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Contact: Jennifer Knight, Youth Services Librarian
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Re: BLOCK Fest™ comes to NOLS
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As part of the North Olympic Library System's annual Summer Reading Program, NOLS is working with the Parenting Matters Foundation and the First Teacher Program to bring BLOCK Fest™ to all North Olympic Library System locations over the course of the summer. Start the building fun at the Forks Branch Library on July 5 at 10am, followed by the Clallam Bay Branch Library at 2pm the same day. Build your way to fun at the Port Angeles Main Library on August 5 at 10:30am, and join the building bonanza with the Sequim Branch Library at the Sequim Middle School Cafeteria on August 15 at 10:30am. Parents and/or caregivers accompany their child and are strongly encouraged to join in the play.

BLOCK Fest™ is a research-based block play program geared towards children from 8 months to 8 years with their caregivers. Children and adults can rotate from station to station in a self-guided tour to play with a variety of different blocks. More information about the Parenting Matters Foundation, the First Teacher Program, and the research behind the BLOCK Fest™ phenomenon will be available.

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. 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 and other events for young people, visit www.nols.org, call 360.460.8500, or email youth@nols.org. The Clallam Bay Branch Library is located at 16990 Highway 112. The Forks Branch Library is located at 171 Forks Avenue South. The Sequim Middle School Cafeteria is located at 301 West Hendrickson Rd. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 S. Peabody.





BLOCK Fest™ comes to every the North Olympic Library System location this summer!

(Logos: Parenting Matters and First Teacher. Image Courtesy of BLOCK Fest™)

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