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Re: History Center's "Moving the Mail" exhibit opens with Humanities Washington talk at Port Angeles Main Library Aug. 28

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Port Angeles, WA – Explore the history of postal service on the North Olympic Peninsula in the traveling exhibit "Moving the Mail," presented by the North Olympic History Center. [A free opening reception](#) is set for 6:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 28, at the Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St. Humanities Washington speaker Feliks Banel will give his talk "All Over the Map: Stories Behind the Names of Washington Places and Things" at 7 p.m.

Banel was a deputy director of Seattle's MOHAI regional history center and has produced Edward R. Murrow Award-winning radio and podcasts and Emmy-winning TV about local history. His talk will provide the big picture of how names were given to geographic places in

Washington, as well as to iconic local brands, and how those names can reflect deeper, and sometimes challenging, meanings. He will explore how names often evolve to better connect us to place and to our neighbors.

Before the talk, attendees can view informational panels, photographs and several objects from the North Olympic History Center's collection. The exhibit traces the evolution of mail delivery across the Peninsula, where more than 70 different post offices operated in Clallam County over the years. Mail was often the only link with the outside world in many remote communities. As populations shifted and new technologies developed, the speed and method of mail delivery changed from the coastal deliveries of the Mosquito fleet and Tribal canoes to wagon roads and eventually rail and air.

The exhibition will be on display at the library through Oct. 17.

The "Moving the Mail" exhibit was created with the support of a Clallam County Heritage Advisory Board grant.

For more information and to check library hours, visit [NOLS.org](https://nols.org), call 360-417-8500 or email discover@nols.org. Library programs are supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library.

Learn more about the North Olympic History Center at northolympichistory.org or by calling 360-452-2662.

Humanities Washington is a nonprofit organization dedicated to opening minds and bridging divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives. For more about Humanities Washington, visit humanities.org.



“Moving the Mail” showcases local postal history like this cedar stump post office photographed in 1910 with Frank and Gladys Pierson. [North Olympic Heritage, Bert Kellogg Photo Collection.](#)



Regional history expert and [Humanities Washington speaker Felix Banel](#) will give a free public talk at 7 p.m., Aug. 28, at the Port Angeles Main Library.

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