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**Date:** June 4, 2012  
**Contact:** Margaret Jakubcin, Assistant Library Director, 360-417-8505 or  
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**Re:** Voices of the Elwha, a *River Story* Program at the Port Angeles Main Library

On Tuesday June 12, at the Port Angeles Main Library, *Voices of the Elwha*, a poetry reading, will celebrate the return of the wild Elwha River. This event is the third in the *River Story* program series.

*Voices of the Elwha* is a collaboration of poetic voices that were first joined in the collection *Where Thunderbird Rests His Head and Waits for the Songs of Return*. This chapbook of poetry includes many poets who participate in the "Indian Voices" poetry workshop at the Elwha Klallam Heritage Center. The workshop is organized by Suzie Bennett, manager of the Center, and facilitated by Kate Reavey and Alice Derry .

Renowned poet Tess Gallagher, Makah poet Brandan McCarty, and Elwha Klallam Tribe Communications Manager, Brenda Francis, will be among the poets reading at the *Voices of the Elwha* program, creating a wonderfully diverse chorus of voices.

*Where Thunderbird Rests His Head* also includes works by Pulitzer Prize winning writer Gary Snyder, and renowned short story writer and poet Raymond Carver, as well as work by Tess Gallagher, Alice Derry, and Tim McNulty.

*River Story*, a multi-faceted visual exhibit, accompanied by an extensive schedule of programs and events, will be presented June 1- September 8, at the Port Angeles Main Library of the North Olympic Library System. *River Story* celebrates a beautiful river of ageless wonder, and tells the

Elwha River's inspiring tale of renewal, restoration, and transformation. For information about the *River Story* exhibit, a complete program schedule, and links to additional Elwha River resources and photographs, please visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org).

*River Story* is a multi-partner venture made possible through the support and active involvement of Olympic National Park, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Port Angeles Fine Art Center, NatureBridge, Peninsula College, Arts Northwest, and Port Book and News, together with numerous other individuals who have volunteered their time and energy to make this unique project possible. Funding for *River Story* has been generously provided by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library.

For additional information about *River Story* events, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org) and click on the *River Story* link, or contact Margaret Jakubcin at [AssistantDirector@nols.org](mailto:AssistantDirector@nols.org) or 360-417-8505. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody, Port Angeles.



Sleeping Woman of the Mountain  
by Roger Fernandes.