

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: July 19, 2023

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Re: Hawaiian hula dancing program at NOLS

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## Hula dancing program for all ages at NOLS on Saturday, July 29

As part of the Summer Reading Program, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) welcomes back instructors from Hālau Hula Ka Lei Mokihana I Ka Ua Noe to teach about Hawaiian hula. All ages are invited to this 1.5-hour program on Saturday, July 29 at 10:30am outside of the children's area at the Port Angeles Main Library, and 2pm at the outdoor stage behind the Sequim Branch Library.

Kumu Hula Mokihana Melendez and featured dancer 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.

The Port Angeles event will move indoors if it is raining, but the Sequim 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.

## **About the Summer Reading Program**

This event is part of the "Find Your Voice" Summer Reading Program, happening now through August 26. Sign up for a Reading Challenge, earn a T-shirt, win prizes, and participate in fun events.

For more information about the Summer Reading Program, visit <a href="www.nols.org/srp">www.nols.org/srp</a>, call 360.417.8500, or email <a href="discover@nols.org">discover@nols.org</a>. The Summer Reading Program is generously supported by Friends of the Library groups at all four NOLS branches.



Makana Caro leads a hula demonstration with musical accompaniment by Mokihana Melendez at the Sequim Branch Library in 2022.



Makana Caro performing on stage.