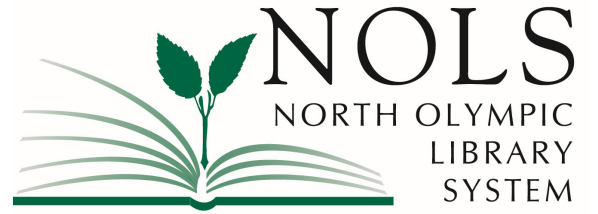


# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT





# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022



An inaugural meeting in January launched NOLS' work with SHKS Architects to develop plans for the **Sequim Library Expansion and Renovation** project. At a community meeting in September, SHKS presented renderings of the modern library with improved critical infrastructure, designed to be sustainable, accessible, and adaptable to meet community needs.

The vehicle build for NOLS' new **Bookmobile** has been underway, exterior graphics were designed by Sequim-based illustrator Matthew Fleming, and many staff members have been busily planning for operations, collections management, and technological services.



NOLS launched a **new catalog** in May. Its powerful new searching capabilities provide many improvements including easy discovery of items in all formats, as well as the ability to access digital materials directly from the catalog.

Nearly **4,000 new library cards** were issued, including to a couple who came in for library cards as a "date night" activity.

NOLS teamed up with the North Olympic Land Trust and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Library to offer an **Earth Day program series** including a salmon life cycle beading project and a scavenger hunt at the Lyre Conservation Area.

2,848 people of all ages signed up for the **Summer Reading Challenge** and 1,536 people logged their reading for at least 30 days, earning a T-shirt and grand prize entry.

The summer **Discovery Club** series for kids featured outdoor activities like knot tying, Take a Haiku, and STEAM stations.

Instructors from Hālau Hula Ka Lei Mokihana I Ka Ua Noe hosted interactive **hula dancing** demonstrations for all ages.

**Books and Locations** paired outdoor places on the North Olympic Peninsula with the perfect book to read there.

New programs focused on **board games and puzzles** encouraged community members to gather and play.

Through the **Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service**, NOLS displayed exhibitions for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Hispanic Heritage Month.

Author **Jamie Ford** presented *Racebending: Adventures in a Bi-Cultural World*, and **Summer Michaud-Skog** discussed her book *Fat Girls Hiking: An Inclusive Guide to Getting Outdoors at Any Size or Ability*. Author **Donna Barba Higuera** visited fourth grade students on the West End to discuss *Lupe Wong Won't Dance*.

In partnership with Clallam County Department of Health and Human Services, over 12,000 **Covid test kits** were handed out for free at NOLS locations.

The Clallam Resilience Project, NOLS, and partners throughout the county provided **Resilience Month** events and resources.

Virtual programs that increased NOLS reach and accessibility included the **Olympic National Park Perspectives Speaker Series** and two presentations by the **Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau**.

Early literacy programs welcomed young children and their caregivers for ongoing Storytime activities including a new **Bilingual Family Storytime** in Forks, and the **Fostering Readers** program in Sequim for kids learning how to read.

Children in first through third grades had the opportunity to join a new **Kids Book Club** in Port Angeles.

The second annual **Indigenous Peoples Day Poetry Reading**, held at the ṽaṽkʷustəjəwṽxʷ House of Learning, Peninsula College Longhouse and on Zoom, included readings by local native poets and featured reader, Sara Marie Ortiz.

**Red Yarn** delighted family audiences in Forks, Port Angeles, and Sequim with folksongs, puppetry, and high-energy shows.

More than **15,700 books and other materials** were added to NOLS collection. This included nontraditional items such as Kids Nature Backpacks, Pickleball sets and a Shore Aquatic Center pool pass as part of the **NOLS Gear** collection.

An **Older Adult Services Librarian** position was added. Based in Sequim, the position has coordinated programming such as the popular Intentional Aging series.

Consultant NFP conducted an external **compensation study project** and provided a final report. These findings resulted in successful negotiations and approval of **new Collective Bargaining Agreements** for the General Employees Unit (GEU) and Managers Employee Unit (MEU).

NOLS, with grant funding from Washington State Library, partnered with United Way of Clallam County and Peninsula College to begin offering information sessions about **student financial aid, FAFSA, and WASFA**.

