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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: July 24, 2020
Contact: Sarah Morrison, Librarian
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Re: NOLS Grab Bags: Let Library staff do the browsing for you
Attached: *NOLS Grab Bag.jpg*

Beginning July 24, North Olympic Library System (NOLS) patrons can [request a Grab Bag on the library's website](#). Each bag will contain up to 10 hand-picked items from the library's collection that patrons can pick up during curbside checkout. Patrons should allow up to two business days for their request to be processed; automatic holds notifications will be sent when items are ready for pickup. The new service will be available during regular curbside service hours at all four branches. Patrons without internet access can call their local branch to have library staff complete the Grab Bag request form for them.

"We know that patrons miss the experience of browsing the Library's shelves," commented Library Director Noah Glaude. "The NOLS Grab Bag service is a way that we can get books (a lot of them brand new) and other materials that are currently sitting on the shelves, into the hands of patrons who need or want them. Hopefully patrons will discover new titles they normally wouldn't have picked up on their own."

The service differs from the library's BookMatch program, which offers customized book suggestions for patrons based on their reading preferences. The NOLS Grab Bag program is designed to emulate browsing. Patrons utilizing the NOLS Grab Bag service will receive up to 10 items from a collection within the library (i.e., romances, cookbooks, or picture books).

Patrons who want more specialized recommendations can submit their requests through the BookMatch program.

Curbside library service, including returns and holds pick-up, is available 11am-5pm Monday through Friday at all NOLS locations, and Saturday 10am to 2pm in Port Angeles, Sequim and Forks. To help slow the spread of the coronavirus, all NOLS branches remain closed to the public.

For more information on this or other library programs, checkout the library's website at www.nols.org or contact the library at 360.417.8500 or Discover@nols.org.



Grab Bags are now available at all NOLS locations.

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