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## Discover the cultures of Asia, Pacific Islands in May at the Pierce County Library

**PIERCE COUNTY, Washington** – Explore the rich cultures of Asia, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands with stories and voices from these regions. Visit the Pierce County Library System for classes and events, specially curated booklists and informative displays as the nation celebrates Asian Pacific Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Month.

Pierce County Library brings these cultures to life with events and activities to engage teenagers and adults. Events include:

### **Japanese Sumi Painting**

Experience the flowing techniques of Japanese sumi (ink) painting, with a focus on traditional materials, tools, and brush strokes. Ages 13 and older. All supplies provided. Registration required.

#### **Thursday, May 2, 4-5 p.m.**

Summit Pierce County Library, 5107 112th St. E., Tacoma

#### **Thursday, May 9, 4-5 p.m.**

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

#### **Monday, May 13, 3:30-4:40 p.m.**

Gig Harbor Pierce County Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Drive

### **Asian Counseling Treatment Services (ACTS)**

Access ACTS services for those struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues in both Asian and English languages. All ages.

#### **Saturday, May 4, 1-3 p.m.**

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

#### **Saturday, May 18, 1-3 p.m.**

Fife Pierce County Library, 6622 20th St. E.

### **Beyond Words: Storytelling through Indian Classical Dance**

Join Indian classical dancer Piyali Biswas De and immerse in gestures and expressions that weave tales and witness a short, live captivating dance performance. Ages 13 and older.

#### **Saturday, May 4, 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

South Hill Pierce County Library, 15420 Meridian E.

### **Koinobori: Make Your Own Japanese Carp Windsock**

Drop in and create koinobori (Japanese carp windsock) in honor of Children's Day. All materials provided while supplies last. Ages 3-10.

#### **Sunday, May 5, 2-3 p.m.**

South Hill Pierce County Library, 15420 Meridian E.

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## **Anime and Manga Club - Teen Tuesdays**

Join the Teen Anime Club to hang out with other teens who share the same interests. Enjoy Japanese snacks, try out crafts and watch a few episodes of anime each month. Ages 13-18.

**Tuesday, May 7, 4:30-6 p.m.**

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

## **Ten Thousand Things – Artifacts of Asian American Life**

Join author and podcaster Shin Yu Pai and discuss how every objects reveal personal and cultural values. Ages 13 and older.

**Saturday, May 11, 2:30-4:30 p.m.**

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

**Saturday, May 18, 3-4 p.m.**

Parkland/Spanaway Pierce County Library, 13718 Pacific Ave. S., Tacoma

**Saturday, May 25, 3-4 p.m.**

Orting Pierce County Library, 202 Washington Ave. S.

## **Muasopst Japanese Wind Chimes Craft**

Drop in to create a wind chime. Ages 3-12.

**Friday, May 17, 3:30-5 p.m.**

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

## **Resisting Erasure Through Storytelling**

Join author Putsata Reang as she shares her powerful journey, advocating against erasure through sharing personal narratives. Ages 18 and older.

**Sunday, May 19, 2-3:30 p.m.**

Sumner Pierce County Library, 1116 Fryar Ave.

## **K-Pop Dance 101: "Super Shy" by NewJeans**

Learn NewJeans's "Super Shy" choreography from Coffee Dance Studio. For teens and adults.

**Wednesday, May 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Sprinker Recreation Center - Rainier Room, 14824 C St S, Tacoma

Experience the diverse Asian continent and Pacific islands with interactive art and culinary adventures as well as curated booklists for all ages, available in book, e-book and audiobook.

Register for events and find more information at [mypcls.org](http://mypcls.org).

## **About Pierce County Library System**

The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](http://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.

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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, 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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