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Re: Library's StoryWalk at Lyre Conservation Area in November

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) and the North Olympic Land Trust (NOLT) have partnered for a second year to offer a StoryWalk experience at the Lyre Conservation Area throughout November. This year, the featured book is "[The Eagle Mother](#)," a detailed and riveting story from an award-winning nonfiction series by Hetxw'ms Gyetxw (Gitxsan) and boldly illustrated by Natasha Donovan (Métis). Families and nature enthusiasts are invited to enjoy the story pages displayed along the trail.

This monthlong outdoor reading adventure coincides with Native American Heritage Month and National StoryWalk Week (Nov. 9-15).

Putting traditional Gitxsan cultural knowledge at the forefront, “The Eagle Mother” takes a close look at the life cycle of a bald eagle across one year and examines how an ecosystem’s animals, people and seasons are intertwined. As visitors explore the trail, they’ll encounter successive pages from the book and build connections with the local ecosystem as the story unfolds. StoryWalk is an engaging way to combine physical activity, early literacy and quality family time in nature.

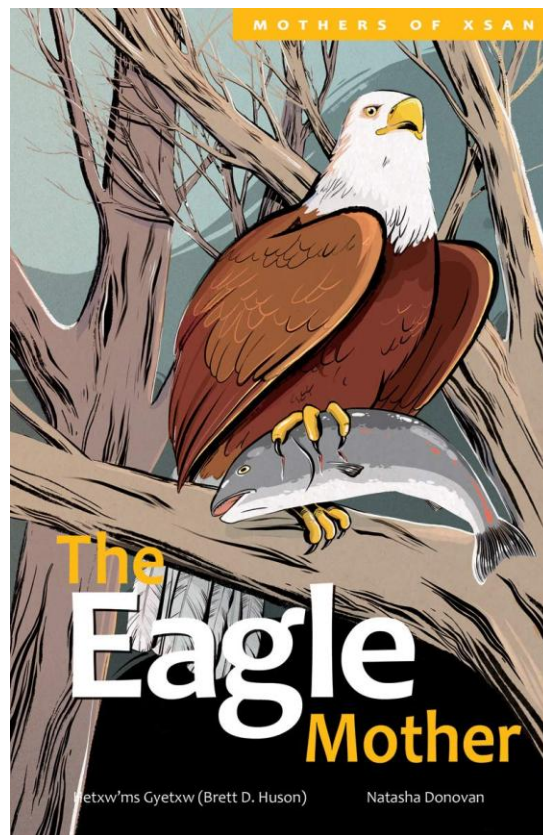
The [Lyre Conservation Area](#), located on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Indigenous S’Klallam and Makah people, spans 280 acres east of the Lyre River. Managed by the North Olympic Land Trust, the area features the Lyre River estuary, streams, tide flats, kelp beds, a stretch of shoreline along the Strait of Juan de Fuca and diverse forest habitat. It supports salmon, migratory and resident birds, and other wildlife, providing a rich educational experience for visitors.

To reach the trailhead, drive west on Highway 112 from Port Angeles and turn right onto Reynolds Road. More information about the trail and StoryWalk can be found at NOLS.org/storywalk.

This StoryWalk display is funded in part by Port Angeles Friends of the Library and offered in partnership with the [North Olympic Land Trust](#). StoryWalk® is an initiative developed by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, to combine literacy and outdoor activity.



Four-legged visitors enjoying the StoryWalk at the Lyre Conservation Area in 2024.



StoryWalk will return to the Lyre Conservation Area trail this November with “The Eagle Mother.”

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