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Re: Contra Dance at the Port Angeles Main Library

Join the fun during an all-ages community contra dance at the Port Angeles Main Library of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) for the spring *Art Blast*, on Friday, April 21, at 7pm. The *Art Blast* is a quarterly event, celebrating the opening of the new *Art in the Library* show. Refreshments will be served, and limited library services will be available during this fun, free after-hours event.

About Contra Dancing

What are contras? Fun and easy traditional American folk dances, with partners, similar to the Virginia Reel, and accompanied by live fiddle music. If you can walk, you can dance! No need to bring a partner or any previous experience. Just be ready to have fun! Contra Dancing is vibrant, social, and inclusive. You'll enjoy reels, circle mixers, contras, squares, and couple dances - and top-notch live music! Instruction will be provided by caller, Amy Carroll, at this dance for all ages and abilities. Live toe-tapping fiddle tunes will fill the library, provided by energetic duo Kate Powers and David Rivers.

About the Band and Caller

Kate Powers (fiddle) and David Rivers (guitar) have been playing music together for the last year. They initially joined forces to record Kate's album "Jump", but since then have enjoyed continuing to play live concerts and dances as a duo. Their joint musical style is a powerful mix of Bluegrass, Scottish, Irish, Cape Breton, Old-Time, and Kate's original compositions.

Amy Carroll has been folk dancing longer than she can remember and has been calling dances since 1987. She has called at public square and contra dances, the Northwest Folklife Festival, the Washington State Old Time Fiddlers Workshop. In addition to being a professional music teacher and dance caller, she co-runs the Seattle Family Dance, plays piano for contra dances in several bands (The Coffey Party, The Voyageurs), and also plays old time guitar with the Carroll Family Band.

Art in the Library

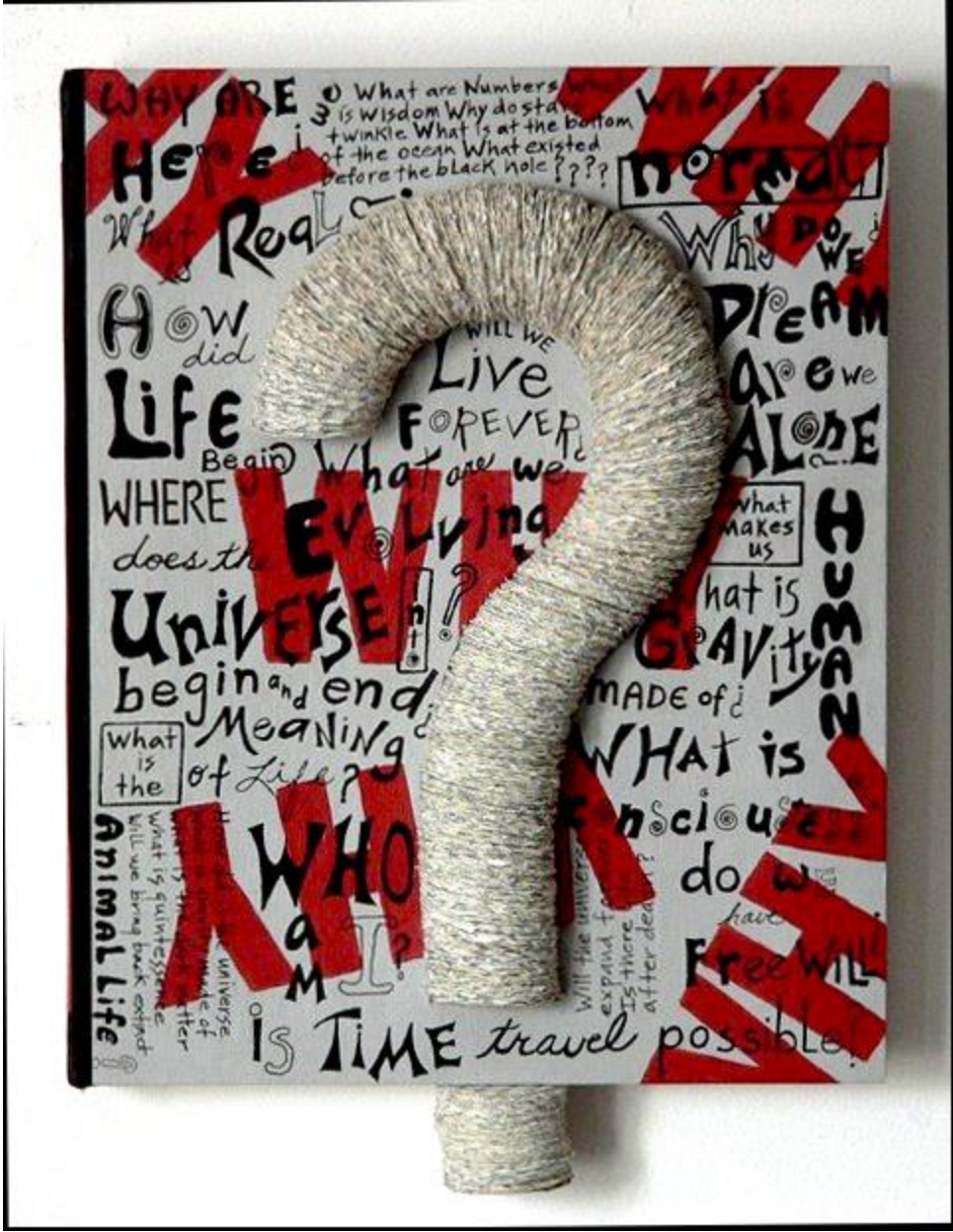
The opening reception for the new *Art in the Library* exhibit will be held at 6:30pm, immediately preceding the contra dance festivities. This is an opportune time to meet the featured artists, enjoy refreshments, and view the new show which will feature works inspired by the written word. This collaborative show will feature ceramics, portraits, upcycled book art, poetry, and paper sculpture. The *Art in the Library* exhibit will be on display at the Port Angeles Main Library from April 21 until July 19.

More Information

Art in the Library is a collaborative library-community art project which celebrates the talents of local artists through a series of rotating visual art exhibits and fun, free *Art Blast* events. The *Art in the Library* program at the Port Angeles Main Library is generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For more information, contact the Library at 360.417.8500 or Discover@nols.org, or visit www.nols.org and select "Events," and "Art in the Library." The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street.



Elizabeth Athair and Ken Sorbel enjoy a contra dance at the Port Angeles Main Library.



'Book of Questions' altered book art by Jean-Marie Tarascio

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