

# NOLS Volunteer News

Winter 2014

## Welcome new volunteers!

NOLS welcomes volunteers Maryann Ballard, Patricia Carr, Donna Caster, Renata Churchill, Cece Fitton, Penny Hall, Denise McLaughlin, Rebekka Saelid, Ed Shown, Susan Simpson, Nick Stanley, Krystal Walter, and Diane Williams.

The library appreciates new and longtime volunteers. Thank you for volunteering at NOLS!

## Fiddle Band & Contra Dance at PA Library

Live fiddle music and dancing will fill the heart of the Port Angeles Main Library at the *Art Blast* on Friday, January 10 from 7pm - 10pm, when the Library hosts a free contra dance featuring the Olympia-based band *Riffraff*. Nan Evans, of Port Townsend, will call the dance.

New dancers, contra dance lovers, and non-dancers are all invited to come enjoy a fun evening of dance and music at the library. There will be a short lesson for beginners at 7pm, with dancing to follow. The event kicks off the 2014 Get Moving program series at the Port Angeles Main Library, encouraging people to incorporate movement and fitness activities into their daily lives.

Contra dancing is a social dance, sometimes referred to as New England folk dance. All dances are taught and include an introductory walk-through. Dancers are welcome to come alone or with friends, and are encouraged to wear smooth-soled shoes, as this dance will take place on carpet.

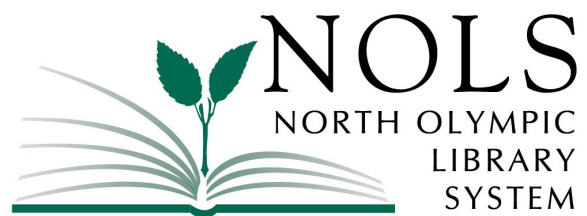
The opening reception for the winter *Art in the Library* exhibit will be held at 6:30pm, immediately preceding the contra dance. This is the time to meet the featured artists, view the art, and enjoy refreshments.

## 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](mailto:volunteer@nols.org).



The winter *Art in the Library* exhibit features art by Nora Lawson, Harry Von Stark, Port Angeles High School senior Aaron Wright and regional artists displaying work in the *Real Change* collection. The winter exhibit will be on display from January 9 to April 8 at the Port Angeles Main Library.



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# Volunteer Spotlight

## Volunteer: André Worley

**Date started volunteering at NOLS** January 20, 2005

**Volunteer Job** André is a familiar face to anyone who has spent much time in the work areas at the Port Angeles Main Library. This January is her 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of volunteering at NOLS. André processes discarded library materials, shreds documents and wrangles an endless number of donated plastic bags from a squashed condition to easy-to-grab bags packed neatly into boxes for ease in offering to library customers on wet rainy days.

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

André came from a library family and spent a lot of time at the library with her kids. When her youngest children (twins) graduated from high school in 2005, she was looking for a volunteer opportunity so she came to the library and she's been here ever since.

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

André enjoys the interactions with staff and other volunteers. She likes being of service and feels like it is a privilege to volunteer at the library.

### What's your background?

André describes herself as a stay-at-home mom. She stayed busy with 5 children, currently ranging in age from 26 years old to 37 years old. She has lived in the Pacific Northwest for 40 years.

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

Read, of course! André enjoys a variety of formats including large print, talking books (both from NOLS and the Washington Talking Book and Braille Library) and using her CCTV machine. She also likes listening to music, especially music from the 1960's, and she enjoys doing things that involve people.

### Favorite book/movie/audiobook?

André reads a lot of fiction, including a variety of genres. She's currently reading a nonfiction title called *The History of Disability in the United States*. The book chronicles the experiences of people with disabilities from pre-1492 to the present, and "how concepts of disability have shaped the American experience – from deciding who was allowed to immigrate to establishing labor laws and justifying slavery and gender discrimination." The most recent fiction book she read was *11/22/63: A Novel* by Stephen King. She doesn't typically read Stephen King, but read this title after a friend recommended it to her. It's about a time traveler who attempts to prevent the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

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

André is legally blind. She was born prematurely, weighing only 2 pounds at birth. In the early 1950's, doctors did not know that too much oxygen in a premature baby's incubator could cause damage to retina tissue and cause blindness.

While André has multiple disabilities, she wants people to know that it's important not to make assumptions about a person's abilities. If you're not sure, it's okay to directly ask someone with a disability, what they can or can't do.



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