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Explore Hispanic and Latinx culture with stories and voices at Pierce County Library

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – Celebrate the passionate cultures, rich histories and impactful contributions of Hispanic and Latinx communities during Hispanic Heritage Month at the Pierce County Library System. Explore stories and voices that reflect the diversity and resilience of Hispanic heritage through engaging events, curated booklists and educational displays.

From Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, library locations across Pierce County will host a variety of programs and activities that celebrate the traditions, achievements and experiences of Hispanic and Latinx individuals. Highlights include:

A Bailar Cumbia: Dance Workshop

Learn new steps and cross-cultural history of this dance genre, led by the talented and powerful Adri "La Pollito." Ages 9 and up. Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2-3:30 p.m.

Tillicum Pierce County Library/Woodbrook Community Center, 14916 Washington Ave SW, Lakewood

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2-3:30 p.m.

Gig Harbor Pierce County Library 4424 Point Fosdick Drive

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2-3:30 p.m.

Interim Lakewood Pierce County Library 10202 Gravelly Lake Drive SW

The Firsts: Latina Struggles in the United States

Join Maria Chávez for an exploration of the complicated challenges Latina professionals face. Ages 13 and up.

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2-3 p.m.

South Hill Pierce County Library 15420 Meridian E.

Saturday, Oct. 4, 2-3:30 p.m.

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

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Saturday, Oct. 11, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Summit Pierce County Library 1116 Fryar Ave.

Lucha Libre Paper Mask

Learn about the Mexican popular sport Lucha Libre, by cutting, pasting, assembling and personalizing their own Lucha Libre mask with artist Amaranta Sandys. Ages 5 and up. Registration required.

Monday, Sept. 29: 4-5 p.m. Fife Pierce County Library 6622 20th St. E.

Aztec Motif Sarafe Paper Art

Explore Aztec Anomal Motif designs inspired by Aztec symbols and textile traditions with artist Amaranta Sandys. Ages 6 and up. Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Buckley Pierce County Library 123 S. River Ave.

Friday, Oct. 17, 1-2:30 p.m. Sumner Pierce County Library 1116 Fryar Ave.

Mambo to Hip Hop with Annabel Quintero

Discover the music and dance that emerged from Afro-Indigenous artists of the Americas. Ages 13 and up. Registration required.

Friday, Oct. 3, 6-7:30 p.m. Virtual Pierce County Library

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Steilacoom Pierce County Library 2950 Steilacoom Blvd.

Join us in celebrating the richness of Hispanic and Latinx cultures and the voices that continue to shape our communities with booklists for all ages, available in printed book, e-book and audiobook.

Register for events and find more information at <u>mypcls.org</u>.

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About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed <u>Pierce County Library System</u> serves 680,000 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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