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Re: Library to host virtual author talk about oysters  
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Join the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) and Humanities Washington for “Heaven on the Half Shell: Washington State’s Oyster Odyssey,” a free virtual talk with author David George Gordon. Get to know the Pacific Northwest’s most beloved bivalve—the oyster—on Wednesday, May 7, at 6 p.m. Register in advance at [NOLS.org/HW](http://NOLS.org/HW) to receive the Zoom link.

Gordon will discuss Olympia, Eastern, and Pacific oysters, and the people who have cultivated these delicacies for many generations. Participants will learn about the Native American sea gardens and clam beds that existed 11,500 years ago, as well as the contemporary efforts in our state to cultivate oysters, both native and introduced. Attendees will also discover the innovations that have made oysters a popular and environmentally sustainable food.

**About the Presenter**

David George Gordon is the principal author of “Heaven on the Half Shell: The Story of the Oyster in the Pacific Northwest.” A former science writer for Washington Sea Grant, Gordon has written 22 books on topics ranging from slugs and snails to sharks, gray whales, and Sasquatch. Several of his books are available for checkout through NOLS.

## About Humanities Washington

Humanities Washington is a nonprofit organization dedicated to opening minds and bridging divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives. For more about Humanities Washington, visit [humanities.org](https://humanities.org).



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