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Subject: Author Dusti Bowling Presents: The Importance of Story Goal
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As part of the annual Summer Reading Program, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is virtually hosting children's author Dusti Bowling. Bowling will present *The Importance of Story Goal*; an interactive writing class for 8-12 year olds. The workshop will be held through Zoom on Tuesday, June 23 at 10:30am. Participants must register to receive the Zoom login information. Register at www.nols.org/srp, call 360.417.8500x2, or email discover@nols.org.

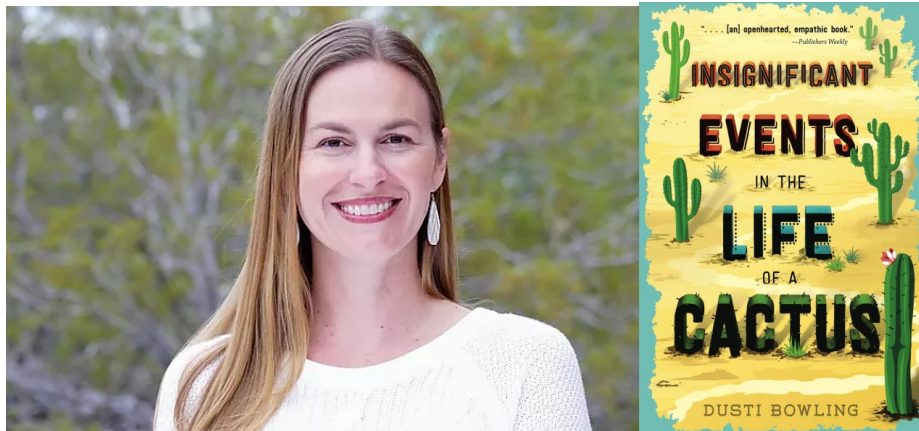
Participants in NOLS' Battle of the Books program may recognize Dusti Bowling's name as the author of one of this year's titles, *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*. In addition, Bowling penned its sequel, *Momentous Events in the Life of a Cactus*, and *24 Hours To Nowhere*, both of which are available as eBooks through the Washington Anytime Library (Libby app). Her newest book, *The Canyon's Edge* is scheduled to be published in September.

About the Summer Reading Program

The theme for the 2020 Summer Reading Program is *Imagine Your Story*. 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 virtual 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 2020 Summer Reading Program runs through August 15.

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.



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