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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Re:** NOLS hands out over 550 books in first weeks of Clallam County Reads

In late September, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS)—in collaboration with community partners around the Olympic Peninsula—introduced a book club for the entire county. Since then, Clallam County Reads has offered an ongoing series of free, educational, and community-building events and programs that 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.

During the first weeks of the event, NOLS staff gave away more than 550 free copies of the book at library branches and events in Clallam Bay, Forks, Port Angeles and Sequim, where portions of “The Boys in the Boat” story takes place. There is still time to participate: simply stop by any NOLS location and pick up your free copy of the book 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. There are also more than 80 copies of the book available in various formats such as audiobook, large-print and e-book.

### **Events and programs**

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

will open at 6:30pm. In addition to Daniel James Brown's visit, programs and events will continue throughout the month, including book discussions, screenings of the 2016 PBS documentary "The Boys of '36," a scavenger hunt for teens, 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.

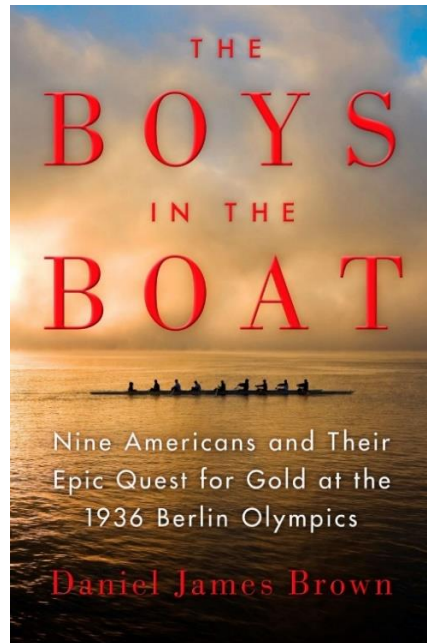
### **More information**

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.



Customer Service Specialist Cheryl Martin gives away a free copy of "The Boys in the Boat" and its accompanying readers guide. (Photo: North Olympic Library System)



“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: Robin V. Brown)

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