

**NEWS RELEASE**  
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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Re: An extravaganza of art, music, and community at your library

On Friday, July 15, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS), in partnership with the North Olympic Library Foundation (NOLF), and with the generous support of the Port Angeles Friends of the Library (PAFOL), will take the quarterly *Art Blast* in extraordinary new directions at the first ever *Art Blastapalooza*. In addition to the customary art exhibit and music, the Blastapalooza event will also feature a carnival-style side show arcade of fun and fanciful activities, and a performance by the Strait Paced Librarian Umbrella Dance Team. Silent and live auctions conducted by the Library Foundation will feature library book trucks and File-it-Under-“Fun” gift boxes that have been artistically re-envisioned by local artists. The Blastapalooza will take place at the Port Angeles Main Library, beginning at 6pm with an opening reception for the art exhibit and fun “Booky Arcade” activities—with prizes! The main stage show, including swinging music by Portland-based band Jacob Miller and the Bridge City Crooners, will begin at 7pm. Limited library services will be available during this extra-special after-hours event.

### **About the Art Blastapalooza**

The *Art Blastapalooza* is planned as an evening for adult fun, but is suitable for all ages. Stroll the Booky Arcade to enjoy book-based games and challenges - and earn prizes! Try the book toss, help build a giant domino race with best sellers, and play a round of book Jenga. Next, transform yourself by creating a whimsical wearable art hat, and visit the Star Boutique to add

sparkly flourishes to your ensemble. Visit the photo booth on the boardwalk to pose for a souvenir portrait beneath a paper moon, and capture a memory from the evening.

Entertainment by the Strait Paced Librarians Umbrella Dance Team, and live tunes from Jacob Miller and the Bridge City Crooners, will begin at 7pm.

### **About the Bridge City Crooners**

With their dapper suits, natural ease, and high level of musicianship, Jacob Miller and the Bridge City Crooners generate an evening of electric nostalgia. The six-piece band, hailing from Portland, Oregon, draws from a wealth of musical idioms—from early jazz and country blues to jugband swing and Sixties b-side soul—to deliver their own brand of Pacific ragtime. Featuring smooth vocals and players on banjo, trombone, clarinet, saxophone, drums and upright bass, the Crooners put a fresh spin on old-time melodies and are not to be missed.

### **About NOLF and the Art Cart Project**

The North Olympic Library Foundation (NOLF), a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, supports and aids in the enrichment of public library resources for the people of Clallam County. The Foundation's goals are to sponsor new and innovative system-wide Library programs and services, and raise funds for major capital needs. Current support is directed at *Libraries on the Move*, an ongoing series of projects designed to enhance NOLS' ability to deliver library services when and where they are needed - beyond the library walls. NOLF's *Tiny Olympic Libraries* project, introduced in the summer of 2015, provides books for people on the move at freestanding, self-service browsing boxes. Proposed future projects include a mobile computer lab and mobile libraries designed to bring training and library resources to convenient community venues. The Art Cart auction is NOLF's first significant community-based fundraising activity. Six beautiful wooden book carts, recently decommissioned from the NOLS fleet, have been painted or decorated in a variety of amazing ways by local artists, and will be auctioned by NOLF at the *Art Blastapalooza*. Proceeds will benefit *Libraries on the Move* projects.

## About the Art in the Library Exhibit

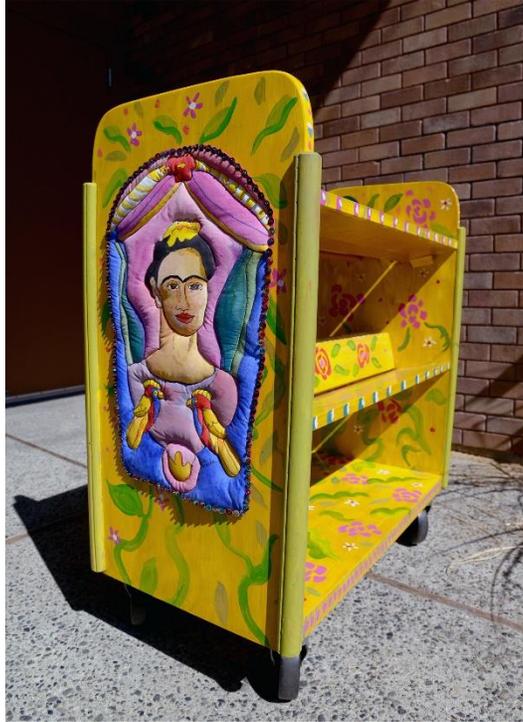
The summer Art in the Library exhibit, on view July 14 through October 12, features works commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Park System. Exhibiting artists include Jack Galloway, Jarrod Jackson, Judy Larimore, Diane Williams, and more. The exhibit reception, beginning at 6pm, is an opportune time to meet the artists and view the new show. Also on-view during the reception will be artistically-enhanced library book trucks decorated by local artists Pam Hastings, Monica Gutierrez-Quarto, Tor Jakubcin, and others. The Art Carts will be part of the live auction during an intermission in the entertainment.

## More Information

*Art in the Library* is a collaborative library-community art project celebrating the talents of local artists through a series of rotating visual art exhibits and fun, free *Art Blast* events. The *Art in the Library* program at the Port Angeles Main Library is generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For more information about the *Art Blastapalooza*, contact Library Director Margaret Jakubcin at 360.417.8500, send an email to [Director@nols.org](mailto:Director@nols.org), or visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org) and select “Events,” and “Art in the Library.” For more information about NOLF or *Libraries on the Move* projects, send an email to [ninacpitts@gmail.com](mailto:ninacpitts@gmail.com) or visit [www.northolympiclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.northolympiclibraryfoundation.org). The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody in Port Angeles.



*Jacob Miller and the Bridge City Crooners will perform their unique take on classic swing during the Art Blastapalooza on Friday, July 15. (Courtesy photo)*



Art Cart designed by Pam Hastings (Photo: North Olympic Library System)



Art Cart designed by Monica Gutierrez-Quarto (Photo: North Olympic Library System)



Part of the Art Cart fleet (Photo: North Olympic Library System)

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