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Date: September 30, 2025
Contact: Adrienne Langan, Community Outreach Librarian
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Re: Poetry open mic for Indigenous Peoples Day with c'ic'áyx^wmu Rachel Sullivan-Owens
Attachments: *HouseofLearning.jpg*

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) and Peninsula College are co-hosting the fifth annual Indigenous Peoples Day Poetry Reading, an open mic event with featured poet c'ic'áyx^wmu Rachel Sullivan-Owens. Native/Indigenous poets of all experience levels are invited to share their work at ʔaʔk^wustəŋáwtx^w House of Learning, Peninsula College Longhouse on the Port Angeles campus on Monday, Oct. 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The event will also be live streamed on Zoom for those who wish to listen remotely. Please note that only Native poets who attend in-person will be able to share during the open mic. A sign-up sheet will be available at the entrance. Visit [NOLS.org/IPD](https://nols.org/IPD) or contact the library for Zoom information. This event is free and open to the public.

About the Featured Poet

c'ic'áyx^wmu Rachel Sullivan-Owens is a local Indigenous poet and author from the nəx^wsłá'yəm' people, enrolled with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe in Sequim. Most recently published in The Yellow Medicine Review, she dedicates herself to her family, her culture, her community and

her ongoing education. Rachel's work focuses on many themes, including the 2 Spirit-LGBTQI+ experience, the reclamation of Klallam Language, and the nuances of life as a mother, wife, artist and teacher.

About the Holiday

Indigenous Peoples Day is a national holiday that honors the Indigenous peoples of what is now known as North America. First celebrated in 1992 on the second Monday in October, Indigenous Peoples Day was officially proclaimed a national holiday in 2021.

This program is generously supported in part by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For additional information on programs and services happening at your library, visit [NOLS.org](https://nols.org), email discover@nols.org, or follow the North Olympic Library System on Facebook and Instagram.



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