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Subject: Gansango Music and Dance to visit NOLS
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Gansango Music and Dance will visit the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) on Tuesday, July 31. Watch the stunning talents of a multicultural group of dancers and musicians come alive in traditional contemporary dance from West Africa. The first performance will take place at 10:30am at the Sequim Branch Library, followed by show at the Port Angeles Main Library at 2pm. In the event of inclement weather, the Sequim Branch Library's performance will take place in the Sequim Middle School Gym, located at 301 West Hendrickson Road.

Gansango Music and Dance is a multicultural group of international performers that present traditional and contemporary dance and music from West Africa. The company is directed by Etienne Cakpo, originally from Benin and now a teacher and choreographer based in Seattle. Gansango artists perform regularly in the Seattle area, as well as nationally and internationally for audiences of all ages.

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.



Gansango Music and Dance will visit the Port Angeles and Sequim Libraries on July 31.

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