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Contact: Sarah Morrison, Librarian
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Re: NOLS to host free Harp Concert, Lecture with Ann and Charlie Heymann
Attached: *Charlie-and-Ann-Heymann.jpeg*

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is hosting a [free harp concert and lecture](#) with Ann and Charlie Heymann at the Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St.

On Friday, Aug. 1, at 6:30 p.m. enjoy a free performance with Gaelic harp, button accordion, cittern and vocals. This “Golden Jubilee” concert marks Ann and Charlie’s 50th year together in a musical journey that has led to travel throughout the U.S., Ireland, Scotland, Wales, continental Europe and Australia. Known as “The pioneer who returned the Gaelic harp to a living tradition” (The Scottish Harp Society), Ann is a premiere performer and authority on the wire-strung Irish harp known as “Cláirseach.” Charlie plays tunes on the button accordion, and he also sings a broad range of material in Irish and English spanning over a thousand years, both a cappella and with his distinctive cittern.

Then on the following Monday, Aug. 4, at 6:30 p.m. join Ann and Charlie on a retrospective journey to discover the voice of the ancient Irish harp. The lecture-style presentation, “My Harps – My Teachers,” will explore clues embedded in surviving relics, cultural artifacts, living musical traditions and performance-practice based research.

For more information about this and other free library events, visit NOLS.org/events.

About the Performers

Ann and Charlie have been touring, teaching and studying for over 50 years. Ann has been honored with lifetime achievement awards by the Somerset Harp Festival (NY/NJ) and the Historical Harp Society of Ireland (Kilkenny), as well as being awarded scholarships to study in Ireland. She has written and published numerous books and articles on this topic. She and Charlie perform under the name of Clairseach (Irish for Gaelic harp) at concerts and festivals throughout the world, and Ann has served on the faculty of the Historical Harp Conference and Workshop, Amherst Early Music, the Edinburgh Harp Festival, the World Harp Festival and Oberlin College Scottish Harp School. Ann's husband Charlie offers his contrasting abilities to create a long-lasting partnership that largely avoids the trappings and pitfalls of commerciality and academia.

About the Summer Reading Program

These events are part of the "Level Up at Your Library" Summer Reading Program, running through Aug. 23. Sign up for the all-ages reading challenge, earn a T-shirt, win prizes and participate in fun events.

For more information about the Summer Reading Program, visit [NOLS.org/srp](https://nols.org/srp), call 360-417-8500 or email discover@nols.org. The Summer Reading Program is generously supported by local Friends of the Library groups.



Charlie and Ann Heymann perform at the Port Angeles Main Library on Friday, Aug. 1, and return to present a lecture on Monday, Aug. 4.

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