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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date:** September 28, 2016  
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**Re:** Clallam County Reads: Documentary film screenings and book discussions

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) will host free screenings of the 2016 PBS documentary “The Boys of ‘36” this October at Library locations throughout Clallam County. Each screening will be followed by a discussion of “The Boys in the Boat”—the book that inspired the film as well as the official selection of this year’s Clallam County Reads program. All screenings and discussions are free and open to public.

Screenings will take place at 6pm, with book discussions beginning at 7pm, on the following dates:

Monday, October 10, Port Angeles Main Library  
Thursday, October 13, Sequim Branch Library  
Monday, October 17, Forks Branch Library  
Wednesday, October 19, Clallam Bay Branch Library

There will also be a special screening and discussion—with complimentary refreshments courtesy of the Quileute Nation—at 10:30am on Thursday, October 20 at the Quileute Senior Center, located at 61 Ocean Drive in La Push.

### **About the film**

“The Boys of ‘36” follows the story of nine working-class boys from Washington State. After success on the University of Washington’s rowing team, these young men took the sport by

storm at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, besting elite Ivy League teams at home and other world-class rowers, including the German team, abroad. Directed by Margaret Grossi, “The Boys of ’36” premiered August 2, 2016, and will be shown throughout October as part of the 2016 Clallam County Reads program.

### **About the book**

“The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown tells the story of the 1936 U.S. men’s Olympic eight-oar rowing team, which was comprised of nine working class boys who were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers from the American West. Against the grim backdrop of the Great Depression, they reaffirmed the notion that merit, in the end, outweighs birthright. They reminded the country of what can be done when everyone, quite literally, pulls together.

Even as it chronicles the boys’ collective achievement, “The Boys in the Boat” is also the heart-warming story of one young man in particular. Cast aside by his family at an early age, abandoned and left to fend for himself, Joe Rantz rows not just for glory, but to regain his shattered self-regard, to dare again to trust in others, and to find his way back to a place he can call home.

### **Clallam County Reads**

Clallam County Reads is a book club for the entire county. Throughout October, NOLS—in collaboration with community partners around the Olympic Peninsula—will offer a series of free, educational, and community-building events and programs related to the themes explored in the book club’s official selection, “The Boys in the Boat,” by Daniel James Brown. To participate in the book club, simply stop by your library to pick up a free copy of “The Boys in the Boat” and its accompanying reader’s guide. Copies are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are yours to keep. For a complete schedule of upcoming Clallam County Reads programs and events, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org), send an email to [Discover@nols.org](mailto:Discover@nols.org), or stop by your nearby library.

**Additional Information**

Clallam County Reads events are generously supported by Friends of the Library groups in Port Angeles, Sequim, Forks, and Clallam Bay. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street; the Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue; the Forks Branch Library is located at 171 South Forks Avenue; and the Clallam Bay Branch Library is located at 16990 Highway 112.

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