

NOLS Volunteer News

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Thank You Volunteers!

National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 15 - 21. It's a great time for NOLS to say THANK YOU to the incredible volunteers who contribute to the library!

Wondering what volunteers do? Here's a short list of a few of the volunteers that make NOLS so great. Mike shelves books and library materials every week. Tim helps with IT projects and has edited some fabulous short videos of NOLS events. Bill brings the library to homebound patrons by delivering library materials through the Outreach Program. Suzi shelves DVDS and helps process discards. Glen helps set up for library programs. They join other volunteers who together have shared over 750 hours with the library in the first three months of 2012. Thank you!

PALS Spring Poetry Party

Love to read? Enjoy poetry or curious about this genre? Does the spring weather inspire your creative side? Come to a Spring Poetry Party on Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30pm at the Port Angeles Main Library.



The Spring Poetry Party will feature poetry readings, recommendations from library staff and participants, and an opportunity to put pen to paper and compose a poem. Check out some poetry works from the library and come prepared to recommend a favorite poet or collection.

Share titles of books in any genre at the party, too!

There will also be a book swap. To participate in this wildly popular and fun exchange, bring a gently used book to swap with other readers. Yummy refreshments and beverages will be provided. Door prizes will be presented.

Stories Across the Ages: An evening of storytelling for adults

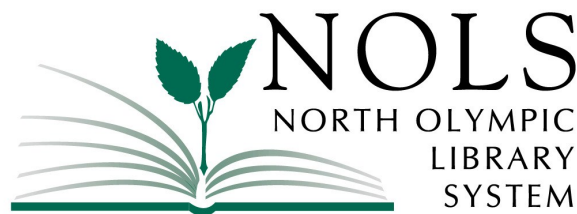
On Thursday, May 3 from 6 pm-7:30pm, members of The Story People of Clallam County,



including James the Obscure, Cherie Trebon, Elsa Johnson, and Pat Ferris, will perform stories for adults at the Sequim Branch Library.

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.



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Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteer: Carol Foss

Date started volunteering at NOLS: 1997. *This summer marks Carol's 15 year anniversary of volunteering at NOLS! She is the longest-running volunteer at the library. Her dedication is incredible.*

Volunteer role: Carol currently enters all of the obituaries from Clallam County (past and present) into the searchable Local Newspapers Index available on the NOLS website.

In past years, she has spent countless hours entering abstracts of local newspaper articles into the index, directly from the *Peninsula Daily News* and from newspaper clippings (literally boxes and boxes of articles). Carol has also searched through the library's microfilm, which dates back to 1916, to enter all of the obituaries into the index. She completed the microfilm project with a friend in two hour segments. This was the maximum time before the whizzing-microfilm-induced seasick feeling would set in!

What motivated you to volunteer at the library?

Carol started volunteering in 1997, after retiring from Olympic Medical Center. She was interested in genealogy and knew the volunteer who had been indexing the newspaper.



What do you like best about volunteering at NOLS? Carol enjoys the flexible schedule and self-directed nature of this volunteer job. (And clearly, Carol has a passion for genealogy!)

What's your background? Carol was a floor nurse in Med-Surg at Olympic Medical Center for 16 years before retiring in 1997. She moved to Port Angeles in 1972, from Maine. Her husband was in the Coast Guard and they had moved 11 times in the prior 16 years before settling on the Peninsula. She has two children; Brian lives in Tennessee and Ken lives in Arizona. She has a grandson in college and a grandson in kindergarten.

What do you like to do when you're not volunteering at the library? Carol spends time at the cemetery taking pictures of tombstones. She started taking photos in 2004, going out with her broom and camera. (She sweeps the dirt off the tombstone before she takes the picture.) She has taken over 10,000 photos for findagrave.org. She has photographed graves at Oceanview, Mount Angeles, Pioneer Memorial (Joyce) the Lower Elwha cemetery and some in Sequim. She goes back twice a year looking for "fresh dirt and shiny things" and adds new tombstone photos to findagrave.org.

She also volunteers at the Clallam County Genealogical Society Library 3 hours/week, is active with her church (First Presbyterian) and travels to Arizona twice per year.

Have you read any good books/audio/movies lately?

She has enjoyed various topics of *The Great Courses*, including most recently: *The Bible as Literature*. Her next topic: *How to Look at and Understand Great Art*.

