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Date: September 20, 2019  
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Subject: Celebration of the Book for First Graders at Port Angeles Main Library  
Attached: *PA Cheerleaders greet Ms.Chang and students.JPG, Jim Gill and students.JPG, PA Police Officer Martin.JPG, Firefighter Daniel Montana.JPG*

On Thursday, September 19, over 240 first-grade students from Crescent, Jefferson, Dry Creek, Roosevelt, and Franklin Elementary Schools helped the Port Angeles Main Library celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month at a community-wide celebration of books and reading. Port Angeles High School Cheerleaders greeted the young students with reading cheers and big smiles. Nationally-renowned musician and author Jim Gill kicked off the event with a rendition of his book *A Soup Opera*, and the Port Angeles High School cheerleaders led the group in a series of cheers about reading. Local celebrity guest readers shared picture books and talked about their own love of reading with small groups of students. All students who attended received a copy of *Frog and Toad All Year* by Arnold Lobel and a NOLS book bag, generously funded by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library.

Over 20 community members volunteered for the event. Guest readers included Deputy Mayor Kate Dexter, Port Angeles Police Department Officer Shane Martin, Port Angeles Firefighter Daniel Montana, Olympic National Park Ranger Callie Calpenor, Poser Yoga Studio Owner Jenny Houston, Feiro Marine Life Center Educator Rachele Brown, author Lisa Mantchev, Dentist Dr. Kirsti Turella from Jamestown S'Klallam Dental Clinic, Port Angeles Symphony Director Jonathan Pasternack, Peninsula College's Tim Tucker, Dr. Lissa Lubinski,

and Veterinarian Christina Wagner of Angeles Clinic for Animals. Volunteers from Port Angeles High School cheerleading squad and Wells Fargo assisted with logistics of the event.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide join together to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning. The Port Angeles Main Library's Celebration of the Book is part of the Library's ongoing efforts to encourage families and students to use the library.

### **Additional Information**

This program was generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For information about library programs and services, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org), call 360.417.8500, or email [Discover@nols.org](mailto:Discover@nols.org). The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street.



PA High School Cheerleaders greet students as they enter the Library



Children gather to listen to Jim Gill



Officer Shane Martin





Firefighter Daniel Montana

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