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Subject: Library Mails Nearly 1500 Packets of Seeds to County Residents
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While all North Olympic Library System (NOLS) locations were closed to the public due to the Stay Home Stay Healthy order, a team of Library staff working remotely began mailing free starter kits of seeds from the NOLS Grows Seed Library to residents throughout Clallam County. NOLS shared almost 1,500 packets of seeds with about 400 people during the month of May alone! Interested in requesting seeds and trying your hand at vegetable gardening? Clallam County residents can complete an online seed request at www.nols.org/seedlibrary or call 360.417.8500x2 to speak with a library employee who can help them complete the form.

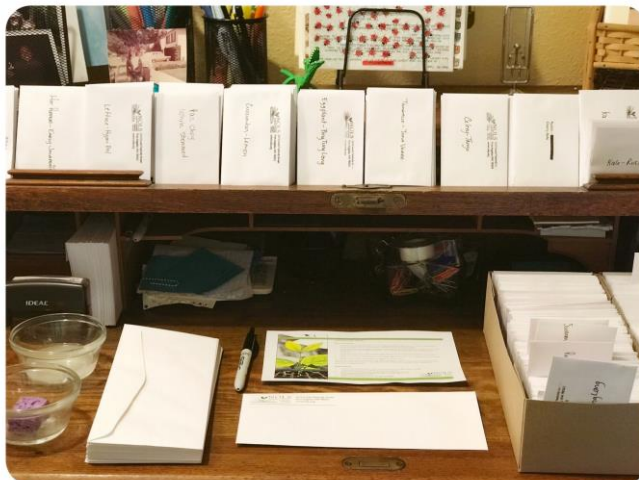
Established in 2017, the NOLS Grows Seed Library is a seed exchange kiosk, stocked with small, pre-packaged quantities of free vegetable seeds, and providing other educational materials related to gardening, growing, and seed-saving. The Seed Library provides residents with a low-cost opportunity to try gardening and experiment with growing small quantities of different plant varieties in order to:

- Encourage responsible stewardship
- Expand knowledge about growing food
- Empower individuals to acquire new skills
- Encourage community

The small seed starter kits now available via mail consist of 3-4 packets of seeds. After completing the request form, users can expect their seeds to be mailed within one week.

All NOLS facilities remain closed to the public due to the COVID-19 emergency, but Governor Inslee's Safe Start plan identifies libraries as able to re-open in Phase 3. NOLS is currently developing a comprehensive, phased plan for gradually re-instating library services. The Library is always open online, and will continue to serve the community in diverse ways during this public health emergency. Make a virtual visit to the library at www.nols.org, or follow NOLS on Facebook and Instagram, to enjoy events, online resources, and other NOLS services.





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