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## Visit with “Percy Jackson” author, Rick Riordan at Port of Olympia

- Author to arrive by yacht for community event
- Hear and meet Mr. Riordan, have books signed, and visit activity & refreshment booths
- Olympia Port Plaza venue (aka Poseidon’s Fish Market) ensures space for all local fans

“The gods may live on Mt. Olympus, but they vacation in Olympia,” declares the tagline of a winning proposal for a visit by New York Times #1 best-selling author Rick Riordan. The occasion is a part of “Olympian Week,” the release week tour for the second title in Riordan’s new *Heroes of Olympus* young adult book series. An event surrounding the visit will be held at the Port of Olympia Port Plaza on Sunday, October 9 from 2 to 5 p.m.



Hundreds of proposals were submitted to Disney Publishing Worldwide for the Olympian Week contest. The proposal titled “Poseidon’s Fish Market,” developed and written by Joella Peterson, a Youth Services Librarian at the Tumwater Timberland Library, was chosen for its creative ideas in planning activities that celebrate the Heroes of Olympus series and also promote a love of reading. Riordan will be making only seven stops in the U.S. and Canada for this book tour.

“I’m so excited for the kids and teens in our community that have read Mr. Riordan’s books to get a chance to ask him questions and meet him in person,” said Peterson.

### Poseidon’s Fish Market event

Riordan will arrive at the Port Plaza in Olympia by yacht. He’ll speak and answer questions and then sign up to two books per person for as long as he is able. People may drop questions into a fish bowl by the stage. Books, including Riordan’s latest, “[The Son of Neptune](#)” to be released on October 4, will be available for purchase at the event.

Although Poseidon’s Fish Market is free and has no attendance limit, this will be a ticketed event. Tickets can be picked up at the [Tumwater Timberland Library](#) beginning Friday, September 23 or at the event itself beginning at 1 p.m. The tickets will be handed out in batches of 100, each batch in a different color. This will allow those who would like Mr. Riordan to sign a book to be able to enjoy the “fish market” stalls and activities including water and beach themed games, crafts, activity stations and food booths until their ticket color is called. Following are some of the activities:



- Come in costume for a contest.
- Fish for prizes at the “Go Fish” booth.
- Write your name in Greek letters and discover who your Olympian god or goddess “parent” is.
- Snap photos at the “Sea Stars” photo-op boards.

- Dive into activities and become wise about local streams, rivers, lakes, and the Puget Sound at Stream Team booths coordinated by the Tumwater Stream Team.
- Play volleyball with beach balls.
- Solve Percy Jackson and Heroes of Olympus trivia at Fish School.
- Have your face painted at Fish Face
- Buy refreshments at the Shark Tents
- Pet some water creatures at the Tide Pool Touch Tank
- Browse books at the Orca Book Store stalls.

In addition, the book-signing line will be defined by rope and fishing nets displaying Percy Jackson and Heroes of Olympus facts, quotes, trivia, and decoding puzzles so people have something to read and think about on their way to meet the author.

Riordan is the author of the New York Times #1 best-selling Percy Jackson and the Olympians, The Kane Chronicles and the Heroes of Olympus. He has 30 million books in print across the United States and his books have been translated into 37 languages in 36 countries. Riordan is the 2011 Children's Choice Book Award Author of the Year. His website is [www.rickriordan.com](http://www.rickriordan.com).

Community partners currently include the Friends of the Tumwater, Olympia, and Lacey Timberland libraries, Tumwater middle and high schools, the Port of Olympia, City of Olympia, Olympia Yacht Club, Tumwater Stream Team and other local Stream Teams), Tumwater Chamber of Commerce, Orca Books and the Timberland Regional Library District. For more information, call the Tumwater Timberland Library at (360) 943-7790 or go [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).

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