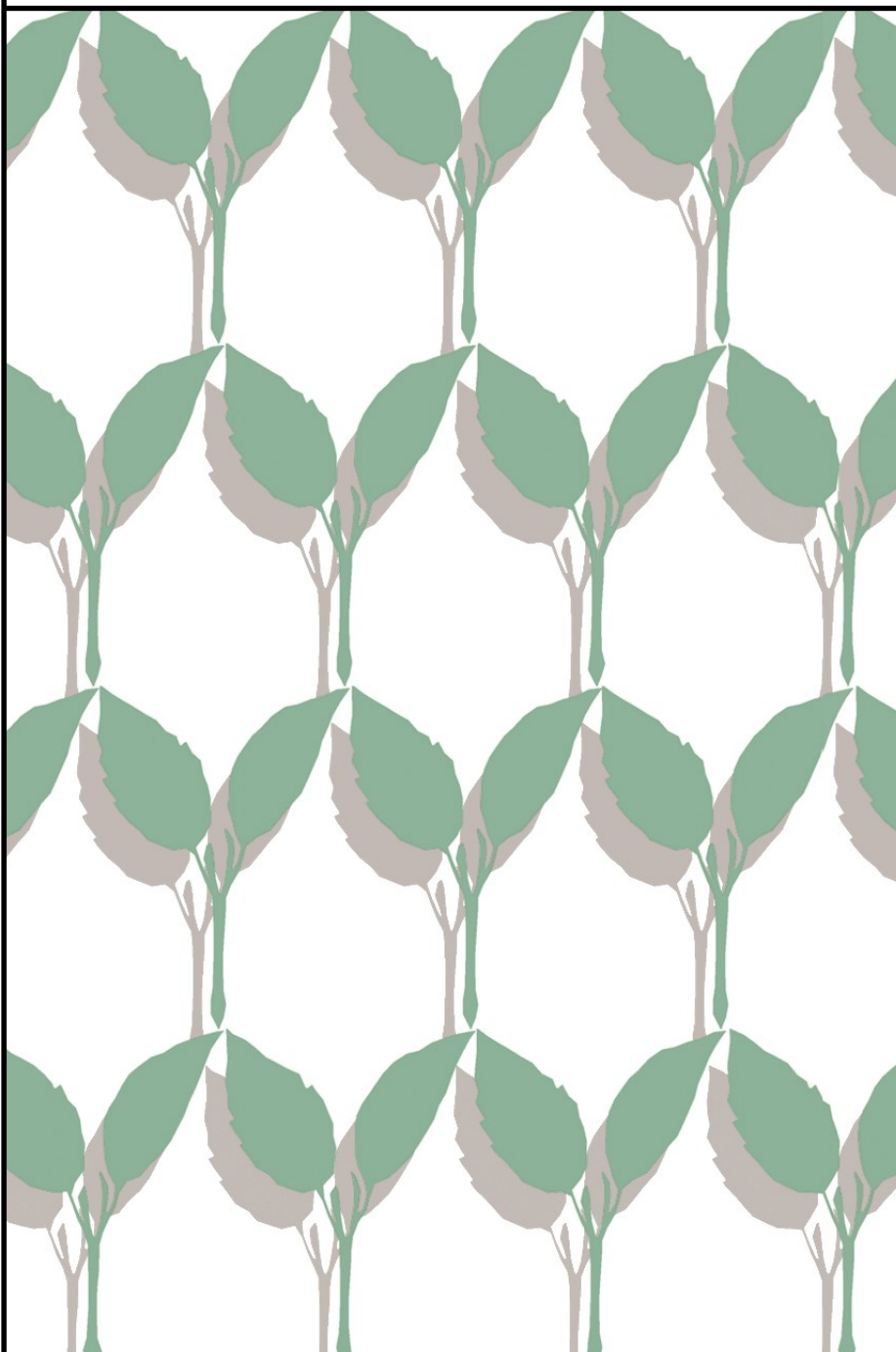


2015

Annual Report

OF THE NORTH OLYMPIC
LIBRARY SYSTEM



ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is a junior taxing district serving all of Clallam County, Washington. NOLS is primarily funded through property taxes, with a 2015 levy rate of 50¢ per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. The Library also receives funding from fines, fees and miscellaneous charges. It is governed by a five-member administrative Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed at large by the Clallam County Commissioners for five-year terms.

