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Re: Port Angeles Main Library converts to LED lights for energy efficiency
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To improve energy efficiency, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) will be upgrading interior and exterior lighting at the Port Angeles Main Library. The project begins on Monday, January 30, and will be completed by March.

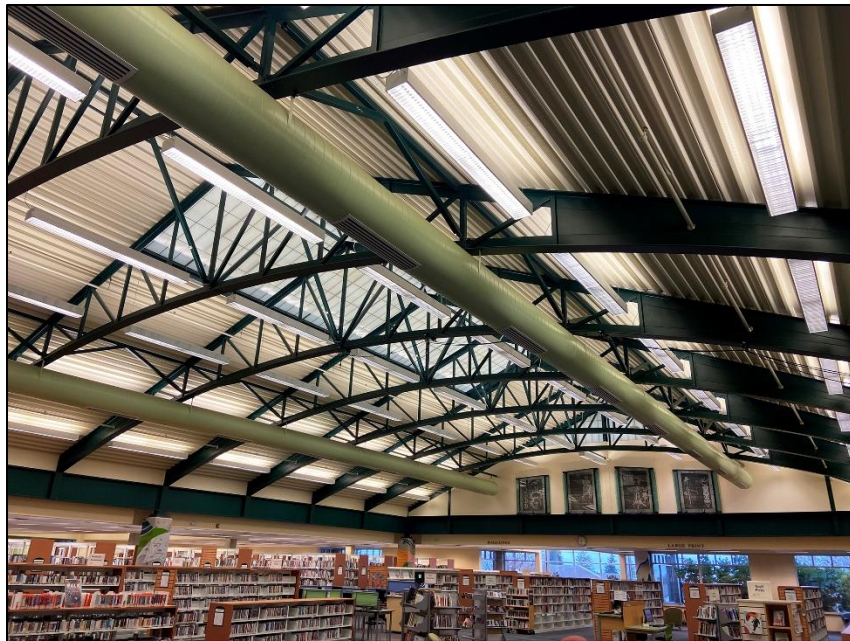
All indoor overhead fluorescent lamps, as well as the exterior lights under the soffit overhang, and the parking lot lights will be replaced with LED lamps. The new LED lights are more energy efficient, longer lasting, do not require expensive replacement parts like ballasts, and are less toxic to dispose of than the existing fluorescent lights. Additionally, fluorescent lamps of the type currently used at the Port Angeles Main Library will likely be phased out of production in the next five to ten years. Proactively switching to LED lamps will ensure a smooth transition to the new standard type of lighting, cost the Library less to operate and will qualify for local utility rebates.

This project helps bring the facility in line with the goals set forth in the [Climate Resiliency Plan](#) published by the City of Port Angeles in 2022. Implementing this energy-saving solution in the 35,000 square-foot Port Angeles Main Library also helps NOLS work toward the [Clean Buildings Performance Standard](#), a provision of the Washington State legislation known as the [Clean Buildings Act](#), which passed in 2019 and expanded in 2022.

The electricians performing the work will access every light fixture in the building, remove the electronic ballast from inside each fixture, and replace the bulb. The electricians will work their way around the building, tackling one section at a time. This work will be disruptive at times to library visitors, and may impede access to some areas of the building for several hours. Safety measures will be in place to mitigate any hazards. The work is being performed by [Integrity Energy Services \(IES\)](#) and their subcontractor [Luminal Lighting](#).

LED lamps similar to those going in at the Port Angeles Main Library will be installed in the Sequim Branch Library building during its upcoming [expansion and renovation project](#). Lighting improvements at the Forks and Clallam Bay Branch Libraries will be made over the next several years.

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Energy efficient LED lights will replace older fluorescent lights in the Port Angeles Main Library.

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