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Subject: The Hands on Children's Museum comes to Port Angeles and Sequim  
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Explore outer space with the Hands On Children's Museum of Olympia! As part of the Summer Reading Program, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) will host the Hands On Children's Museum on Tuesday, August 6 at the Sequim Middle School at 10:30am, and the Port Angeles Main Library at 4pm. Children can build their rumble rovers to explore an alien planet, use their strength to recreate the vacuum of space, design their own space capsule reentry parachute in the wind tunnel, and practice rocket repair skills with circuit blocks and Operation Rocket Repair!

The Hands On Children's Museum stimulates curiosity, creativity, and learning through fun, interactive exhibits and programs for children, families, and school groups. Located in Olympia, the museum is well-known regionally as a destination for kids and families. Its participation in the Library's annual summer reading program is part of an ongoing outreach to bring the museum to new audiences.

### **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](http://www.nols.org/srp), call 360.417.8500, or email [discover@nols.org](mailto:discover@nols.org). The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 S. Peabody St. The Sequim Middle School is located at 301 W. Hendrickson Rd.





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