

# NOLS Volunteer News

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## Welcome New Volunteers



NOLS welcomes several individuals who have recently begun volunteering at the Library. New volunteers include Cindy Rhodes, Erika Andrews, Jeanie McNamara, Debra Sharp, Rick Seguin, Thomas Duce and Karl Poétes. Thank you for volunteering at your library!

## New Gadget at NOLS Want to reduce your power bill?



Check out a Kill-a-Watt™ Energy Detector Toolkit at any NOLS library to measure the amount of electricity your household appliances use. It calculates how much energy and money is being spent on an hourly, daily, monthly or yearly basis. Use this tool to help determine whether or not it's time to replace an old appliance, use it less, or unplug it when it's not in use.

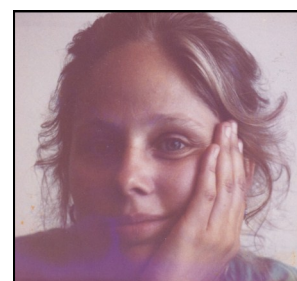
The Clallam County Public Utility District (PUD) and NOLS have partnered on this project to bring watt detectors to residents throughout the county.

## Tell your friends!

There are several volunteer opportunities available at the Library. If you know of someone interested in volunteering at NOLS, encourage them to call the Volunteer Program at 360.417.8520 or e-mail [volunteer@nols.org](mailto:volunteer@nols.org).

## Celebrate Authorship Series: Writing Memoirs

The Sequim Branch Library continues its new monthly series "Celebrate Authorship" on Saturday, Nov 19 at 3pm when writer and filmmaker Kathryn Hunt will lead a workshop on writing memoirs.

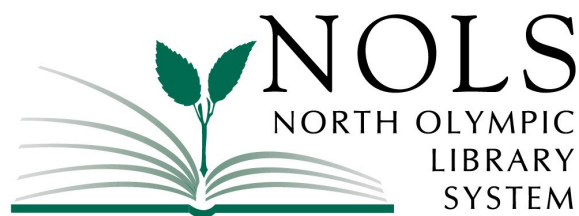


Ever thought about writing a memoir? Do you love reading them? This afternoon writing workshop will introduce you to the art and craft of the memoir and some of the masters of the genre.

## New Feature: Volunteer Spotlight



Read more about this issue's featured volunteer, Stephanie Gilmore, on page 2.



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# Volunteer Spotlight

## **Volunteer: Stephanie Gilmore**

**Date started volunteering at NOLS:** February 2010

**Volunteer role:** Stephanie volunteers with the Outreach Program on Monday and Friday afternoons. She selects library materials for Outreach patrons, as well as checking in and checking out items.

### **What motivated you to volunteer at the library?**

Stephanie started thinking about volunteering at a library about six months before she retired from the University of Washington. She moved to Port Angeles after retirement, and was surprised by the size of the library. After hip surgery in 2008, she received outreach services when she was recovering. She's also received several rare books through Inter-Library Loan. Volunteering at the library is something she's always wanted to do and it's a way she can give back for the library services she loves. Volunteering at the library also appeals to her academic side.

### **What do you like best about volunteering at NOLS?**

She likes the people, likes using the computer software, and being around all the books.

### **What's your background?**

Stephanie has a MA and BA in Public Speaking from the University of Washington. She designed and produced a reader's theater show for her Master's Degree, which dealt with the social and political responsibility of taking care of the elderly. Stephanie worked at the UW Medical Center in the GI/Urology Clinic and with the Finance/Computerized Billing System. She also led many public speaking workshops and seminars at community colleges in the Seattle/Puget Sound area.



### **What do you like to do when you're not volunteering at the library?**

Stephanie loves to travel and has been on 38 cruises (so far). She recently purchased a home in Arizona and will be enjoying sunny days this winter. She and her husband are currently preparing to move south for the rainy months. She'll be missed this winter, but you'll get to see her again when she's back in May. Stephanie is also a Francophile; she loves France and speaking French. She also enjoys theater and acting. In addition to volunteering at the library, Stephanie volunteers at the Port Angeles Visitors Center, which appeals to her public speaking background and travel interests. She really enjoys meeting all the people passing through the area.

### **Favorite book/movie/audiobook?**

When asked about her favorites, Stephanie was hesitant to name any specifics. She said she has had favorite books at different times in her life, but doesn't have any favorites in the moment. She likes to read a variety, from mystery to non-fiction. She has enjoyed Lisa See's novels and learning about Chinese history.

### **What's something people might be surprised to learn about you?**

Stephanie doesn't consider herself to be very domestic, so people might be surprised to learn that she likes to knit. (She knit a pair of super-cute booties and hat for Emily's baby!) Another unique quality about Stephanie is that she loves ironing. In fact, when she was a girl, she would iron the neighbors' laundry for 25 cents per hour, and she still enjoys ironing to this day.

