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Contact: Theresa Tetreau, West End Library Manager
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Re: Afternoon With an Author: Author-Musician Patrick Loafman to read and perform at Forks Branch Library

Port Angeles author and musician Patrick Loafman will read from his new novel *Somewhere Upriver* at 1pm on December 20 at the Forks Branch of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS). Loafman will also perform original music with a homemade *kora*—a West African 21-string instrument that is both a harp and a lute, and looks like “a hybrid between a banjo and a suspension bridge.”

Somewhere Upriver is the story of graduate student Douglas Mortimer as he journeys to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a great scientist. But when he hires an eccentric old herpetologist as a research assistant, his plans for a successful future are derailed. Together, they enter a world of toxic salamanders, eccentric characters and government conspiracies. *Somewhere Upriver* follows Douglas into places that will be familiar to residents of the Olympic Peninsula: the Queets Rain Forest, Whidbey Island and even Sully’s Burgers in Forks.

This author visit is made free to the public with generous support from the Friends of the Forks Library. The Forks Branch Library is located at 171 South Forks Avenue in Forks. For more information about this and other upcoming library events, visit www.nols.org and click on “Events” and “Forks,” or call 360.374.6402.

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