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Re: Squirrel Butter to play Art Blast at Port Angeles Main Library
Attached: *Squirrel Butter.jpg*

The Port Angeles Main Library will celebrate a new *Art in the Library* exhibit on Friday, January 26, with their quarterly *Art Blast!* event. Seattle-based duo Squirrel Butter will begin performing at 7pm, bringing their mix of old-time early bluegrass and country into the heart of the library. Doors open at 6:30pm, so come early to check out the new art on display throughout the building and mingle with featured artists! Refreshments will be served, and limited library services will be available during this free after-hours event.

About the Band

Squirrel Butter, husband and wife duo of Charlie Beck & Charmaine Slaven, started performing together after meeting at the Portland Old Time Music Gathering in 2005. Sharing a deep love of traditional music, they perform American roots music of old-time bluegrass, blues, and country. They add their touch to these old tunes, and thread traditional influences into their original compositions. Multi-instrumentalists, they play banjo, guitar, fiddle, steel guitar, step-dance, and sing harmonies. They also were both members of the venerable string band, The Tallboys, and started the country-dance band The Lucky Shots. For a long time they have contributed to the music and dance communities in the Pacific Northwest, and have reached national audiences as well, performing on "A Prairie Home Companion."

Art in the Library

The opening reception for the new *Art in the Library* exhibit will be held at 6:30pm, immediately preceding the performance by Squirrel Butter. This is an opportune time to meet the featured artist, enjoy refreshments, and view the new show which features the work of Port Angeles artist Jan Dove. Dove uses a variety of materials to create elaborate artist books. This exhibit will be on display at the Port Angeles Main Library from January 26 through April 24.

Art Blast! is generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For more information about events happening, visit www.nols.org, call 360-417-8500, or email Discover@nols.org. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 S. Peabody Street.



Charmaine Slaven and Charlie Beck of Squirrel Butter

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