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Date: April 30, 2024
Contact: Troi Gale, West End Library Manager,
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Re: Virtual visit with children’s book author and crafts at Forks Library
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The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is hosting a virtual visit with Gabriella Aldeman, author of the children’s book “Paula’s Patches,” at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 10, at the Forks Branch Library, 171 S. Forks Ave. Homeschool students ages 5 to 8 are invited to join first-grade students from Forks Elementary and Quileute Tribal School at the library to enjoy the story read by the author. Participants can ask questions, discuss the book, and have the chance to win a copy of the book to keep.

At 10:30 a.m., following the author visit, children can participate in hands-on activities inspired by the book. Activities include no-sew bookmarks, patch drawing, storytelling about hand-me-downs, and a sensory textile station.

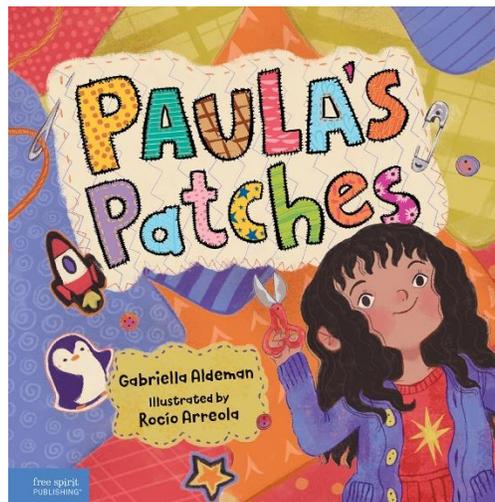
About the Book

Paula patches her pants—and encourages her class to be resourceful, mend, and reuse. “Paula’s Patches” can be used as a starting point for discussions of consumerism, throwaway culture, and fast fashion. At the back of the book, a section provides activities for children.

About the Author

Gabriella Aldeman is a Panamanian American author and a professional translator of academic resources and children’s books. Her books include “Paula’s Patches” and “Squawk of Spanish.”

The virtual author visit was generously donated by a Forks resident in-kind to the Forks Branch Library for West End youth. The program is also supported in part by Friends of Forks Library. Learn more about this program at nols.org/patches.



“Paula’s Patches” tells a story about resourcefulness, mending, and reuse.



Author Gabriella Aldeman will visit the Forks Library virtually to read her book “Paula’s Patches” and talk with children ages 5-8.

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