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Re: *See Like a Designer, Think Like an Engineer!* at the Forks Library

As part of the North Olympic Library System's annual Summer Reading Program, the Forks Branch Library will present *See Like a Designer, Think Like an Engineer* at Tillicum Park on Wednesday, July 29 at 2pm.

Youth ages 3 - 13 are encouraged to challenge themselves to *See Like a Designer, Think Like an Engineer!* A variety of STEAM engineering stations will be set up around the park, each with a different challenge. Building blocks, bricks, marble rollercoasters, a giant geodesic construction set, and more will be available to create with!

Why STEAM?

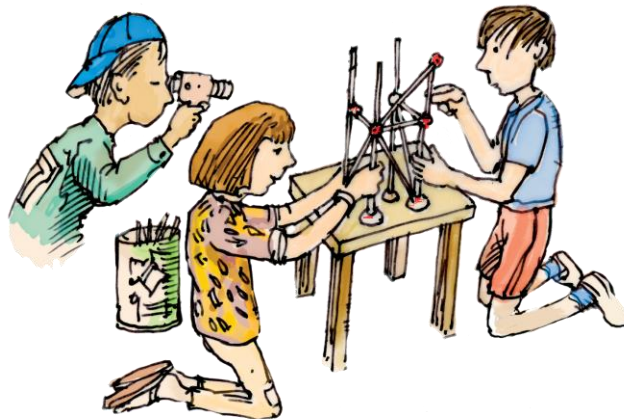
"According to the National Science Foundation, students now need to develop their STEAM capabilities far beyond levels considered acceptable in the past. In the current information-based, highly technological society, innovations in science and technology have become extremely important as we face both the challenges of globalization and a knowledge-based economy, and offering opportunities for youth to explore these concepts is critical," says West End Youth Librarian, Pam Force.

More Information

Registration for this event is required. To register visit www.nols.org, or call the Forks Branch Library at 360.374.6402.

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 groups at all four NOLS libraries. For more information about the Summer Reading Program and other events for young people, visit www.nols.org, call 360.374.6402, or email youth@nols.org. The Forks Branch Library is located at 171 Forks Avenue South.



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