



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

## NORTH OLYMPIC LIBRARY SYSTEM





# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

Over 30,200 physical and downloadable items were added to the collection—including almost 2,500 items generously donated by community members.

The NOLS Gear collection grew—guitars, violins, strumsticks, and ukuleles are now available for checkout!

NOLS supported civic engagement by partnering with Clallam County Elections to place a ballot box at the Clallam Bay Branch Library.

NOLS partnered with Humanities Washington and Dry Creek Elementary to offer *Prime Time Family Reading*. Families met at the Port Angeles Library once a week for six weeks to read together, share a meal, learn, and connect.

579 volunteers contributed 3,891 hours helping NOLS in ways big and small. They repaired library materials, delivered items to homebound patrons, assisted at programs, stocked Tiny Olympic Libraries, and more.

NOLS invited public radio station KNKX to broadcast *All Things Considered* live from the Port Angeles Library living room. This was the first in a series of KNKX broadcasts presented in, and focusing on, communities around the region.

300 first graders kicked off the school year at the library with *Celebration of the Book*. Local celebrities, including the Port Angeles Mayor, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Coast Guard officers, and Olympic National Park leaders, volunteered their time to share their love of books and reading with the students.

Comfort, safety, and operational efficiency were enhanced at all branches. Capital maintenance projects included parking lot repair at the Port Angeles Library, sidewalk installation at the Clallam Bay Branch, lighting upgrades, and re-carpeting.

Outreach to the community of Neah Bay included monthly storytimes at Makah Tribal Head Start, monthly school visits, tabling at the Makah Health and Information Fair, and more!

Several re-cataloging projects improved access and tracking for archival maps and materials, and children's books.

Staff aimed to increase awareness of the Washington Anytime Library downloadable service. The target goal of 100,000 checkouts in 2018 was more than met, with users downloading 101,458 titles by the end of November!

In the November General Election, voters overwhelmingly approved creation of a Sequim Library Capital Facility Area taxing district. Sadly, the companion funding measure to support the construction of a larger, modern library in Sequim failed by a narrow margin.

NOLS hit the high notes all year long, with fabulous musical performances by Red Yarn, Joy in Mudville, Canote Brothers, Neon Brass Party, Ants Ants Ants, Farmstrong, Harmonica Pocket, Kalan Wolfe, Squirrel Butter, and more!

Over 3,000 people of all ages signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge. Nearly 1,000 participants read for at least 30 days and earned a free "Libraries Rock" T-shirt.

NOLS partnered with WSU Extension to offer events focused on reusing items in creative ways. Over 400 people crafted terrariums, musical instruments, and other repurposed art.

Storytime on the Road travelled around Port Angeles and Sequim to farmers markets, fire stations, a police station, Feiro Marine Life Center, and Railroad Bridge Park.

Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau presenters facilitated thoughtful discussion on various topics throughout the year.

Over 400 fifth and sixth graders met author Laurie Thompson, and learned about how to tell fact from fiction.

Over 230 fourth graders participated in the yearlong Battle of the Books program.

The much viewed and falling apart 1921 PA High School yearbook (*Tum Tum*) was digitized and is now available online through the Washington Rural Heritage website.

Students from the Quillayute Valley School District's bilingual summer school program visited the Forks Library throughout June and July. The reading train was their favorite place to gather—all aboard!

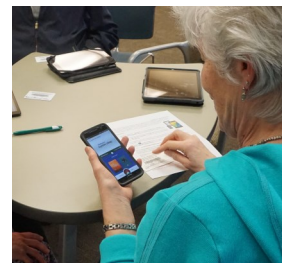
Shape Note Singing School visited the Sequim Branch to share this fascinating traditional form of community singing.

Popular performer Jeff Evans visited all branches and amazed huge crowds with *Reading Magic*.

164 attendees learned about library resources sure to inspire future scientists at the Quileute Tribal School's Celebrate Science Fair in La Push.

Second Saturday Science at the Sequim Library featured *Skins and Skulls* with the Dungeness River Audubon Center, *Atomic Interactions* with Peninsula College STEM Club, *Optical Illusions* with Imagine Children's Museum, and more!

Local artists worked together over many months to construct a "Giant Reading Person" sculpture in the heart of the Port Angeles Library. The statue, which celebrated community, art, music, and books, was ceremonially illuminated at the special "Reading Rocks" Art Blastaplooza.



