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Subject: The Hands on Children's Museum visits NOLS  
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The Hands On Children's Museum (HOCM) will visit the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) on Tuesday, July 24. The HOCM will be at the Sequim Middle School Gym (301 West Hendrickson Road) from 10:30am-12:30pm, and the Forks Branch Library from 4-5:30pm. Kids and families are encouraged to stop by any time to try their hand at creating a kazoo, tracing 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](http://www.nols.org/srp), call 360.417.8500, or email [discover@nols.org](mailto:discover@nols.org).





*The Hands On Children's Museum will visit Forks and Sequim on July 24.*

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