CLALLAM COUNTY
POET LAUREATE

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Nellie Bridge, Clallam County Poet Laureate, PoetLaureate@nols.org
Re: Free workshop for middle schoolers with Clallam County Poet Laureate at Forks Library, July 14
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Forks, WA – The Forks Branch Library, 171 S. Forks Ave., is offering middle school students an opportunity to join Clallam County Poet Laureate Nellie Bridge for a free poetry workshop, Starting from Seeds, on Tuesday, July 14, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Bridge will guide attendees through a low-pressure creative exercise inspired by imaginative "seed" words. These carefully chosen words will act as starting points to spark ideas to experiment with language and grow unique stories, poems or short scenes. Middle schoolers of all experience levels are welcome, from beginners who are just starting to explore writing to those who already enjoy storytelling. By the end of the session, participants will leave with new ideas and greater confidence in their creative abilities.

Learn more about the Poet Laureate and find events listed at NOLS.org/poet. If you have questions or an idea for future collaboration with Bridge, email PoetLaureate@nols.org.

The Clallam County Poet Laureate position is supported by the North Olympic Library Foundation and Clallam County. The Summer Reading Program is supported by local Friends of the Library groups.

About the Summer Reading Program

This event is a part of the "Plant a Seed, Read" Summer Reading Program, running through Aug. 22. Sign up for the reading challenge, win prizes and participate in free events for all ages.

For more information about the Summer Reading Program, visit NOLS.org/srp, call 360-374-6402, or email discover@nols.org.

Clallam County Poet Laureate Nellie Bridge. Photo by Morning Star Photography.

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