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Re: Author Sy Montgomery visits NOLS
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Award-winning author and naturalist, Sy Montgomery will visit the Sequim Branch of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) on Thursday, November 7 at 6:30pm and the Port Angeles Main Library on Friday, November 8 at 6:30pm to share her experiences as a writer of more than 20 books including *The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness*. Her visit marks the culmination of Clallam County Reads 2019. After the discussion, Montgomery will take questions from the audience and sign copies of her books. Copies will also be available for purchase on-site.

About the Author

Researching articles, films, and books for adults and children, nationally bestselling author Sy Montgomery has been chased by an angry silverback gorilla in Rwanda, hunted by a tiger in India, and swum with piranhas, electric eels and pink dolphins in the Amazon. Her work has taken her from the cloud forest of Papua New Guinea (for a book on tree kangaroos) to the Altai Mountains of the Gobi (for another on snow leopards.) For *The Soul of an Octopus* (a National Book Award finalist) she befriended octopuses at the New England Aquarium and scuba dived and snorkeled with wild octopuses in Mexico and French Polynesia; next she drew on her scuba skills to cage dive with great white sharks. She lives in New Hampshire with her husband, the writer Howard Mansfield, their border collie Thurber, and their flock of free-range laying hens.

About Clallam County Reads

A community-wide shared reading experience, Clallam County Reads has offered free, educational, and community-building events and programs during October and November revolving around the official selection, *The Soul of an Octopus*.

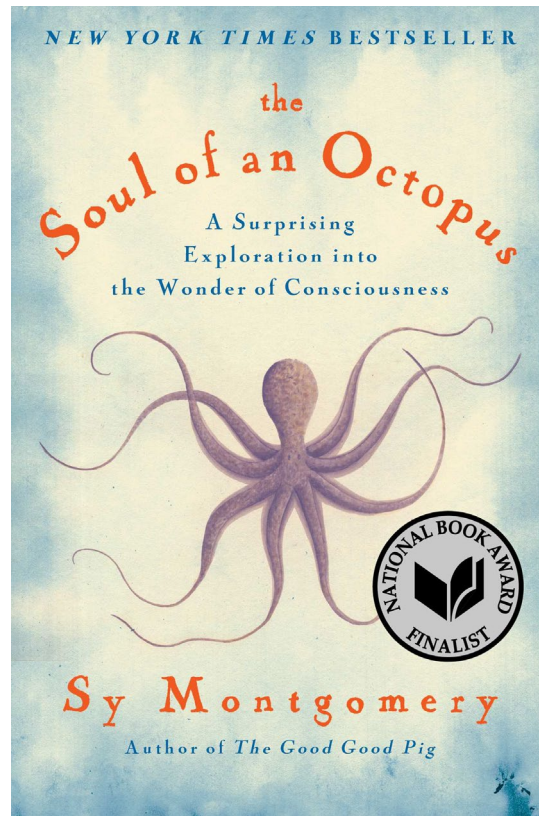
Haven't read the book yet? Stop by any NOLS branch location to pick up a copy of *The Soul of an Octopus* and its accompanying reader's guide. A limited supply of paperback copies are available at all four branches and are yours to keep or share. The book is also available for check-out at the library in other favorite formats including hardback, audio and downloadable versions. For more information about the Clallam County Reads program, visit www.nols.org/CCR or send an email to Discover@nols.org

Clallam County Reads events and materials, including over 700 copies of the title, were generously funded by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library, Friends of Sequim Library, Friends of the Forks Library, and Clallam Bay Friends of the Library. Additional community organizations involved in the planning and support of Clallam County Reads include: Feiro Marine Life Center, Olympic Coast Marine Sanctuary, Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, Cabled Fiber & Yarn, First Federal Bank, Barhop Brewing & Artisan Pizza, Park View Villa, Port Angeles Senior Center, and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Library.

The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street. The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue.



Sy and Cyanea photo by David Scheel



Sy Montgomery will speak at the Port Angeles and Sequim Libraries.

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