Meeting rooms opened for public reservations again after being unavailable for over two years due to the pandemic.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(2022 ACTUAL)

### OPERATING REVENUES

Property taxes and other government revenue	\$4,517,832
Grants and donations	\$305,033
Library fees, goods, and services	\$21,078
Miscellaneous	\$65,350
Investment interest	\$165,206
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$5,074,499</b>

### OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Salaries and benefits	\$3,655,820
Books and other library materials	\$452,667
Supplies, services, utilities, and miscellaneous	\$774,237
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$4,882,724</b>

### CAPITAL REVENUE / CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Timber revenues received in 2022	\$362,523
<i>Allocated to Capital Reserves</i>	
2022 Capital Budget expenditures	\$455,999

### 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; speakers; author events; programs for all ages; and much more.

THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

Clallam Bay Friends of the Library	\$1,100
Friends of the Forks Library	\$1,920
Port Angeles Friends of the Library	\$59,025
Friends of Sequim Library	\$25,000

### OTHER GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Sequim Library Expansion Project Donations	\$189,054
North Olympic Library Foundation (NOLF)	\$8,050
NOLS Materials Gift Fund	\$1,775
Bookmobile Donations	\$1,385



## LIBRARY USE & STATISTICS

### CHECK-OUTS AND RENEWALS

Clallam Bay	16,300
Forks	56,164
Port Angeles	368,125
Sequim	339,500
Outreach Delivery Service	12,615
E-circulation	192,487
<b>Total Check-Outs</b>	<b>985,191</b>

### PATRON VISITS

Clallam Bay	7,494
Forks	31,414
Port Angeles	115,708
Sequim	95,987
<b>Total Customer Visits</b>	<b>250,603</b>

### ACTIVE CARD HOLDERS

**33,473**

### NEW CARDS ISSUED

**3,944**

### LIBRARY PROGRAMS/ATTENDEES

Clallam Bay	23/125
Forks	65/590
Port Angeles	115/2,663
Sequim	61/1,190
Virtual	166/12,709
<b>Total Programs/Attendees</b>	<b>430/17,277</b>

### MEETING ROOM USE/ATTENDEES

Clallam Bay	21/122
Forks	67/484
Port Angeles	117/1,198
Sequim	0/0
<b>Total Meetings/Attendees</b>	<b>205/1,804</b>

### COLLECTIONS (Books and Other Materials)

Clallam Bay	14,358
Forks	25,492
Port Angeles	117,174
Sequim	52,434
Magazine and newspaper subscriptions	293
<b>Total Physical Items in Collection</b>	<b>209,751</b>

### VIRTUAL LIBRARY

Visits to nols.org and catalog	231,577
Wi-Fi sessions	59,980
Online databases available	63

### HOURS OF PUBLIC COMPUTER USE

Clallam Bay	1,689
Forks	3,648
Port Angeles	14,851
Sequim	5,583
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>25,771</b>
<b>Total Computer Prints</b>	<b>133,286</b>

**STAFF** (Positions/full-time equivalents) 70/58

### VOLUNTEER HOURS

(Individuals/full-time equivalents) 9/0.25

# 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 2022 levy rate of 38¢ per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. The Library also receives funding from 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 about 300,000 items ranging from books and DVDs, to eBooks and streaming music, to telescopes and community passes. The Library also offers Wi-Fi 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

- Power of knowledge, imagination, and exploration
- Free and equal access
- Intellectual freedom and privacy
- Literacy and learning
- Responsible stewardship
- Transparency and accountability
- Community service
- Partnerships to support community vitality
- Flexibility, nimbleness, and adaptability to social and technological change
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

Noah Glaude, Executive Director  
Meghan Sullivan, Public Services Director  
John DeFrancisco, Financial Operations Manager  
Jina Felton, Branch Operations Manager  
Troi Gale, West End Library Manager  
Shane Miller, IT Manager  
Brian Phillips, Facilities Manager  
Shaina Rajala, HR & Business Manager  
Erin Shield, Collection Services Manager  
Emily Sly, Sequim Library Manager

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Urnes, Chair, Port Angeles Area  
Bert Caldwell, Sequim Area  
Ian Miller, Port Angeles Area  
Jennifer Pelikan, West End Area  
Cyndi Ross, Sequim Area

