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All together now for Summer Reading at the Pierce County Library System

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – Gather the family and head to the Pierce County Library System for the [Summer Reading Program](#) now through **Aug. 31, 2023**. Join reading challenges with activities, events, prizes and more. This fun, free program is a great way to foster a love of reading for the entire family.

“During the summer, the library provides activities to keep kids busy and help them keep their reading skills sharp for their return to school in the fall,” said Pierce County Library [Executive Director Gretchen Caserotti](#). [“Participating in the Summer Reading Program as a family is a great way to enjoy the summer together and support students for year-round success.”](#)

Reading helps kids retain what they’ve learned this school year and prepares them to achieve in the coming school year. The Pierce County Library’s Summer Reading Program challenges students of all ages to read every day and earn prizes such as passes to Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium or Northwest Trek and books they can keep, thanks to the Pierce County Library Foundation.

The Summer Reading Program also offers events for the whole family. Some events include:

Earth's Rot Recyclers

Meet recyclers who specialize in rot! Learn about decomposers and meet live worms in a composting bin. For families with kids ages 3-10.

Tuesday, June 27, 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m., **Key Center Pierce County Library**, 8905 Key Peninsula Hwy N.W., Lakebay and 2 p.m.-3 p.m., **Tillicum Pierce County Library**, 14916 Washington Ave. S.W., Lakewood

Wednesday, June 28, 1 p.m.-2 p.m. **Steilacoom Pierce County Library**, 2950 Steilacoom Blvd.

Thursday, July 13, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., **Gig Harbor Pierce County Library**, 4424 Point Fosdick Dr.

Wednesday, July 19, 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m., **Buckley Pierce County Library**, 251 S. River Rd. and 2 p.m.-3 p.m., **Eatonville Pierce County Library**, 205 Center St. W.

Tuesday, July 25, 2 p.m.-2:45 p.m., **DuPont Pierce County Library**, 1540 Wilmington Drive

Wednesday, July 26, 2 p.m.-3 p.m., **Milton/Edgewood Pierce County Library**, 900 Meridian E., Suite 29, Milton

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m., **Springbrook Park**, 12601 Addison St SW, Lakewood

Science Heroes-Saving the Earth Together

Enjoy an action-packed story where unlikely heroes work together to save the planet from a super polluter. For ages 3-10.

Wednesday, July 12, 2 p.m.-3 p.m., **Eatonville Pierce County Library**, 205 Center St. W.

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Thursday, July 27, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., **Gig Harbor Pierce County Library**, 4424 Point Fosdick Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 2, 4 p.m.-5 p.m., **Summit Pierce County Library**, 5107 112th St. E., Tacoma

Animal Astronauts

Join the Museum of Flight to learn about animal astronauts that have gone to space. Make an Apollo capsule and parachute to safely bring the animal astronaut back to Earth. Ages 5-10.

Friday, July 7, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., **Orting Pierce County Library**, 202 Washington Ave. S.

Saturday, July 8, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., **Milton/Edgewood Pierce County Library**, 900

Meridian E., Suite 29, Milton and 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., **DuPont Pierce County Library**, 1540 Wilmington Drive

Introduction to the Ukulele

Bring a soprano, concert or tenor sized ukulele, or use one available at the library in this workshop. For teens ages 13-18 and adults.

Wednesday, July 19, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., **Anderson Island Pierce County Library**, 11319

Yoman Road and 1 p.m.-2:15 p.m., **South Hill Pierce County Library**, 15420 Meridian E.

Sunday, Aug. 6, 1 p.m.-2:15 p.m., **Parkland/Spanaway Pierce County Library**, 13718 Pacific Ave. S., Tacoma

It's Never Too Late to Begin Again-Creativity for Older Adults

It's never too late to explore or rediscover creativity. Learn easy and useful tools to enhance creativity and in turn, enrich one's life. For adults.

Tuesday, June 27, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., **Lakewood City Hall-Council Chambers**, 6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

Thursday, July 13, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m., **Bonney Lake Pierce County Library**, 18501 90th St. E.

Find more events on the Library's online calendar at mypcls.org/calendar. Additionally, the Library will make stops in local communities to bring library services, activities and free books to families.

Pick up a reading log for each member of the family at any Pierce County Library. Adult and teen reading logs include bingo while elementary school students' reading logs come with a full activity book. Families may also pick up take-and-make activities such as summer journals and sun catchers.

The Pierce County Library Foundation sponsors the Summer Reading Program., with support from Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, Northwest Trek, D.V. and Ida J. McEachern Charitable Trust and the Florence B. Kilworth Foundation.

Find booklists and learn more about the Summer Reading program at summerreading.pcls.us.

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About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](#) serves 655,000 people throughout Pierce County with 19 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and property taxes are the main funding source. 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 Libraries are located](#) at Anderson Island, Bonney Lake, Buckley, DuPont, Eatonville, Fife, Gig Harbor, Graham, Key Center, Lakewood, Milton/Edgewood, Orting, Parkland/Spanaway, South Hill, Steilacoom, Summit, Sumner, Tillicum and University Place. Pierce County Library is an independent municipal corporation and operates as a junior taxing district.

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