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Parenting Matters Foundation and the First Teacher Program will bring back the popular BLOCK Fest™ program to all North Olympic Library System locations this summer. The building fun will begin at the Sequim Middle School Gym, located at 301 West Hendrickson Road, on Tuesday, July 10 at 10:30am. The next session will follow on Tuesday, July 24 at the Port Angeles Main Library at 10:30am. Head West on Thursday, August 2 and join the building bonanza with the Forks Branch Library at 10:30am and the Clallam Bay Library at 2:30pm.

BLOCK Fest™ is a research-based block play program geared towards children from 8 months to 8 years with their caregivers. Parents and/or caregivers who accompany their child are encouraged to join in and play. Children and adults can rotate from station to station in a self-guided tour to play with a variety of different blocks.

### **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](http://www.nols.org/srp), call 360.417.8500, or email [discover@nols.org](mailto:discover@nols.org).



*BLOCK Fest™ to be held at all NOLS branches*

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