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Subject: Not Just For Kids: How Children's Literature Inspires Bold Conversations  
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University of Washington Lecturer Dr. Anu Taranath will explore diversity, class, and race as seen through the lens of children's literature in a community conversation, Wednesday, May 2 at 6:30pm at the Port Angeles Main Library.

Children's books such as *Curious George* and *Goodnight Moon* are often beloved by children, sparking their imaginations and providing warmth and comfort. But books like these can also inspire adults— helping us to imagine ourselves in a new way and think about society from a new perspective. Dr. Taranath will showcase children's books from around the world as well as diverse communities in the US, inviting audiences to take a closer look at kids' books, and suggests how adults might also learn some new lessons about how to navigate our complicated world.

### **About Dr. Taranath**

Dr. Taranath has been teaching at the University of Washington since 2000, focusing on global literatures, identity, migration, race, sexuality, colonialism, feminism, and inclusive pedagogy. The author of various resources on identity, social justice, curriculum, and compassion, her approach transforms elite academic scholarship into accessible and engaging dialogues.

Dr. Taranath has been honored with accolades and awards including *Seattle Weekly's* "Best of Seattle" designation, University of Washington's Distinguished Teaching Award, multiple US Fulbright Scholar Grants including a spot on the Fulbright Specialist Roster, and the University of California President's Dissertation Year Fellowship. Her writing has been supported by VONA/Voices Writing Workshop for Writers of Color and a Hedgebrook residency.

A popular speaker, Dr. Anu is serving her third term as a member of Humanities Washington's state-wide Speakers Bureau. She travels the state to work with librarians, educators, retirement home residents, and many others interested in better understanding our complex world.

### **Additional Information**

This program is generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For information about this and other programs for youth, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org), call 360.417.8500, or email [Discover@nols.org](mailto:Discover@nols.org). The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street.



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