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Re: 2020 Summer Reading Program at NOLS
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We're all looking forward to life getting back to "normal." While this summer will look a bit different than past years, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is still offering something familiar to many kids and adults – the Summer Reading Program!

The *Imagine Your Story* Summer Reading Program has been adapted to the current times, and includes a reading challenge with incentives to earn a special NOLS T-shirt, chances to win grand prizes, and virtual events for all ages. The program kicked off on Monday, June 15, with sign-ups available online at www.nols.org/srp. You can also sign up by calling the library at 360.417.8500, ext 2. Anyone – from babies to grown-ups – can participate in the fun, free program.

After reading (or listening) for 30 days or 60 days, you're eligible to submit your entries into the Grand Prize Drawing online or by calling the library by Monday, August 17. Each NOLS branch library will draw winning tickets for kids, teens, and adults, with a choice of a \$100 gift certificate to a local restaurant or bookstore, or a LEGO® set of the winner's choice, up to \$100 in value. A special Summer Reading Challenge T-shirt is earned after reading for 30 days!

Summer reading is great at any age, but is particularly important for young people. Kids who don't read during the summer can lose up to a third of what they learned in the previous school year. Summer Reading Program activities aim to engage young people and families to help prevent the "summer slide" and build a lifelong love of reading. The Friends of Sequim Library, along with other Friends of the Library groups, generously fund this program.

Virtual programs this summer include weekly storytimes on the road, author talks, online escape rooms, lectures, and interactive educational activities.

If you're looking for something to read this summer, check out the downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks available through the Libby app, or download movies, music, and audiobooks through the hoopla app. These resources are available for free with your library card. If you don't have a NOLS card, it's easy to get a temporary one online at www.nols.org/library-card. This account will give you access to free downloadable resources available through your library.

If you'd like personalized reading recommendations, check out BookMatch at www.nols.org/bookmatch. Using information you provide about your reading history and preferences (as much or as little as you want), staff will create a customized booklist for you.

Library staff are available by phone at 360.417.8500, ext 2 or email Discover@nols.org. While library services look very different during the pandemic, staff are still available to help connect you to resources and to your next great read. Don't hesitate to reach out! We look forward to hearing from you.



The 2020 Summer Reading Program Begins June 15!

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