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Re: Olympic National Park Perspectives Winter Speaker Series to Launch at Port Angeles Main Library
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Olympic National Park's Perspectives Winter Speaker Series will be held at the Port Angeles Main Library this season. The free talks will be offered at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month from November through April.

The series is sponsored by Olympic National Park, the Friends of Olympic National Park, and the North Olympic Library System. This season's topics are:

November 13, 2018

Sea Otters

Jessie Hale, PhD candidate, University of Washington

Join Jessie Hale and Dr. Nancy Foster Scholar of NOAA, for a discussion on the history of sea otters in Washington and research investigating otter diets, and what that might tell us about the health of sea otter populations.

December 11, 2018

Pacific Martens on the Olympic Peninsula

Betsy Howell, Wildlife Biologist, Olympic National Forest

Since 2008, federal partners have been working to better understand the conservation status of Pacific martens, small carnivores in the weasel family, on the Olympic Peninsula. In the past 30 years, there have been only 10 verifiable records of the species, all in high, remote locations. The survey effort involves a number of partners and a number of methods, including remote cameras and scent-detection dogs.

January 8, 2019

Wolves, Elk, Rivers, and Trophic Cascades in Olympic National Park

Kurt Jenkins, PhD, Wildlife Biologist, United States Geological Survey

Just how potent was the wolf in controlling riverine ecosystem structure and function in Olympic National Park? In this presentation Kurt Jenkins will explore evidence for a trophic cascade of ecological effects that may have affected the park's riverine ecosystems as a result of wolf eradication nearly a century ago.

February 12, 2019

The Edge of the Sea: Scales of Change on Olympic Coast Beaches

Ian Miller, PhD, Coastal Hazard Specialist, Washington Sea Grant

Learn more from Dr. Miller's recent studies on Rialto and Kalaloch beaches, and investigations of sea level change on the Olympic Coast.

March 12, 2019

Predators and Prey: Columbian Black-Tailed Deer and Cougar Research on the Olympic Peninsula

Kim Sager-Fradkin, Wildlife Biologist, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

Kim Sager-Fradkin will share the results of a four-year study examining patterns of fawn and buck mortality on the north Olympic Peninsula, and will provide preliminary results on a study designed to answer questions about cougar population genetics, movement patterns, and prey

selection.

April 9, 2019

A Witness to Change

Janis Burger, Hurricane Ridge Interpreter, Olympic National Park

Janis Burger will share photos and experiences gleaned over a 37-year career as a seasonal biological technician and longtime Hurricane Ridge interpreter.

For more information about Olympic National Park, visit www.nps.gov/olym. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street in Port Angeles. For more information about this and other upcoming events at your library, visit www.nols.org or email discover@nols.org.



Winter Perspectives Series to begin on November 13 with presentation about sea otters.

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