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Contact: Angeles Brito, West End Youth Services Library Services Specialist
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Re: Make a beaded keychain with Karen Sixkiller at Forks Library, Nov. 7
Attached: *Peyote_Stitch.jpg*

Forks, Wash. – The Forks Branch Library, 171 S. Forks Ave., is offering a free, hands-on beadwork project, "Peyote Stitch in the Round: Make a Keychain Ornament," taught by Karen Sixkiller on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Materials are provided, but space is limited. Register at NOLS.org/events or call the library at 360-374-6402.

Sixkiller will introduce the class to the foundational techniques of traditional beadwork and the core mechanics of off-loom bead weaving. Participants will start by practicing with extra-large pony beads to understand the thread paths and tension required for this classic weave, before using smaller seed beads to craft a unique keychain.

Designed for makers of all skill levels, this beginner-friendly project is recommended for ages 10 and up. It serves as a stepping stone for anyone wanting to build confidence in bead weaving and transition into more advanced sculptural or flat-stitch projects.

About the Instructor: Karen Sixkiller

Renowned contemporary Cherokee artist and educator Karen Sixkiller grew up learning traditional Cherokee art under the guidance of her mother, legendary beadwork revivalist Martha Berry. Karen brings deep cultural insight, technical mastery, and a warm, supportive teaching style to the classroom. Her work spans intricate beadwork, metal, clay, and mixed

media, and she is passionate about sharing these ancestral techniques with modern communities.

For more information, visit NOLS.org/events, call 360-374-6402, or email discover@nols.org. This program is generously supported in part by the Friends of Forks Library.



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