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Pierce County Library System unveils new classes and events for all ages

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – As the winter frost melts into spring, the Pierce County Library System offers a series of free unique classes and events in the coming months. From virtual author talks to gardening education classes, this diverse collection—just a glimpse into the hundreds of programs offered—will engage, inform and bring people together around shared interests.

Events include:

Winter Activities in Washington

• Winter Hiking Can Be a Walk in the Park: Hiking Safety and Snow Shoeing Basics Join Washington Trails Association and Pierce County Parks to learn more about how to get outside safely in the winter. Ages 9 and up.

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2-3 p.m.

Virtual Pierce County Library – Registration required for link.

Work of Art: Creative Career Series for Teens & Young Adults

• Author Talk with Tara Goedjen

Local YA author Tara Goedjen of "No Beauties or Monsters" and "The Breathless," discusses the writing process and career paths in editing, publishing and freelancing, followed by a Q&A and workshop. Ages 13 and up.

Thursday, March 7, 3-4 p.m.

Virtual Pierce County Library – Registration required for link.

• Author Talk with Christina Vega

Meet Christina Vega, local poet and publisher at Blue Cactus Press. Discuss building a community of writers and readers and the world of independent publishing, followed by a Q&A and workshop. Ages 13 and up.

Thursday, March 21, 3-4 p.m.

Sumner Pierce County Library, 1116 Fryar Ave. Registration required.

Women's History and Fashion

• And It Has Pockets!: The Battle for Women's Clothing Equality

Costume designer Diane Johnston digs into the pockets of the past, tracing the history of the humble pocket to determine if the battle for equality may still be decided by a few inches of fabric. Ages 9-18.

Friday, March 8, 4-5:30 p.m.

University Place Pierce County Library, 3609 Market Place W., Suite 100

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Gardening and Food Preservation

• The Everlasting Harvest: Growing a Year-Round Edible Garden

Learn how to organize your garden to grow more food and about food preservation strategies to help extend your harvest throughout the year with gardening expert Lisa Taylor. Ages 18 and up.

Thursday, March 14, 2-3:30 p.m.

Graham Pierce County Library, 9202 224th St. E.

• Ready, Set, Grow!

Learn how to get your garden started with Master Gardener Cynthia La Fleur. Ages 18 and up.

Saturday, March 16, 2-3 p.m.

University Place Pierce County Library, 3609 Market Place W., Suite 100

• No Dig Gardening!

Join expert gardener Cecily Hedman to learn about the no dig gardening method. Ages 18 and up.

Saturday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Milton/Edgewood Pierce County Library, 900 Meridian E., Suite 29. Registration required

Get more information on these events and all Pierce County Library events at <u>mypcls.com/calendar</u>. Find books, movies and more information at <u>mypcls.org</u>.

About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed <u>Pierce County Library System</u> 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. <u>Pierce County Libraries are located</u> 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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