NOLS Volunteer News

Summer 2013

Welcome new volunteers!

NOLS welcomes new volunteer Sara Brabant, and returning volunteers: Stephanie Gilmore and Karen Nawrocki. The library appreciates new and longtime volunteers. Thank you for volunteering at NOLS!



What is your vision for the future of the Sequim Branch Library?

The Library building at 630 N Sequim Ave, which serves the entire Sequim-

Dungeness Valley, was constructed in 1983 – 30 years ago! At that time the library housed approximately 39,000 items (mostly books). Today the Sequim Branch is full to the brim with over 55,000 items (including books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, and music CDs) and provides access to hundreds of e-books, downloadable audiobooks and other e-resources, and to 21 public computers. In 2012 customers of the Sequim Branch Library checked out more than 437,000 items!

As previously promised, NOLS is now undertaking a community based visioning process to help determine the future role of the Sequim Branch and explore the feasibility of an expansion. Your help is needed!

Please share your thoughts by taking the easy online survey at <u>http://svy.mk/14ifulg</u> and attending the **Library Visioning Meeting on Tuesday, July 9 at 6pm**. Your input will help the Library identify community priorities regarding future library services, activities, and facilities.

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 360.417.8500, ext.7730 or e-mail volunteer@nols.org.

ran at the Art Blast **Mystery Theatre** Showcasing the musical talents of Chez Jazz With Special Guest: Starr Rising and also presenting a Motley Cast of Suspicious Characters Friday, July 12 6:30pm **Port Angeles Main Library** 2210 S. Peabody Street Volunteer recognition at 7 pm Mystery begins at 6:30pm (during new Art Exhibit reception) with a general hunt for clues around the Library. Performance begins at 7pm. NORTH OLYMPIC LIBRARY SYSTEM Serving all of Clallam County www.nols.ora

Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteer: Bill Dickin

Date started volunteering at NOLS January 2009

Volunteer Job Bill is an Outreach volunteer, delivering library materials to homebound patrons every week. Library staff appreciate Bill's enthusiasm for adding new patrons to his delivery routes and his willingness to travel far and wide to bring the library to individuals who can't get to the library on their own. His delivery route stretches from Chicken Coop Road on the eastern edge of Clallam County to Sequim.

What motivated you to volunteer at the library?

Bill first heard about the library Outreach Program through a friend who had just applied to volunteer. Bill uses the library a lot and saw this as a way to give back. Ironically, he recently began delivering books to this friend, who is now unable to get to the library.

What do you like best about volunteering at NOLS?

The people he delivers to. Bill said he gets as much enjoyment out of seeing people's smiles, as they do with receiving the new library materials.

What's your background?

Bill and his wife Pennie retired in 2002. They relocated from Southern California and built a home at Diamond Point. He and Pennie have been married for 16 years and have 3 children and several grandchildren, some of whom live as far away as Australia.

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

Bill is an avid golfer and enjoys spending time at Sunland. When he's not golfing or volunteering at NOLS, he likes to read, travel and wrestle with the politics of this country. He described himself as both a moderate fiscal conservative and a moderate social liberal.

Favorite book/movie/audiobook?

Bill enjoys mystery and espionage books. Some of his favorite authors include Jeffrey Archer, Michael Connelly and Lee Child.

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

Bill is a recovering alcoholic and has been sober since he was 39 years old, which he credits to asking for help and

accepting the help when it was given. He is humble about his journey to recovery, and has an inspiring story that starts with him making some major life changes. After getting sober, he started doing sales for an office equipment company. That company was eventually bought out by Minolta and Bill was kept on as one of the top sales producers. Being successful in the business was rewarded with weeklong trips to European cities, Hawaii, the Caribbean, and a golfer's dream: Saint Andrews in Edinburgh, Scotland.



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