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RE: Humanities Washington Presents: Washington on Wheels
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As part of the Summer Reading Program, *A Universe of Stories*, The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is partnering with Humanities Washington to present *Washington on Wheels: Odd and Innovative Ideas from the Pacific Northwest*. Harriet Baskas will speak on Thursday, July 11 at the Clallam Bay Branch Library at 3pm and the Port Angeles Main Library at 6:30pm. The discussion will be offered again on Friday, July 12 at 6pm at the Sequim Branch Library.

Though Boeing is the best-known innovator in travel to have emerged from Washington State, there are many others. From canoe journeys to flying cars (that actually worked!), explore the history and culture of travel in Washington State. Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau presenter, author, and broadcaster Harriet Baskas takes audiences on a tour of notable highlights of state transportation history, examining not just how we get around, but why we travel and where we might be going next. Audiences will be invited to share family stories of migration, memories of first flights and unforgettable car trips, and consider a future of autonomous cars and vacations in space.

Harriet Baskas has an MA in communications from the University of Washington, has served as the general manager for three Pacific Northwest radio stations, and has created award-winning radio for NPR. Her books include *Hidden Treasures: What Museums Can't or Won't Show You*,

Washington Icons: 50 Classic Views of the Evergreen State, and *Washington Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff*. She currently writes about airports, air travel, and museums for outlets that include NBC News, CNBC, and USA Today.

About Humanities Washington

Humanities Washington sparks conversation and critical thinking using story as a catalyst, nurturing thoughtful and engaged communities across the state. Speakers Bureau is one of Humanities Washington's oldest and most popular programs. A roster of 31 cultural experts and scholars provides low-cost, high-quality public presentations across the state, encouraging audiences to think, learn, and engage in conversation. For more about Speakers Bureau, visit www.humanities.org/programs/speakers.

More About the Summer Reading Program

The theme for the 2019 Summer Reading Program is *A Universe of Stories*. This summertime celebration, which encourages people of all ages to read throughout the summer, features a reading challenge and a multitude of events for all ages. Stop by your local NOLS location to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, get a coupon for a Friends of the Library book, and learn how to start earning tickets for the grand prize drawing! The 2019 Summer Reading Program runs June 15 through August 17.

The Summer Reading Program is generously supported by the Friends of the Library at all four NOLS libraries. For more information about the Summer Reading Program and other events, visit www.nols.org/srp, call 360.417.8500, or email discover@nols.org. The Clallam Bay Branch Library is located at 16990 Highway 112. 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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PRESENTS A FREE PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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*From dusty trails to flying cars, discover the history
and culture of travel in Washington State.*

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