece's journey as she learns to embrace her hearing loss and searches for a true friend. When Cece is four years old, she loses her hearing due to an illness. She faces embarrassment at school with her bulky hearing aid strapped to her chest, but she then discovers a superpower: the ability to hear the teacher when she is not in the room! Enjoy this funny and poignant stage production of *El Deafo*. This show is not to be missed!

El Deafo was adapted by Kelly Kitchens; directed by Ryan Schlecht; and features the following artists: Cheyenna Clearbrook, Rachel Guyer-Mafune, Mary Hould, Andrew Wilkes, and Anthea Carns. This show will be performed using spoken English and American Sign Language (ASL).

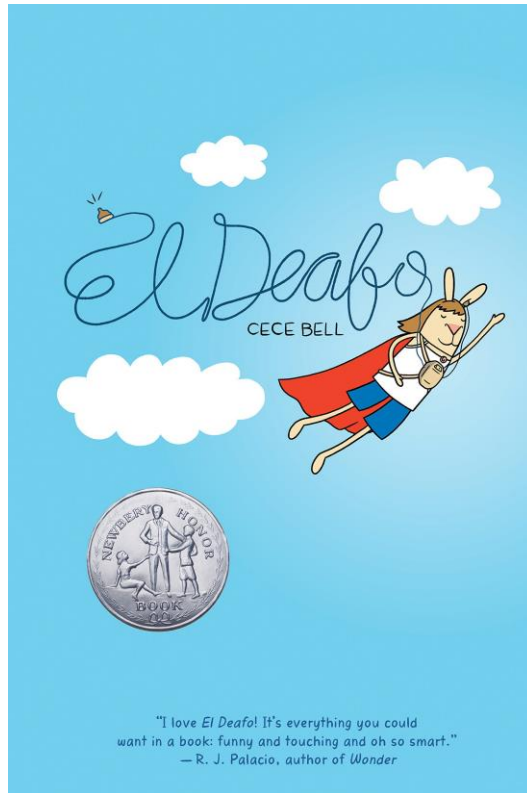
Book-It Repertory Theatre is based in Seattle. Their mission is to adapt “great literature into great theatre” and to inspire readers. Learn more about Book-It Repertory Theatre at www.book-it.org.

More Information

The performance in Port Angeles Main Library is generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. Port Townsend’s performance is supported by the Friends of the Port Townsend Library. Both performances are being offered as part of each library system’s summer reading program.

For more information about events for young people at the North Olympic Library System , visit www.nols.org or call 360.460.8500 x7705. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 S. Peabody in Port Angeles.

For more information about the Port Townsend Library, call (360) 385-3181. You can find the library at 1220 Lawrence Street in Port Townsend or online at <http://www.ptpubliclibrary.org/index.html>.



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