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Date: September 9, 2022
Contact: Clair Dunlap, Youth Services Librarian
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Re: 2nd Annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Poetry Reading
Attachments: *SaraMarieOrtiz.jpg*

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is hosting the second annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Poetry Reading in celebration of poetry created and performed by Native poets of the Olympic Peninsula. Gather in person at ʔaʔkʷustəŋáwtxʷ House of Learning, Peninsula College Longhouse on the Port Angeles campus or join live via Zoom on Monday, October 10 from 5:30-6:30pm. Visit nols.org/IPD or contact the Library for the Zoom information.

An open mic for Native poets will kick off this event, followed by the featured reader for the evening, Sara Marie Ortiz, an Acoma Pueblo writer, performing artist, and filmmaker. Her work has appeared in *Ploughshares*, the *Kenyon Review*, *New Poets of the American West*, and more. She is the author of *Red Milk* (2013) and lives in Burien, Washington.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is a national holiday that honors the Indigenous peoples of what is now known as North America. First celebrated in 1992 on the second Monday in October, Indigenous Peoples' Day was officially proclaimed a national holiday in 2021.

This program is generously supported in part by Peninsula College and local Friends of the Library groups. For more information about this program, visit www.nols.org, email Discover@nols.org, or call 360.417.8500.



Featured reader Sara Marie Ortiz follows an open mic for Native poets at the Indigenous Peoples' Day Poetry Reading.

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