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Indigenous Peoples' Day is recognized on the second Monday in October, to honor the past, present, and future of Native Americans in the United States. The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is honoring Indigenous Peoples' Day this year by celebrating Native Northwest art and culture on its virtual platforms with special presentations and performances. Through original videos, get a glimpse into the cultural heritage of tribes from the Olympic Peninsula, make a canoe bookmark with Salish artist Ty Juvinel, hear acclaimed musician Black Belt Eagle Scout perform, discover great Native reads, and more! Videos, events, and resources will be curated on NOLS's website at [www.nols.org/Indigenous-Peoples-Day](http://www.nols.org/Indigenous-Peoples-Day), as well as on Facebook and YouTube, beginning Monday, October 12.

### **About Ty Juvinel**

In addition to graphic design, Ty Juvinel is a talented carver and painter, who started carving at the age of 11. A graduate of the Seattle Art Institute, he works full time as a carver on the Tulalip Reservation. His work can be seen at MOHAI, the Edmonds Interpretive Museum, the National Indian Gaming Association Office in Washington DC, and at the Billy Frank Jr. Low Income Housing Institute.

### **About Black Belt Eagle Scout**

Hear Black Belt Eagle Scout perform in a special concert for NOLS. A member of the Swinomish Tribe, Black Belt Eagle Scout (or Katherine Paul) is an acclaimed alternative rock musician based out of the Pacific Northwest. Her music has been featured on [KEXP](#) and she recently performed in the popular 2019 Thing Festival.

Her debut album, *Mother of My Children* was written to help provide support and encouragement to protesters at Standing Rock. Her recent album *At the Party With My Brown Friends* is a reflection of the things going on in her life. Of the lead single, *At the Party* Paul writes “Within my conscious self, there is always a sense of questioning the legitimacy of the world when you grow up on an Indian reservation. We are all at the party (the world), trying to navigate ourselves within a good or bad situation. I happen to be at the party with my brown friends-Indigenous, Black, POC who always have my back while we walk through this event called life.” Of her music, *She Shreds Magazine* writes, “If you can imagine all the best things the Pacific Northwest has brought us—Mount Eerie, Grunge, Sleater-Kinney, The Girls Rock Camp, and lush mountain ranges—reimagined and told through the perspective of an Indigenous Swinomish/Inupiaq woman; if you can imagine the magic that would bring your life then you can imagine Black Belt Eagle Scout.”

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*NOLS honors Indigenous Peoples' Day with special presentations online.*

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