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**Re:** Book discussion of *Behold the Dreamers* by Matthew Desmond  
at the Port Angeles Main Library  
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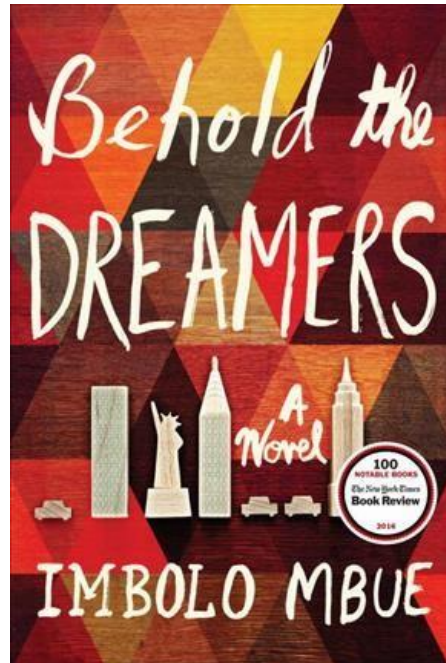
The Port Angeles Literary Society (PALS) meets at the Port Angeles Main Library of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) every fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. On Wednesday, May 23, the group will discuss *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue.

Jende Jonga, a Cameroonian immigrant living in Harlem, has come to the United States to provide a better life for himself, his wife, Neni, and their six-year-old son. In the fall of 2007, Jende can hardly believe his luck when he lands a job as a chauffeur for Clark Edwards, a senior executive at Lehman Brothers. Clark demands punctuality, discretion, and loyalty—and Jende is eager to please. Clark's wife, Cindy, even offers Neni temporary work at the Edwardses' summer home in the Hamptons. With these opportunities, Jende and Neni can at last gain a foothold in America and imagine a brighter future. However, the world of great power and privilege conceals troubling secrets, and soon Jende and Neni notice cracks in their employers' facades. When the financial world is rocked by the collapse of Lehman Brothers, the Jongas are desperate to keep Jende's job—even as their marriage threatens to fall apart. As all four lives are dramatically upended, Jende and Neni are forced to make an impossible choice.

Copies of *Behold the Dreamers* are available in various formats including regular print, large print, and downloadable eBook, which may be requested online by visiting the library catalog at [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org). A limited number of copies of each book discussion selection are available at the Library the month prior to each meeting. To view a complete list of the 2018 selections, visit [www.nols.org/book-discussion-groups](http://www.nols.org/book-discussion-groups).

This program is generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. To participate, simply read the book and attend the discussion; drop-ins are always welcome.

The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street in Port Angeles. For more information about book discussion groups at your library, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org), call 360.417.8500, or email [discover@nols.org](mailto:discover@nols.org).



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