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Subject: *Kindergarten Rocks!* at the Port Angeles Main Library
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Children entering kindergarten or equivalent in the fall of 2019 are invited to attend a special kindergarten readiness program at the Port Angeles Main Library, Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24, and July 31 at 1pm. Facilitated by staff from the North Olympic Library System and First Step, *Kindergarten Rocks!* will feature the reading of picture books and a series of hands-on stations based on kindergarten-readiness skills.

Participants in the program will receive a copy of each book read in addition to a handout with activities to do at home. Families attending the sack lunch program at Jefferson Elementary during the summer are encouraged to head across the street to the Library after lunch for this program. Attendance is free and registration is **not** required. Although siblings are welcome, the program is specifically geared towards kids who will be in kindergarten in the fall.

Schedule of book readings:

Wednesday, July 10, 1pm *This Is Not A Box* by Antoinette Portis

Wednesday, July 17, 1pm *Gravity* by Jason Chin

Wednesday, July 24, 1pm *Click, Clack, Moo* by Doreen Cronin

Wednesday, July 31, 1pm *Let's Play In the Forest* by Claudia Rueda

About First Step Family Support Center

First Step Family Support Center believes that parents are their child's first teacher as well as their first emotional "home". In an effort to support parents in their crucial role, First Step offers maternity support, parenting education classes, home-visiting programs, and center-based activities so that families have the advantage in raising healthy and happy children.

More About the Summer Reading Program

The theme for the 2019 Summer Reading Program is *A Universe of Stories*. This summertime celebration, which encourages children to keep reading during the summer break from school, features a reading challenge with fabulous prizes, 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 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.



Kindergarten Rocks! to be held July 10-31 at the Port Angeles Main Library.

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