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Pierce County Library System offers Autism-Ready story times

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – In partnership with Autism-Ready Libraries from the University of Washington, the Pierce County Library System is hosting two Autism-Ready story times. Children with sensory and learning differences have specific needs and unique challenges when it comes to early literacy, and the University of Washington and Pierce County Library are presenting these story times as pilot programs to see how the service may help children with autism gain early literacy skills.

Join the University of Washington and Pierce County Library for hands-on story times all about shapes and colors.

[Graham Pierce County Library](#), 9202 224th St. E., Oct. 22, 10-10:30 a.m.

[South Hill Pierce County Library](#), 15420 Meridian E., Nov. 5, 10:30-11 a.m.

Advanced registration is required, and the Library System requests that caregivers register each child they are planning to bring.

Register for the Autism-Ready Story Time at the Graham Library:

<https://calendar.piercecountylibrary.org/event/7089304>

Register for the Autism-Ready Story Time at the South Hill Library:

<https://calendar.piercecountylibrary.org/event/7089320>

Gaining comfort and confidence with early literacy can be challenging for all children, and for preschoolers with sensory challenges the introduction to reading can be even more daunting. The Pierce County Library is piloting the program with the University of Washington to help support successful early literacy skills and self-assurance.

The preschool-level story times are open to children of all ages, with experiences designed for children with sensory and learning differences. Instructors will share stories, rhymes and hands-on activities in a welcoming environment for a positive story time experience. The University of Washington and the Library System will make accommodations to meet a variety of sensory needs.

About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](#) serves 634,000 people throughout Pierce County with 19 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and is funded primarily through property taxes. People may choose from more than one million books, e-books, audiobooks, movies and other materials. Pierce County Library is committed to directing services in three primary areas: learning, enjoyment and community connection. Its services and programs spark success for Pierce County residents. More than 2 million people visit Pierce County Libraries each year. The Library provides services and programs directly to people in adult care facilities, people who are homebound, and to children in childcare centers and schools. [Pierce County](#)

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