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Re: National Library of Medicine Exhibit and Virtual Book Discussion  
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The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is displaying the National Library of Medicine traveling banner exhibition, “Take Two and Call Me in the Morning: The Story of Aspirin Revisited,” at the Sequim Library Temporary Location, 609 W. Washington St., from April 22 to May 11. Relatedly, NOLS is hosting a virtual book discussion about “The Invisible Kingdom: Reimagining Chronic Illness” by Meghan O’Rourke. Join the Zoom discussion at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, using the link at [nols.org/take-two](https://nols.org/take-two). Books are available for checkout on a first-come, first-served basis at the front desk of all NOLS locations. Other formats are available via the library catalog.

### **About the Exhibition**

The traveling exhibition, guest curated by Anne Rothfeld, Ph.D., examines how modern organic chemistry and technology isolated, then synthesized nature’s properties into a medication now common worldwide. For centuries, people used willow bark to relieve pain and treat fevers. However, it wasn’t until the late 1800s that scientists developed an analog of the active ingredient in willow bark, creating the essential drug that’s now part of everyday life, aspirin. By the latter half of the 20th century, scientists had begun examining aspirin for benefits beyond pain relief and fever reduction.

“The Story of Aspirin Revisited” includes a companion website with a selection of health information resources and a digital gallery of items from the historical collections of the National Library of Medicine.

The National Library of Medicine produced this exhibition and companion website.

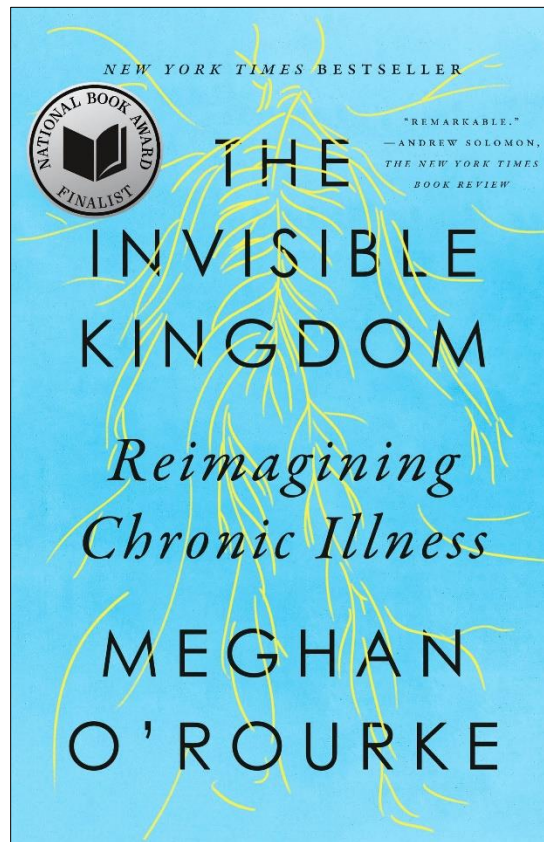
### **About the Book**

According to the publisher's synopsis, “The Invisible Kingdom” is a landmark exploration of one of the most consequential and mysterious issues of our time: the rise of chronic illness and autoimmune diseases. Writer Meghan O'Rourke delivers a revelatory investigation into the silent epidemic of diseases that are poorly understood, frequently marginalized, and can go undiagnosed and unrecognized altogether. The book was a finalist for the National Book Awards 2022 for Nonfiction.

For more information about this and other upcoming events at your library, visit [nols.org](https://nols.org) or email [Discover@nols.org](mailto:Discover@nols.org).



*“The Story of Aspirin Revisited,” was displayed in early April at the Clallam Bay Library (pictured) and now travels to the Sequim Library Temporary Location, April 22-May 11.*



Discuss the book "The Invisible Kingdom" by Meghan O'Rourke, May 7 on Zoom.

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