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Contact: Jennifer Lu'Becke, Librarian
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Re: Free talk at Port Angeles Library: Quilt Codes of the Underground Railroad
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The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) invites community members to "[Quilt Codes of the Underground Railroad](#)," a free presentation by Georgia Payne. The one-hour talk begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St.

During the time of the Civil War, information used to help enslaved people escape to freedom was shared through secret codes, messages and symbols in quilts. Payne's presentation, which will include quilts on display, is based on the book "[Hidden in Plain View: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad](#)" by Jacqueline Tobin and Raymond Dobard.

About the Presenter

Georgia Payne has been sewing most of her life with the last 15 years focused on quilting. She learned to sew at the age of 7 and was taught by her mother who was a professional seamstress. She teaches quilting workshops and gives many of her quilts away to charities. Georgia has a Master's Degree in Social Work and lives in Washington.

For more information, visit [NOLS.org/events](https://nols.org/events), call 360-417-8500, or email discover@nols.org. This program is generously funded in part by Port Angeles Friends of the Library. It is the first in a series of events that will culminate in the creation of a [Port Angeles Community Quilt](#).



Georgia Payne will share how quilt codes helped enslaved people escape to freedom. Her presentation on Saturday, Feb. 7, is hosted by the Port Angeles Main Library.

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