The System consists of the main library in Port Angeles and branches in Clallam Bay, Forks and Sequim, as well as outreach services for patrons who cannot travel to the Library, and an array of web-based services. Currently, NOLS offers a collection of more than 250,000 books, e-books, DVDs, digital audio books, and other materials. The Library also offers WiFi access, public computers, a rich calendar of programs and events for children, teens, adults and families, and more.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Betty Gordon
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MANAGEMENT TEAM

Margaret Jakubcin, Library Director
John DeFrancisco, Financial Operations Manager
Noah Glaude, Main Library Manager
Jaime Hagar, Human Resources Manager
Elizabeth Hill, Administrative Operations Manager
Gabe Kitts, Information Technology Manager
Brian Phillips, Facilities Manager
Erin Shield, Technical Services Manager
Emily Sly, Sequim Library Manager, Outreach Services
Theresa Tetreau, West End Manager

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Provide literacy, education and enrichment opportunities for people of all ages.
- Provide resources and opportunities for personal empowerment.
- Provide library facilities that are safe, comfortable, functional, and energy efficient.
- Be the Third Place, where community comes together to think, meet, work, play, and create.
- Engage with community partners; connect community resources to community needs.
- Promote community vitality and economic development.
- Be nimble, flexible, and adaptable in responding to social and technological change.
- Utilize public resources responsibly.



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

OPERATING REVENUES

Property taxes and other government revenue	\$3,553,773
Fines, fees, goods and services	\$76,857
Grants and donations	\$109,080
Miscellaneous	\$72,878

TOTAL REVENUES **\$3,812,588**

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Salaries and benefits	\$2,617,838
Books and other library materials	\$446,014
Supplies and services	\$609,390
Reallocations and transfers	\$139,346

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES **\$3,812,588**

CAPITAL REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT/CAPITAL BUDGET

2015 Timber revenues \$334,554

Allocated to Capital Replacement Account

2015 Capital budget expenditures \$249,211

Ending balance: Capital Replacement Account \$1,790,308

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY DONATIONS

(included in grants and donations, above)

The generous support of the Friends of the Library helps make NOLS services and programs great; thank you, Friends!

Clallam Bay Friends of the Library \$4,125

Special events for children, teens, adults and families; Summer Reading Program activities and supplies for young people, and more.

Friends of the Forks Library \$5,500

Summer Reading Program events for young people, storytime supplies, and more.

Port Angeles Friends of the Library \$53,400

Programs for children, teens, adults and families, including the Summer Reading Program, Art in the Library exhibits, author visits, Battle of the Books, Poetry Walks, traveling exhibits, and much more.

Friends of Sequim Library \$21,750

Programs for children, teens, adults and families, Summer Reading Program events and supplies, Art in the Library, teen volunteer program support, and more.

NORTH OLYMPIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION DONATIONS

(included in grants and donations, above)

The Library Foundation is working to build an endowment to ensure the excellence of Library services for decades to come. Thank you, NOLF!

Lego programming supplies \$2,000

Tiny Olympic Libraries \$4,000

OTHER DONATIONS

Donation by Jim and Jo Ann Roberts to support reading programs for young children. \$4,000

LIBRARY USE & STATISTICS

Check-outs and renewals

Clallam Bay	22,072
Forks	78,684
Port Angeles	409,055
Sequim	365,477
Outreach program	14,829
E-circulation	75,581
Total check-outs	965,698

Customer visits

Clallam Bay	14,935
Forks	87,388
Port Angeles	232,158
Sequim	147,303
Total customer visits	481,784

Library programs/attendees

Clallam Bay	33/390
Forks	76/1,624
Port Angeles	496/17,040
Sequim	251/8,863
Total programs/attendees	856/27,917

Meeting room use/attendees

Clallam Bay	20/165
Forks	367/2,196
Port Angeles	401/6,482
Sequim	435/5,449
Total meetings/attendees	1,223/14,292

Staff in FTEs (full-time equivalents) **51.5**

Volunteers

Individuals	508
FTE	2.2
Hours worked	4,381

Card holders **43,287**

New cards issued **4,171**

Collections (books and other materials)

Clallam Bay	13,214
Forks	23,147
Port Angeles	121,272
Sequim	53,444
Online databases	24
eBooks/eAudiobooks/other media	66,950
Magazine subscriptions (print)	373
Total items in all collections	278,424

Public computers

Clallam Bay	7
Forks	15
Port Angeles	44
Sequim	18
Total public computers	84

Virtual library

Visits to www.nols.org and catalog	323,999
Hours of public computer use	104,977



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015

The children's area of the Port Angeles Main Library received a major renovation, including new paint, carpet, play furniture, and mobile catalogs.



