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Date: September 13, 2017
Contact: Cheryl Martin, Customer Service Specialist
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Re: Film Screening of *American Promise* at the Port Angeles Main Library
Attachments: *AmericanPromise.jpg*

A free screening of the POV documentary *American Promise* will be shown at 2pm on Saturday, September 30 at the Port Angeles Main Library of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS).

American Promise, co-directed and produced by Michèle Stephenson and Joe Brewster, is an intimate and provocative account, recorded over 12 years, of the experiences of two middle-class African-American boys who entered a very prestigious—and historically white—private school on Manhattan’s Upper East Side. The Dalton School had made a commitment to recruit students of color, and five-year-old best friends Idris Brewster and Oluwaseun (Seun) Summers of Brooklyn were two of the gifted children who were admitted. The boys were placed in a demanding environment that provided new opportunities and challenges, if little reflection of their cultural identities.

American Promise is a co-production of Rada Film Group, ITVS and POV’s *Diverse Voices Project* (DVP). ITVS and DVP receive funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). The film is part of *American Graduate: Let’s Make It Happen*, a national public media initiative made possible by CPB to identify and implement solutions to the dropout crisis and help parents and teachers keep students on the path to a successful future. This event is a collaboration with

POV, PBS' award-winning nonfiction film series. To learn more about POV films visit <http://www.pbs.org/pov/>.

For more information about this and other upcoming programs at your library, visit www.nols.org and select “Events,” call 360.417.8500, or email Discover@nols.org. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street.



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