



NEWS RELEASE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: October 24, 2018
Contact: Jennifer Knight, Youth Services Department
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Re: *Build It!* programs at the Port Angeles Main Library
Attached: *Build It.jpg*

Looking for a fun indoor activity for the kids? Bring them to the Port Angeles Main Library to create and play at monthly *Build It!* programs at the North Olympic Library System (NOLS). Kids will be encouraged to let their imaginations run free while they construct their own creations using LEGO® bricks. *Build It!* sessions will be held from 10am-12pm on Saturday, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 9, and March 9.

Build It! programs will take place in the library's living room and will be facilitated by library staff. Participants will be encouraged to write a story about their creation, which will be photographed during the program. Parents or caregivers are asked to accompany all children under 8 years old. All materials will be provided. LEGO® bricks and creations will remain in the library at the conclusion of each program.

Research shows that creative play is important in the development of reading and critical thinking skills. Libraries from around the country offer programs using LEGO® bricks to encourage young people and families to play and build together. "Building with LEGO® bricks is a fun, engaging way to foster community and support literacy development," says Port Angeles Youth Services Librarian Jennifer Knight. "We love hands-on programs like this where we can step back and let the kids create."

The library's LEGO® brick collection was built with the generous support of the North

Olympic Library Foundation, the Port Angeles Friends of the Library, the Girl Scout Troop of Western Washington, and brick donations from library patrons. The Port Angeles Main Library has offered a building program periodically for several years, and currently uses the brick collection at outreach events, storytimes, and other events at NOLS. If you wish to make a LEGO® brick donation to the Library, please contact Jennifer Knight at jknight@nols.org or call 360.417.8500 x7733.

For more information about these and other programs for youth, visit www.nols.org, email Youth@nols.org, or call 360.417.8500. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street in Port Angeles.



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