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Re: National Bestselling Author Jamie Ford to Present at NOLS
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Acclaimed novelist Jamie Ford will join the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) virtually on Saturday, May 21 at 2pm to present *Racebending: Adventures in a Bi-Cultural World*. Ford will discuss an early example of cultural appropriation and assimilation when his great-grandfather changed his name from Min Chung to William Ford and the generational ripple effect that had on his family. He'll discuss why finding the truth in historical fiction is so important and how he came to write about subjects so close to his personal past and future.

Registration is required at www.nols.org/celebrate-aapi to view the event live via Zoom. A recording will be made available for two weeks after the event.

Ford's debut, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, spent two years on the *New York Times* bestseller list and won the Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature. His second book, *Songs of Willow Frost*, was also a national bestseller. His novel *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* was published in 2017. Jamie's most recent novel, *The Many Daughters of Afong Moy*, will be published in June 2022.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month at NOLS

NOLS is recognizing Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with events and a

traveling exhibit, *I Want the Wide American Earth: An Asian Pacific American Story*. The Asian Pacific American story has roots that reach across borders and span oceans—but the tale is quintessentially American. In this exhibit, this tale is being presented in a series of eight posters that will be displayed at the Port Angeles Main Library in May, the Forks Branch Library in June, and the Clallam Bay Branch Library in July. It will not be on display at the Sequim Branch Library due to space constraints.

The exhibit was created by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, and is supported by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

The Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month programming at NOLS is generously supported by local Friends of Library groups. For additional information on programs and services happening at your library, visit www.nols.org, email Discover@nols.org, or follow North Olympic Library System on Facebook and Instagram.



*On Saturday, May 21, author Jamie Ford will present *Racebending: Adventures in a Bicultural World*.*



I Want the Wide American Earth: An Asian Pacific American Story will be on exhibit at the North Olympic Library System May through July 2022.

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