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CONTACT: Cheryl Martin, Library Services Specialist
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RE: Virtual Reality at West End Libraries
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As part of the North Olympic Library System's annual Summer Reading Program, *A Universe of Stories*, check out Virtual Reality at the Library! Adults and teens 13 and older can experience immersive and interactive 360° video using Oculus Rift and Go headsets. Explore America's National Parks, The Body, Mars Odyssey, Star Chart, Everest, and more! Virtual Reality (VR) sessions will be held at the Forks Branch Library on Friday, June 21 and July 5 from 12-4pm, and the Clallam Bay Branch Library on Saturday, July 13 from 1-4pm. These drop-in VR experiences will be about 15-20 minutes per user and are on a first-come, first-served basis with a waiting list if needed.

Using VR has potential safety concerns; participants must be 13 years or older (no exceptions). Adult participants must sign a release waiver, and participants aged 13 to 17 must have a parent signed release waiver. Waivers are available to download at nols.org/virtual-reality, or can be picked up at NOLS branches.

Virtual Reality programming is part of a partnership with the Washington State Library, Oculus, and the University of Washington Information School to bring educational opportunities to library communities around the state. Additional funding for this program comes from the Friends of the Library groups.

More About the Summer Reading Program

The theme for the 2019 Summer Reading Program is *A Universe of Stories*. This summertime celebration, which encourages people of all ages to read throughout the summer, features a reading challenge and a multitude of events for all ages. Stop by your local NOLS location to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, get a coupon for a Friends of the Library book, and learn how to start earning tickets for the grand prize drawing! The 2019 Summer Reading Program runs June 15 through August 17.

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. The Forks Branch Library is located at 171 Forks Avenue South. The Clallam Bay Branch Library is located at 16990 Highway 112.



Virtual Reality Session at West End NOLS branches.

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