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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Re: Celebrate Pride Month with NOLS

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is offering programs and resources for people to celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride Month. Pride Month occurs each year in June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Uprising and to uplift voices of the LGBTQIA+ community. June is also recognized as Rainbow Book Month, an initiative of the American Library Association that fosters community, understanding and access to LGBTQIA+ literature.

Pride Family Dance Party

Wear your most colorful clothing or a cool costume and come dance and craft at the library to celebrate Pride Month. Pride Family Dance Party is open to all types of families. Crafts are geared toward ages 12 and under. This event is offered Saturday, June 1, at 4 p.m. in the Forks Library; Wednesday, June 5, at 1:30 p.m. and again at 5 p.m. in the Clallam Bay Library; Friday, June 7 at 6 p.m. in the Sequim Library Temporary Location; and Tuesday, June 11 at 6 p.m. in the Port Angeles Main Library.

Rainbow Reads for Teens

Teens can sample books at a "book tasting" event to find LGBTQIA+ stories and authors in all genres. Participants can learn about new titles similar to past favorites and try genres they haven't read before. Snacks are provided. Rainbow Reads events are offered on Tuesday, June 4, at 3:30 p.m. in the Port Angeles Main Library; Thursday, June 6 at 3:30 p.m. at Hurricane

Coffee Company in Sequim; Thursday, June 6, at 3:30 p.m. in the Clallam Bay Library; and Wednesday, June 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the Forks Library.

Rainbow Book Month

Find your next great LGBTQIA+ read for free with your library card. Visit any NOLS branch, browse the catalog at nols.org, or ask a staff member for assistance finding fiction and nonfiction books with LGBTQIA+ narratives and experiences. Digital formats are available through the catalog and on the Libby and Hoopla apps.

Library programs are generously supported by local Friends of the Library groups. For more information about events at your library, visit nols.org, email Discover@nols.org, or call 360.417.8500.

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