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## After hours @ the library—Harry and the Potters, live!

Imagine if Harry Potter quit the quidditch team and started a punk rock band. Imagine a band that uses the power of rock and roll as the ultimate weapon against evil. That's Harry and the Potters, and teens are invited to rock to the music of the Boston-based duo, playing live at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 25 on 9th Street behind the [Olympia Timberland Library](#). The concert is free of charge.



Since 2002 brothers Paul and Joe DeGeorge—Harry and the Potters—have released three full length albums and played over 500 shows in libraries, rock clubs, art spaces, bookstores, basements, backyards and pizza places all over the world. Their hyper-enthusiastic live performance is highly regarded and Pitchfork placed the band in its Best Live Shows of 2005 list noting, "...the greatest rock and roll tour of the year took place this past summer in public libraries across America. Two young brothers, dressed up like pop culture's most famous adolescent wizard, simultaneously spread the gospels of DIY synth-garage-punk and the Order of the Phoenix..." <http://pitchfork.com>

In 2005 they co-founded the Harry Potter Alliance, a non-profit organization that makes activism accessible for young people by using the Harry Potter books as an access point to discuss pressing issues of social justice. <http://thehpalliance.org> A 2008 documentary, *We are Wizards*, profiled the band as pioneers in the creative subculture spawned by the Harry Potter phenomenon. <http://www.wearewizards-themovie.com>

The Harry and the Potters website is <http://harryandthepotters.com>. The Olympia Timberland Library is at 313 8th Avenue. The Friends of the Olympia, Tumwater and Lacey Timberland Libraries are sponsoring the event. For more information, contact the library at 352-0595.