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Re: *Art Blast!* At the Port Angeles Main Library
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The Port Angeles Main Library of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) will celebrate a new *Ocean Arts* themed Art in the Library exhibit on Friday, October 25, with their quarterly *Art Blast!* Seattle's The Bushwick Book Club will begin performing at 7pm, performing original music inspired by books in the heart of the library. Doors open at 6:30pm, so come early to check out the new art on display throughout the building and mingle with artists! Refreshments will be served and limited library services will be available during this free after-hours event.

About the Band

The Bushwick Book Club Seattle is a group of musicians dedicated to sharing their combined passion for both music and reading with the community. With each performance, a book is chosen which is read by talented Bushwick artists who then write original music inspired by the book they just read. At this performance, the band will be featuring songs inspired by the Clallam County Reads title, *The Soul of an Octopus*, in addition to other books. The audience is encouraged to read the featured book and participate in the songs as well. By producing these unique, one of a kind musical literary events, Bushwick hopes to increase awareness in literature and song writing, while at the same time reminding people (young and old) that reading can and should be a regular part of their daily lives.

Additionally, the Bushwick Book Club Seattle offers youth programs working on critical thinking and songwriting skills. While they are in Port Angeles, Bushwick will be offering their education program, known as STYLE (Songwriting Through Youth Literature Education), to sixth graders at Franklin Elementary School.

Art in the Library

The opening reception for the new Art in the Library exhibit will be held at 6:30pm, immediately preceding the performance by The Bushwick Book Club. This is an opportune time to meet the featured artists, enjoy refreshments, and view the new *Ocean Arts* exhibit. Dozens of local artists responded to an open call for ocean-themed art earlier this year. The exhibit, which will be on display at the Port Angeles Main Library from October 25 through January 9, includes paintings, drawings, photographs, sculptures and a variety of mixed-media pieces.

Art Blast! is generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For more information about this and other upcoming programs at your library, visit www.nols.org and select "Events," call the library at 360.417.8500, or email Discover@nols.org. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street.



The Bushwick Book Club to perform at Art in the Library opening reception, Friday, October 25.



Daria Hunt - "Mothers"



Greg MacDonald - "Feather Duster"



Jane Van Atta – “Cherish the Blessings and Hone the Blessings”



Mark Smoot - Ironbound Coast.JPG

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