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(2018 ACTUAL)

### OPERATING REVENUES

Property taxes and other government revenue	\$4,136,059
Fines, fees, goods, and services	\$62,202
Grants and donations	\$95,292
Miscellaneous	\$68,169
Investment interest	\$145,433
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$4,507,155</b>

### OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Salaries and benefits	\$3,007,870
Books and other library materials	\$445,452
Supplies, services, utilities, and miscellaneous	\$689,035
<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$4,142,357</b>
<i>Fund reallocations and transfers to reserves</i>	<i>\$364,798</i>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES / REALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>\$4,507,155</b>

### CAPITAL RESERVES / CAPITAL BUDGET

2018 Timber revenues	\$282,479
<i>Allocated to Capital Reserves</i>	
2018 Capital budget expenditures	\$345,018

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY DONATIONS

*(included in grants and donations, above)*

The generous support of Friends of the Library groups helps to make NOLS great. Donations fund Summer Reading Program activities, supplies, and prizes; Art in the Library exhibits; speakers; author events; programs for all ages; and much more.

THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

Clallam Bay Friends of the Library	\$1,789
Friends of the Forks Library	\$2,000
Port Angeles Friends of the Library	\$46,000
Friends of Sequim Library	\$27,000

### OTHER GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Jo Ann and Jim Roberts (In support of reading programs for young children)	\$4,000
Phyllis McDonald Memorial fund	\$5,000
Prime Time Grant (from Humanities Washington)	\$3,050
Sequim Future Library Donations	\$425
South Dakota Community Foundation	\$1,000
Streett Memorial Gift Fund (year-end balance)	\$5,378

## LIBRARY USE & STATISTICS

### CHECK-OUTS AND RENEWALS

Clallam Bay	28,490
Forks	110,383
Port Angeles	519,375
Sequim	448,172
Outreach to the Homebound	16,037
E-circulation	128,662
<b>Total Check-Outs</b>	<b>1,251,119</b>

### CUSTOMER VISITS

Clallam Bay	15,693
Forks	97,793
Port Angeles	205,411
Sequim	138,792
<b>Total Customer Visits</b>	<b>457,689</b>

**ACTIVE CARD HOLDERS 41,772**

**NEW CARDS ISSUED 3,889**

### LIBRARY PROGRAMS/ATTENDEES

Clallam Bay	68/1,240
Forks	198/3,223
Port Angeles	456/17,043
Sequim	283/9,730
<b>Total Programs/Attendees</b>	<b>1,005/31,236</b>

### MEETING ROOM USE/ATTENDEES

Clallam Bay	28/74
Forks	387/2,043
Port Angeles	527/9,441
Sequim	558/6,666
<b>Total Meetings/Attendees</b>	<b>1,500/18,224</b>

### COLLECTIONS (Books and Other Materials)

Clallam Bay	12,881
Forks	22,609
Port Angeles	112,395
Sequim	52,230
Online databases	37
Magazine and newspaper subscriptions	358
Downloadable and streaming titles	128,437
<b>Total Items in NOLS Collection</b>	<b>328,947</b>

### HOURS OF PUBLIC COMPUTER USE

Clallam Bay	1,334
Forks	11,893
Port Angeles	40,730
Sequim	19,080
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>73,037</b>

### VIRTUAL LIBRARY

Visits to nols.org and catalog	345,567
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### STAFF

(Positions/full-time equivalents)	64/53
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### VOLUNTEERS

(Individuals/full-time equivalents)	579/2
Volunteer Hours Worked	3,891

# 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 2018 levy rate of 49¢ per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. The Library also receives funding from fines, fees, investments, and miscellaneous charges. It is governed by a five-member governing 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 online services. The NOLS collection includes over 300,000 items ranging from books and DVDs, to eBooks and streaming music, to musical instruments and community passes. The Library also offers WiFi access, public computers, a full calendar of programs for all ages, community meeting rooms, and more.

## MISSION

*Nurturing imagination, connection, and understanding, to improve lives and strengthen community.*

## CORE VALUES

- Free and equal access
- Intellectual freedom and privacy
- Literacy and learning
- Community service
- Responsible Stewardship
- Power of knowledge, imagination, and exploration
- Flexibility, nimbleness, and adaptability to social and technological change.
- Community partnerships—community vitality
- Transparency and accountability

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

Margaret Jakubcin, Library Director  
Noah Glaude, Assistant Library Director  
Jina Felton, Port Angeles Library Manager  
Emily Sly, Sequim Library Manager  
Theresa Tetreau, West End Library Manager  
Brian Phillips, Facilities Manager  
John DeFrancisco, Financial Operations Manager  
Gabe Kitts, Information Technology Manager  
Erin Shield, Technical Services Manager

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Betty Gordon  
Jennifer Pelikan  
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