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**Re:** *Listen Up! Stories from the Northwest Corner* presents a National Park-inspired Listening Party

Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Service with the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) at a free listening party featuring park-themed stories and memories from Clallam County residents at 7pm on Tuesday, June 21 at the Olympic National Park Visitor Center in Port Angeles.

The listening party will also help celebrate the launch of “Listen Up! Stories from the Northwest Corner,” an ongoing Library project that focuses on collecting and archiving oral histories from Clallam County residents. During its first interviews about local experiences in national parks, the “Listen Up!” team recorded 16 stories from residents in Port Angeles, Clallam Bay, and Forks. Those stories—including what it was like to see President Roosevelt visit Port Angeles—and more will be shared during the celebration.

For those unable to attend the centennial listening party, park-inspired “Listen Up!” stories will be available for enjoying all summer long at a listening station housed at the Olympic National Park Visitor Center, located at 3002 Mount Angeles Road in Port Angeles.

### **About “Listen Up!”**

“Listen Up! Stories from the Northwest Corner” will present local residents with ongoing opportunities to help tell and preserve the story of Clallam County for generations to come. The program is inspired by StoryCorps, an organization focused on the collecting, sharing, and

preserving of oral histories. Interviews are conducted with the participant and an interview partner. The completed recordings will be archived and available for listening on the Washington Rural Heritage website.



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### **Find Your Park**

The National Park service turned 100 on April 25, 2016. To celebrate the centennial and reintroduce the national parks and the work of the National Park Service to a new generation of Americans, inviting them to visit, explore and get involved, a campaign entitled “Find Your Park” is currently in full swing in collaboration with the National Park Foundation. More information is available at [www.FindYourPark.com](http://www.FindYourPark.com) and the Olympic National Park website, [www.nps.gov/olym](http://www.nps.gov/olym).

### **More information**

To learn more about the “Listen Up!” project, send an email to [listenup@nols.org](mailto:listenup@nols.org) or ask your friendly library staff about upcoming opportunities to record your story. The Olympic National Park Visitor Center is located at 3002 Mount Angeles Road in Port Angeles. For additional

information about this and other upcoming Library programs, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org), call 360.417.8500, or send an email to [Discover@nols.org](mailto:Discover@nols.org).



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