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

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Contact: Leslie Briggance, Public Services Lead  
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Re: Hawaiian hula dancing program at NOLS  
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### **Hula dancing program for all ages at NOLS, July 15 and 16**

As part of the Summer Reading Program, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) welcomes instructors from Hālau Hula Ka Lei Mokihana I Ka Ua Noe to teach about Hawaiian hula. All ages are invited to participate in this 1.5-hour program on Friday, July 15 at 3pm in Forks at Tillicum Park; and on Saturday, July 16 at 10:30am in the courtyard at the Port Angeles Main Library, and 2pm in the field behind the Sequim Branch Library.

Kumu Hula Mokihana Melendez and featured dancer Alaka'i Makana Caro will explain the rich and meaningful history of hula, demonstrate a kahiko (ancient hula dance), and teach a standard hula dance and basic Hawaiian words. Each movement of the hula dance and music tell part of a story.

This event will be outside—rain or shine! Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, sun hats if it's sunny or something to keep dry if it's rainy. Find information online at [nols.org/hula](https://nols.org/hula).

### **About the Summer Reading Program**

This year's theme for the Summer Reading Program is "Read Beyond the Beaten Path." NOLS will offer free art, science, and literacy activities throughout the summer centered on experiences like exploring nature, learning outdoor skills, and more.

For more information about the Summer Reading Program, visit [www.nols.org/srp](http://www.nols.org/srp), call 360.417.8500, or email [discover@nols.org](mailto:discover@nols.org). The Summer Reading Program is generously supported by Friends of the Library groups at all four NOLS branches.



*Kumu Hula Mokihana Melendez (left) and featured dancer Alaka'i Makana Caro (right); Alaka'i Makana Caro performing on stage.*

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