



**NEWS RELEASE**  
**North Olympic Library System**  
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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: June 30, 2022  
Contact: Jennifer Lu'Becke, Youth Services Librarian  
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Re: Kids Nature Backpacks are available at NOLS  
Attached: *KidsNatureBackpack.JPG*

Kids Nature Backpacks filled with fun items to encourage toddlers and preschoolers to explore the natural world are now available for checkout through the North Olympic Library System (NOLS). Each backpack contains a magnifying lens, binoculars, bug net, collection box, cards with nature questions, helpful tips for caregivers, and two children's books.

"On the Olympic Peninsula, we are lucky to be able to experience a wealth of natural habitats: forests, mountains, rivers, and beaches," Youth Services Librarian Clair Dunlap says. "Spending time in nature is important for children's development. Research shows that time in nature reduces stress levels, encourages free play, and builds confidence. It's also a great opportunity to practice early literacy skills such as talking about what you see and asking questions to build vocabulary words."

Search "Kids Nature Backpack" in the online catalog at [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org), call your local branch, or email [Discover@nols.org](mailto:Discover@nols.org) to place a hold on a pack today.

For more information about this and other non-traditional items at your library, visit [www.nols.org/nols-gear](http://www.nols.org/nols-gear), call the library at 360.417.8500, or email [Discover@nols.org](mailto:Discover@nols.org).



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