



NOLS Volunteer News

Spring 2010

Many Thanks to New and Long-time Volunteers!

There are currently 48 volunteers at NOLS. Some volunteers spend a few important hours each month delivering library materials to homebound individuals. Many volunteers help the Library a couple hours each week with various tasks around the Library and some volunteers help out many hours each week! Everyone's contribution is appreciated, whether it is one hour or one hundred hours.

Tell your friends!

There are volunteer opportunities currently available. If you know of someone interested in volunteering at the Library, encourage them to call the Volunteer Program at 360.417.8520 or e-mail volunteer@nols.org.

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The Library will be closed Monday, March 29 through Saturday, April 3.

NOLS has a \$163,000 budget shortfall and this one-week closure will save approximately \$36,000. All library staff will be put on unpaid leave. The website, book return bins, meeting rooms and buildings will be shut down. The Library will reopen on Monday, April 5.

The Library Board is implementing this week-long library closure, and a second one in late summer 2010, to help close an anticipated \$163,000 budget shortfall. The savings by not paying employee salaries for the closure will amount to about \$35,000 for each one-week period. Other savings in such areas as utilities are estimated to be about \$1000. The balance of the shortfall will be made up by other personnel reductions, buying fewer new books and other materials and by transferring approximately \$88,000 from the Library District's reserve funds. The budget gap is the result of the cumulative effects of inflation, the loss of timber revenue, and Washington law which caps the Library's property tax budget at no more than a 1% increase per year without a vote of the people.

**Did you know
that volunteers
shared over 770 hours
with NOLS during the
first two months of 2010?**

Thank You!

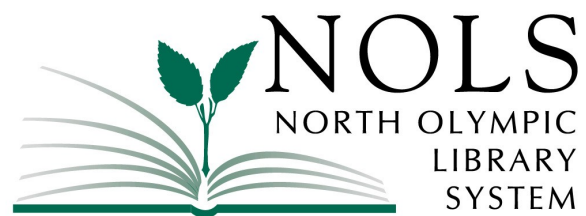
Upcoming NOLS Events

Book Discussion

Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time by Dava Sobel will be discussed at the Port Angeles Main Library's book discussion meeting at 6:30pm, Wednesday, April 28.

Cultivate the Art of Reading this spring!

Join the North Olympic Library System's Reading Program for Adults, April 12 through May 24, at all four branches of NOLS. Record titles on a Reading Log sheet; read at least five books and receive an artful bookmark with images of great masterpieces.



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