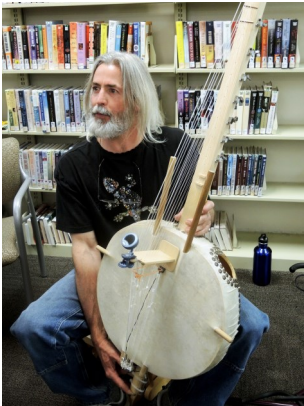
Books and Libations partnerships with wineries in Port Angeles and Sequim were huge successes, drawing 50 participants at each event.

More than 200 fifth-graders attended Celebrate STEM in Port Angeles, learning about careers in science, technology, engineering, and math from local professionals.



Homestead Home-Ec, a series of hands-on programs exploring the handicrafts and skills used by early Olympic Peninsula settlers, proved a popular springtime program

The *Summertime Music! Outdoor Concert Series* featured live performances from area bands like Witherow, Joy in Mudville, Fat Chance, and Ranger and the Re-Arrangers.



Local healthcare professionals led *Taking Care of You* adult wellness programs in Sequim, featuring topics like Yoga, meditation, and diabetes prevention.

Nearly 300 people attended the annual *Battle of the Books* trivia event in Port Angeles, a culminating competition for Clallam County fourth-graders.

NOLS collaborated with the League of Women Voters to host Humanities Washington speaker Dr. Cornell Clayton, who discussed political incivility with attendees in Port Angeles and Sequim.



The Forks Branch Library recorded 15,000 more visits than any previous year on record!

Washington State Poet Laureate Elizabeth Austen led a hike and guided writing session with patrons along the Smokey Bottom Trail.



NOLS, in collaboration with the North Olympic Library Foundation, introduced Tiny Olympic Libraries to communities around the peninsula.

Attendees at the popular *Food For Thought* series in Clallam Bay learned about pickling, canning, and other ways to preserve the earth's bounty.



The annual Valentine's Day fundraising event in Clallam Bay raised funds for youth programs at the branch.

The *3rd Annual Skill Share Fair* in Port Angeles featured more than a dozen local experts demonstrating skills like woodworking, gardening, and sewing to more than 200 visitors.



Geocaching kits were introduced for checkout at all branches.

CreativiTea programs in Forks, Clallam Bay, and Port Angeles inspired patrons to create crafts and other take-home masterpieces.

Bestselling author Jonathan Evison read from his latest novel at the Sequim Branch Library.

Nationally-recognized children's musician, author, and early childhood education expert Jim Gill visited Port Angeles, drawing more than 50 librarians and childhood educators.

New and comfy seating, attractive tables, and colorful rugs were installed in Clallam Bay.

Firefighters with CCFD3 celebrated National Fire Prevention Month with patrons in Sequim, suiting-up to offer a fire safety storytime, distribute books, and invite youngsters to spray the fire hose.

The Port Angeles Main Library hosted a kick-off event for the annual summer reading program, featuring the Hands On Children's Museum of Olympia.

The Forks Branch Library distributed more than 200 books and book bags filled with literacy and parenting materials to local Head Start and ECEAP students.

The exterior of the Sequim Branch Library received a fresh coat of paint, and a new public services desk was installed in Clallam Bay.

Nearly 22,000 physical items were added to the Library collection, as were more than 35,000 downloadable titles.

The traveling exhibit, *Elwha: A River Reborn*, from the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, visited the Port Angeles Main Library and offered patrons a multifaceted glimpse of the river's transformation.

More than 300 lovers of comics and art visited the Port Angeles Main Library for an all-day Comic Con featuring author and artist talks, costume workshops, and other fun activities.

The *Kids Create Art* and *Teen Videography* programs in Sequim invited local youths and artists into the library to create and collaborate on projects.

Staff and volunteers made 2,479 deliveries to homebound patrons.

NOLS initiated 129 contacts with other community organizations and partnered on 67 activities.