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Get ready to ROCK with the Hands On Children's Museum (HOCM)! The HOCM will visit the Port Angeles Main Library of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) on Saturday, June 16 from 10am to 12pm. Stop by any time to create your own kazoo, trace fossils, race "Rumble-Bots" and try out Makey-Makey creations.

About the Hands On Children's Museum

The HOCM stimulates curiosity, creativity and learning through fun, interactive exhibits and programs for children, families, and school groups. Located in Olympia, the museum is well-known regionally as a destination for kids and families. Its participation in the Library's annual summer reading program is part of an ongoing outreach to bring the museum to new audiences.

More About the Summer Reading Program

The theme for the 2018 Summer Reading Program is *Libraries Rock!* 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 2018 Summer Reading Program runs June 16 through August 18.

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, visit www.nols.org/srp, call 360.417.8500, or email discover@nols.org.



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