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The Port Angeles Home School Team, “The Bookworms”, were victorious in the county-wide *Final Battle of the Books Competition* on Friday, March 16. Josey Ray Cooley, Oliver Rather, Kayana Vass, Tes Karjalainen, and Isaac Rutledge were on the victorious team. The Forks Elementary “Spartans”, and the Olympic Peninsula Academy “Bottles of Awesome Sauce” tied for second place, and the Greywolf Elementary “Greywolves” placed third. Thirteen teams participated in the 2018 Battle of the Books Program at the Port Angeles Main Library.

The final battle was the culminating event for a year-long book club for fourth graders throughout the county to encourage reading. Over 220 children from throughout the county were a part of the program. Participating schools included Dry Creek, Crescent, Jefferson, Franklin, Olympic Peninsula Academy, Queen of Angels, Hamilton, Roosevelt, Helen Haller, Greywolf, and Forks Elementary Schools, La Push Tribal School, and (the winning) homeschool group. During the school year, participants read five books and met with library staff once a month to discuss them. Titles included *El Deafo* by Cece Bell, *Fish in a Tree* by Linda Mullaly Hunt, *The War that Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, *A Dragon’s Guide to the Care*

*and Feeding of Humans* by Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder, and *The Astounding Broccoli Boy* by Frank Cottrell Boyce. As part of the program all participants received a copy of each book and a custom student-designed T-shirt.

### **Additional 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. For information about this and other programs for youth, visit the library website at [www.nols.org](http://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](mailto:Youth@nols.org).



*2018 Battle of the Books winners Josey Ray Cooley, Kayana Vass, Tes Karjaleinin, Issac Rutledge, and Oliver Rather*



*2018 Battle of the Books Photos taken by Rich DeCou (Dry Creek PTO President) and Amber Lindstrom (Americorps)*

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