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Contact: Laureen Stephens, Community Outreach Specialist
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Re: Graphic Poetry Workshop with Nhatt Nichols and Jaiden Dokken
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Nichols_This Party of the Soft Things (Mosquito I)_Pencil on Paper_6.5x4.5.jpg

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) invites adults and teens to the **Graphic Poetry Workshop with Nhatt Nichols and Jaiden Dokken** on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 5-7pm at the Port Angeles Main Library. Participants will start from a prompt and then distill their writing to the bare bones of observation before breaking it into panels and adding drawings to create complex visual poems. The class will cover the visual elements of panel layout, inking techniques, and creating a color palette to support written poems.

The free class is open to people of all experience levels in writing and drawing, and beginners are encouraged to attend. Supplies are provided and an enthusiastic approach is all that's needed. "You do not need to be a good artist, but you will need to be artistically brave," Nichols said. Event information is available at nols.org/graphicpoetry.

About the Presenters

Nhatt Nichols is a multidisciplinary artist and writer raised on top of a mountain in the Okanogan, Washington. A graduate of The Royal Drawing School in London, she uses drawing, poetry, and comics to break down political and environmental issues, finding new

ways to meet people where they are, and ask them to reach deeper into their ability to care and take action. Learn more at nhattnichols.com.

Clallam County Poet Laureate **Jaiden Dokken** is a local writer, printmaker, ceramicist, cidermaker, and self-described highly persistent penpal. Their work has been published in Fiction International, Algorithm, Muses and Vices, SpeakEasy, Superfroot Magazine, and Pile Press. They are an editor and reader for Perennial Press. Learn more at jaidendokken.com.

This program is generously supported in part by Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For more information about this and other programs at the Library, visit www.nols.org, call 360.417.8500 or email Discover@nols.org.



“Cold Coffee Poem,” watercolor and pen on paper, by Nhatt Nichols. Courtesy of the artist.

Mosquitos will annex their kingdom
their men pollinating a virgin world of flowers
from the megaplexes of truck tires
a buzzing sunday justice



“This Party of the Soft Things (Mosquito I),” pencil on paper, by Nhatt Nichols. Courtesy of the artist.

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