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As part of the Summer Reading Program, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is excited to host Space Quest with Idea Hatch on Tuesday, August 13! Space Quest will be held from 10:30am-12:30pm at the Sequim Middle School, and 4-5pm at the Forks Branch Library.

Children can test real meteorites, and peer into an infinity star box! Spin a vortex dome, and make clouds and lightning! Create a planet, and watch it orbit! These stations encourage creative learning and fun for 5-12 year olds. Youth 8 years of age and younger should be accompanied by an adult. *Idea Hatch: STEAM for Kids* was created by Science Educator Heidi Larson of Olympia, Washington.

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. The Sequim Middle School is located at 301 West Hendrickson Road. The Forks Branch Library is located at 171 Forks Avenue South.



Idea Hatch come to NOLS on Tuesday, August 13.

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