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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: May 23, 2017  
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Re: First Friday Art Walk at the Sequim Branch Library

Dean Ratzman will play his *Swingin' with Dean Show* at 6:30pm on Friday, June 2, during the First Friday Art Walk at the Sequim Branch of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS). An artist reception will take place at 6pm, immediately preceding the live tunes, for the new *Art in the Library* exhibit featuring Jim Gift.

### **About Dean Ratzman**

At 6:30pm, Dean Ratzman will offer his *Swingin' with Dean Show*, featuring hits of great American artists from the 1940's to the 1970's. Ratzman's solo show includes piano, trombone, trumpet and singing. Treat yourself to an evening of swing, jazz, blues, rock and pop.

### ***Art in the Library***

The new *Art in the Library* exhibit features the photography and paintings of Jim Gift, and will be on display from June 2 through October 2 at the Sequim Branch Library. Gift, a Sequim-based artist, is an award winning nature photographer specializing in wildlife and landscape photography. He has won numerous awards for his photography including eight best of show ribbons. His landscapes reflect his special love of the wilderness. Gift is a lifelong birder and has completed his largest body of work on diverse bird species.

Over the last eight years, Gift has studied watercolor painting and has focused his time in developing his skills using this medium. He paints largely from his photographs of birds and of local mountains and waterways.

**More information**

Limited library services will be available during this special after-hours reception. The *Art in the Library* program is made free to the public with generous support from the Friends of Sequim Library. The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue. For more information about this and other upcoming events, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org) and select “Events” and “Sequim,” or contact the library at 360.683.1161.



*Dean Ratzman*



Watercolor by Jim Gift



*Photography by Jim Gift*

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