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Subject: DIY: Explore Static Electricity! with Heidi Larsen of Idea Hatch

As part of the annual Summer Reading Program, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is virtually hosting Heidi Larsen of *Idea Hatch: STEAM For Kids*. Larsen will present DIY: Explore Static Electricity! on the NOLS Facebook page on Tuesday, June 30 at 10:30am. Kids can follow along at home with a hands-on science experiment exploring the concepts of lightning, friction, and static electricity by using friction to move an empty can and, time allowed, drawing cornstarch mix out of a bowl.

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.

Explore Static Electricity with NOLS on Facebook on Tuesday, June 30 at 10:30am.

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