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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: May 13, 2019
Contact: Mary Givins, Youth Services Librarian
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Re: Washington State Poet Laureate Visits NOLS
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Washington State Poet Laureate Claudia Castro-Luna will visit all branches of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) for a series of poetry readings and workshops for adults and teens. There will be two events on Friday, May 24: a poetry reading at the Clallam Bay Branch Library at 1pm, followed by a bilingual poetry workshop at the Forks Branch Library at 4pm. An additional two events will take place on Saturday, May 25: a poetry workshop at the Port Angeles Main Library at 10:30am and a poetry reading at the Sequim Branch Library at 1pm.

Claudia Castro Luna has served as Seattle's Civic Poet from 2015-2017, and is the author of the Pushcart nominated *Killing Mariás* (also shortlisted for WA State 2018 Book Award in poetry), and *This City*. She is also the creator of the acclaimed Seattle Poetic Grid. Castro Luna is a Hedgebrook and VONA alumna, a 2014 Jack Straw fellow, the recipient of individual artist grants from King County 4Culture and Seattle's Office of Arts and Culture. Her poems have appeared in Poetry Northwest, La Bloga, Dialogo, and Psychological Perspectives, among others.

Born in El Salvador, she came to the United States in 1981. Claudia is currently working on a memoir, *Like Water to Drink*, about her experience escaping the civil war in El Salvador. Living in English and Spanish, she writes and teaches in Seattle.

Additional Information

This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library. For information about this and other programs at your library, visit www.nols.org, call 360.417.8500, or email

Discover@nols.org. The Clallam Bay Branch Library is located at 16990 Highway 112 in Clallam Bay. The Forks Branch Library is located at 171 Forks Avenue South. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street. The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue.



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