



NEWS RELEASE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Re: Library Expands Curbside Hours
Attached: *PA Curbside Window.jpg*

Beginning Monday, January 4, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) will expand its Curbside Service hours. The Forks, Port Angeles and Sequim Branches will be open an additional six hours each week, and the Clallam Bay Branch will open an additional four hours each week. The new curbside hours are:

Forks, Port Angeles, and Sequim Branches

Monday through Friday -- 10am-6pm

Saturday -- 10am-4pm

Clallam Bay Branch

Monday through Wednesday -- 10am-6pm

Thursday and Friday -- 10am-5pm

While NOLS had hoped to begin offering limited in-library service in late 2020, those plans were put on hold November 15 when Governor Inslee issued a new set of restrictions in response to the rapid increase of COVID-19 rates across the state.

Although new guidance allowed libraries to open at 25% capacity beginning in October, the NOLS Board of Trustees and Management Team agreed that beginning to offer in-library service during the final months of 2020, while Clallam County experienced its highest positivity rates of the pandemic, was not appropriate. Restoring services within the Library's buildings, such as browsing and public computer access, is NOLS' highest priority, but it must be done in a way that considers and mitigates the risks to patrons, staff and the community.

At this time, all NOLS facilities remain closed to the public, but the Library will continue to offer curbside service in addition to a wide variety of programming and services online. The Library has been busy preparing for the branches to open -- hiring new staff to fill positions that have been vacant since the spring, moving furniture into safer configurations and developing new procedures. As soon as State guidelines allow, and Clallam County is no longer in a high-risk category for COVID-19, NOLS will begin offering limited in-library service as soon as possible.

For more information about library services and programs, visit www.nols.org, call 360.417.8500, email Discover@nols.org, or follow North Olympic Library System on Facebook and Instagram.



A NOLS employee waits to help the next patron at a new curbside window at the Port Angeles Main Library. NOLS will expand its Curbside Service hours January 4.

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