

Information about your public library

Governance. The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is a junior taxing district that provides public library service to all of Clallam County. It is governed by a 5-member Board of Trustees appointed by County Commissioners. NOLS consists of the Main Library in Port Angeles, branches in Clallam Bay, Forks and Sequim, an Outreach program that delivers books to people who are homebound, and a variety of web-based services.

Budget. The Library's operating budget for 2010 is \$3,051,080. Most of the Library's income (88.9%) comes from property taxes. About 2.8% comes from timber and forest products, and 8.5% comes from other revenue (fines, fees, interest, etc). The tax levy rate for the library in 2010 is about 33¢ per \$1,000, or about \$65.86 per year for a \$200,000 house.

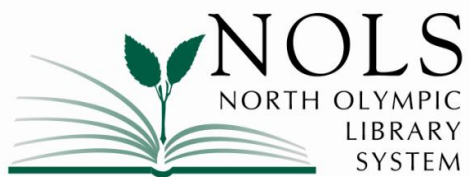
Services and programs. The Library has collections of over 267,000 books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, newspapers, online databases, downloadable audio books for all ages and more. Trained staff are available at all locations to assist people in finding information and good books to read. All NOLS libraries present regular cultural and literary programs such as author visits and lectures. Children's programs and activities are an important feature at all libraries: staff can help with schoolwork, help kids build reading skills and inspire a love of books and reading. The Library offers programs and services especially for teens. And there are special resources such as local history materials, community and civic information and more.

Numbers. County-wide, the Library staff consists of 54 people (45.8 Full Time Equivalents). In 2008 volunteers contributed 2,278 hours of service. In 2009 4,091 people received new library cards, 875,077 books and other materials were borrowed from the library; 411,679 customer visits were recorded; 443 library-sponsored programs were attended by 10,871 people, 10,617 people in 703 community groups used the Library's meeting rooms, and the public computers were used 113,811 times. A total of 43,730 people in Clallam County have library cards (63% of the population).

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NOLS 2012: Excellent libraries for all of Clallam County

On April 22, 2010 the Library Board adopted NOLS 2012, a plan to maintain existing services, to respond to community demands for more services, and to address infrastructure needs throughout the library system. This plan calls for an increase of the Library's levy from 33¢ per \$1,000 in assessed property valuation to 50¢ per \$1,000. Raising NOLS' levy rate requires passage by a majority of Clallam County voters. The Board is targeting August 17, 2010 for the election. The plan is called *NOLS 2012* because if the levy passes, the additional funds would begin to be collected in 2011 and the plan would be substantially implemented by 2012.

Property tax facts: The NOLS 2012 plan would increase property taxes as follows:

\$100,000 house: Current: \$32.93/year (\$2.74/month)	Proposed: \$50/year (\$4.17/month)
\$200,000 house: Current: \$65.86/year (\$5.48/month)	Proposed: \$100/year (\$8.30/month)
\$300,000 house: Current: \$98.79/year (\$8.23/month)	Proposed: \$150/year (\$12.51/month)

Highlights of the NOLS 2012 plan.

- ✓ Longer and more consistent operating hours at Clallam Bay, Forks, Port Angeles and Sequim Libraries;
- ✓ More new books and other materials at all four libraries;
- ✓ More programs and activities for children and teens;
- ✓ More services for seniors;
- ✓ A more robust county-wide volunteer program;
- ✓ More community partnerships;
- ✓ More computers and technology;
- ✓ 10-year capital improvement program to address the deterioration of buildings, vehicles and equipment throughout the system.

Property tax facts: The last time the North Olympic Library System asked the voters for a levy rate increase was 1978.

Share your opinion. Library Board members want to hear from the people of Clallam County. Let the Library Board of Trustees know what you think of the NOLS 2012 plan.

- ✓ Call Library Director Paula Barnes at 360-417-8525
- ✓ Email the Library Board at LibraryBoard@nols.org
- ✓ Provide public comments at a Library Board meeting
- ✓ Submit a customer suggestion form at any library or use the online customer suggestion form at www.nols.org

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