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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date:** December 21, 2023  
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**Re:** Donors support Sequim Library with \$442,000 to name children's spaces, LEED certification of new building  
**Attachments:** *Dorothy\_DeLand.jpg; Sequim Library Rendering – East Side and Outdoor Play Area.jpg; Sequim Library Rendering – Children's Area.png*

During a special meeting on December 12, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) Board of Trustees approved three resolutions recognizing generous donations to the [Sequim Library Expansion and Renovation Project](#). Spaces and features in the soon-to-be renovated library will be named to acknowledge a \$211,967 bequest from Dorothy DeLand, an \$80,000 grant from the Benjamin N. Phillips Memorial Fund, and a \$150,000 donation from the Friends of Sequim Library. Construction for the project will begin in 2024.

Dorothy DeLand had a love of gardening and was a kindergarten teacher for nearly 30 years. Through discussions with Dorothy's family after her death in 2021, it was agreed that naming the new Outdoor Play Area in her memory would be appropriate in recognition of the significant gift she left the Library and community. Between 2022 and 2023, the Library received \$211,967 as a beneficiary of the DeLand Family Trust at Dorothy's bequest. A tree in the Outdoor Play Area will also be planted in memory of Dorothy.

The new Children's Area in the renovated library will be named for the Friends of Sequim Library, in recognition of their significant support. The Friends of Sequim Library made a gift of

\$150,000 to the project in July 2023, and donated an additional \$50,000 over the last two years to support programming at the Sequim Library.

In January 2023, the Benjamin N. Phillips Memorial Fund awarded NOLS an \$80,000 grant for the Sequim Library Expansion and Renovation Project. Based on a recent recommendation by the Fund's administrators, the NOLS Board approved a resolution to recognize the grant's support toward LEED Silver certification. In addition to the Sequim Library building and mechanical systems becoming much more energy efficient, the facility will have a new solar array, landscape with native plants, filter all storm water on-site and utilize many other sustainable design features. Based on NOLS' current calculations, the renovated Sequim Library will use 93% less energy than the current building.

NOLS continues to seek funds for the Sequim Library Expansion and Renovation Project. The Library has received over \$3.5 million in donations and grants towards the project so far. In addition to the three gifts highlighted above, NOLS received over \$106,000 in donations toward the project from over 81 individual donors in 2023 alone. Those interested in contributing to the project can learn more at [nols.org/sequim](https://nols.org/sequim). Donations of \$250 or higher will be recognized on a donor wall in the building. [Naming opportunities](#) exist for donations of \$50,000 or more.



*Dorothy DeLand, a kindergarten teacher, bequeathed nearly \$212,000 to the Sequim Library.*



*The Outdoor Play Area, accessed through a gate on the building's east side and the interior Children's Area, will be named in memory of Dorothy DeLand.*



*The Children's Area will be named in honor of Friends of Sequim Library.*

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