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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date:** September 19, 2016  
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**Re:** Clallam County Reads: A book club for the entire county

This October the North Olympic Library System (NOLS), in collaboration with community partners around the Olympic Peninsula, is excited to introduce Clallam County Reads, a book club for the entire county. This series of free, educational, and community-building events and programs will take place throughout October, and center around the themes explored in the book club's official selection, "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. This inspirational true story celebrates the 1936 U.S. Olympic rowing team, when nine working-class young men took the sport—and world—by storm.

The Clallam County Reads program series will be ongoing throughout October, and culminate with a visit and presentation by Daniel James Brown. The free author talk and book signing will take place at 7pm on Saturday, October 29 in the auditorium of Port Angeles High School. Doors will open at 6:30pm.

### **How to participate**

Participating in the program is easy: Simply stop by any NOLS branch location and, beginning September 23, pick up your free copy of "The Boys in the Boat" and its accompanying reader's guide. Copies of the original edition—as well as an adaptation for younger readers—are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are yours to keep. The book is also available in alternative formats such as large-print and e-audio.

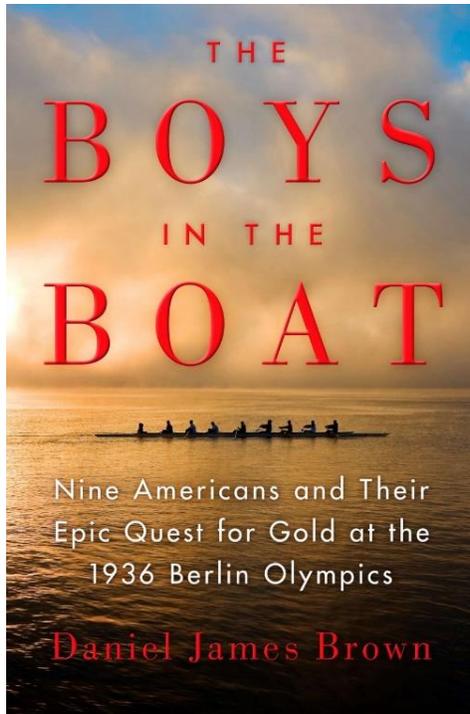
## **Events and programs**

In addition to Daniel James Brown's author talk, a series programs and events will be offered throughout the month that explore the themes of "The Boys in the Boat," including book discussions, screenings of the 2016 PBS documentary "The Boys of '36," a scavenger hunt for teens, live music, opportunities to meet competitive rowers from the University of Washington, and more. All Clallam County Reads events are free and open to the public. For a complete schedule, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org) and select "Events," or pick up a reader's guide at your nearby NOLS location.

## **More information**

Additional community organizations involved in the planning and support of Clallam County Reads include: the Olympic Peninsula Rowing Association; the Port Angeles and Sequim education foundations; the Port Angeles and Sequim school districts; the Quileute Nation; Sequim Museum & Arts; Trinity United Methodist Church; and the University of Washington Women's Rowing Team. Clallam County Reads has been generously supported by Friends of the Library groups in Port Angeles, Sequim, Forks, and Clallam Bay.

For more information about the Clallam County Reads program series and book club, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org), send an email to [Discover@nols.org](mailto:Discover@nols.org), or call 360.417.8500.



“The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown



“Boys in the Boat” author Daniel James Brown will visit Port Angeles on October 29 to offer a free author talk and book signing as part of the Clallam County Reads book club and program series. *(Photo credit: Robin V. Brown)*

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