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What was the earth like millions of years ago? Find out at *Dino Dig* presented by the Burke Museum and the North Olympic Library System (NOLS). *Dino Dig* will take place on Tuesday, August 7 at the Forks Branch Library from 10:30am-12:30pm, and the Port Angeles Main Library from 4-6pm. Another *Dino Dig* will be held at the Sequim Branch Library on Wednesday, August 8 from 10:30am-12:30pm.

Children will take a journey through geologic time as they examine real fossils, rocks, and minerals, as well as cast replicas of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals and plants. There will be opportunities to unearth fossils in dig pits, learn about the work of paleontologists and geologists, and imagine the amazing life that once inhabited the planet.

About the Burke Museum

The Burke Museum is a research and collections based museum located in Seattle. It serves many audiences and communities including Washington state residents, tourists and visitors to Seattle, educators and students, Indigenous and Pacific communities, and researchers, scholars, and enthusiasts. The 16 million objects (and counting!) in the Burke collections are used for education and research throughout the state of Washington. The museum is responsible for

the Washington state collections of natural and cultural heritage and sharing the knowledge that makes them meaningful.

The Dino Dig is part of the Burke Museum's ongoing efforts to bring the museum throughout the state of Washington. The North Olympic Library System is a host for the museum's pilot effort, and is supported through the museum's cost assistance program.

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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Dino Dig with the Burke Museum August 7 and 8.

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