



**NEWS RELEASE**  
**North Olympic Library System**  
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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date:** July 13, 2021  
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**Re:** NOLS Expands Hours & Services, Ends Curbside Service  
**Attached:** *Patrons Browse PA Library.jpg, Patron Reads Paper SQ Library.jpg*

Since mid-June, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) has gradually expanded in-library services and hours, and has phased-out Curbside Service. Limited seating and tables have returned to each branch, newspapers are available again, and public computer access has been expanded. When statewide restrictions for public libraries were lifted on June 30, NOLS dropped its reduced building capacity and time limits.

At this time, unvaccinated patrons age two and older are still required to wear a mask. Exceptions will be allowed for children age four and under, and anyone with a health condition that limits mask use. Fully vaccinated patrons are encouraged to wear masks but are not required to. All library staff wear masks in public areas.

As of July 6, the expanded hours are:

### **Forks, Port Angeles and Sequim**

Monday - Thursday – 10am-6pm

Friday - Saturday -- 10am-5pm

### **Clallam Bay**

Monday – Wednesday – 10am-6pm

Thursday – Friday -- 10am-5pm

Curbside Service was a tremendous success for NOLS throughout the pandemic. Between June 2020 and June 2021, thousands of Clallam County residents utilized various curbside service offerings every month. Shifting staff time from Curbside Service has allowed NOLS to restore additional services inside the branches, and moving Curbside Service setups from library meeting rooms will allow for the eventual return of in-person programming and community meeting room use.

NOLS plans to bring back limited in-person program inside its branches during the fall months. Currently, some outdoor in-person programming is being offered this summer, virtual programs occur regularly, and “Take and Make” kits are available while supplies last. Learn more at [www.nols.org/nols-events](http://www.nols.org/nols-events).

No meeting room reservations are being accepted at this time. NOLS does not expect meeting rooms to become available until September 2021, at the soonest. NOLS understands that its meeting rooms are extremely popular and useful to a wide array of community groups. During the pandemic, meeting rooms are being used as staff work spaces and to store equipment and materials. When NOLS is able to reopen library meeting rooms for public reservations again, individuals who made reservations in 2020 will be contacted about the process for rescheduling cancelled reservations and placing new ones.

NOLS will continue to prioritize patron and staff safety during the pandemic, following public health guidelines closely. Additional services will be rolled out carefully as local conditions, staffing, and space in each library branch allows.

For more information about the Library’s COVID-19 response and services currently being offered, visit [www.nols.org/covid-19](http://www.nols.org/covid-19), call 360.417.8500, or email [Discover@nols.org](mailto:Discover@nols.org).



*Patrons browse the children's section at the Port Angeles Main Library.*



*A patron reads a newspaper at the Sequim Branch Library.*

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