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## **Pierce County Library System's commitment to early literacy and inclusion**

**PIERCE COUNTY, Washington** – The Pierce County Library System is committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment where children explore the wonders of reading and begin building their literacy skills from an early age.

"Early literacy is the foundation for academic and lifelong learning," said Pierce County Library Executive Director Gretchen Caserotti. "By introducing children to the joy of reading, we are opening the doors to endless possibilities and adventures. Our goal is to ensure that every child in our community has the support and resources to become confident readers and curious learners."

Recognizing the crucial role reading and storytelling play in child development, the Library System has curated a series of events and resources designed to support parents, caregivers and educators in nurturing young readers.

Events include:

- **Sensory Play**  
Tuesday, March 5, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Milton/Edgewood Pierce County Library  
Explore sensory stations that encourage curiosity and a sense of wonder through touch, sight and sound. Ages 2-6.
- **Block and Sensory Play with A Step Ahead**  
Friday, March 8, 10-11:30 a.m.  
South Hill Pierce County Library  
Play, build and explore with foam blocks and other fun sensory play materials and attend a short story time. Ages 0-3.
- **Malala's Magic Pencil**  
Saturday, March 16, 1-2:30 p.m.  
Buckley Pierce County Library  
Explore the life of Malala Yousafzai through a reading of "Malala's Magic Pencil" followed by creating kindness bracelets and blankets to be donated locally. All ages.
- **Baby Party**  
Monday, March 18 and 25, 10-11 a.m.  
South Hill Pierce County Library  
Enjoy an informal time to read, play, explore and make new friends. Ages 12 months and younger or pre-walkers.

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- **Greentrike Play to Learn**  
Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.  
Parkland/Spanaway Pierce County Library  
Individual play, group activities, songs and circle time. Ages 0-6.
- **Kaleidoscope KATŌK IM IKKURE**  
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon  
Fife Pierce County Library  
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Sing songs, share books, create art and play together in the Marshallese and English languages!  
Ages 0-6.
- **Kaleidoscope Play & Learn**  
Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Summit Pierce County Library  
Sing songs, share books, create art and play together! Ages 0-6.

Join us for story times at most library locations:

- **Baby Story Time:** Join in with your child and enjoy books, action rhymes, knee bounces, songs and more. Ages 0-2.
- **Toddler Story Time:** Stories, art activities, rhymes, singing and fingerplays. Ages 18 month-3 years.
- **Preschool Story Time:** Stories, art activities, rhymes, singing and fingerplays. Ages 3-6.
- **Family Story Time:** Stories, art activities, rhymes, singing and fingerplays for the whole family. Ages 0-6.
- **Cuentos Bilingües: Bilingual Story Time:** Disfrute libros bilingües, rimas, canciones y arte! Enjoy bilingual books, rhymes, songs and art. Ages 3-6.

Get more information on all Pierce County Library events at [mypcls.com/calendar](https://mypcls.com/calendar).  
Find books, movies and more information at [mypcls.org](https://mypcls.org).

## About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](#) serves 671,000 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. People make approximately one million visits to 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,

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