

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Virtual Talk Time*

🖥️ **Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.**

Learn, connect and practice English language skills. For ESL learners and English speakers wanting to connect with and support ESL learners. Ages 13 and up.

Virtual Teen Council: Use Your Voice*

🖥️ **Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Help plan events, give feedback and speak up about what teens actually want from their library. Volunteer hours and connection included. Ages 13-18.

Virtual Author Talk with Marjan Kamali*

🖥️ **Thursday, May 7, 4-5 p.m.**



Enjoy an exciting conversation with internationally acclaimed author Marjan Kamali as we delve into the timeless wonder of her New York Times bestselling novel "The Lion Women of Tehran." In partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual Facing Turmoil with Integrity*

🖥️ **Thursday, May 7
5-6:30 p.m.**

Explore how the ancient Tamil Kural shaped Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King in this inspiring talk presented by author Thomas Hitoshi Pruiksmas. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons:
The Ongoing Campaign*

🖥️ **Friday, May 8 and 22, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**

Join fellow teens on a gothic horror adventure. Ages 13-18.

Virtual Author Talk with Dr. Vivienne Ming*

🖥️ **Tuesday, May 12, 11 a.m.-noon**

Join a timely virtual conversation on AI, humanity and a better future with Dr. Vivienne Ming as she discusses her new book "Robot-Proof: When Machines Have All the Answers, Build Better People." Ages 18 and up.



Hybrid Social Security 101*

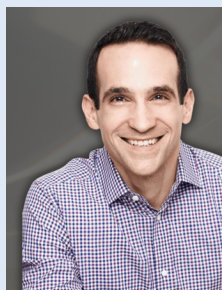
🖥️ **Thursday, May 14, 1-2 p.m.**

Learn about the Social Security program, including its history, how it is funded, how your benefits are calculated, and much more. Attend virtually or at the Eatonville Pierce County Library. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual Author Talk with Nir Eyal*

🖥️ **Tuesday, May 19, 11 a.m.-noon**

Explore how the limits we face are often psychological, not physical, in a compelling look at belief and possibility from bestselling author Nir Eyal in "Beyond Belief." In partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium. Ages 18 and up.



Virtual Gig Harbor Nonfiction Book Club*

🖥️ **Thursday, May 28, 6-7 p.m.**

Enjoy a book discussion on Zoom with your local librarians and neighbors.

Thanks to the Pierce County Library Foundation and Friends of the Gig Harbor Library which support many of these events and classes.

Gig Harbor Pierce County Library

May Events

2026

ADULT EVENTS



Renewed Yoga

Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m.-noon

Experience a yoga class rooted in classic Hatha yoga. This class is perfect for beginners and experienced yogi's alike, focusing on breath-work, flexibility and strength, leaving you with a renewed sense of self. Please bring your own yoga mat.



Introduction to Tai Chi*

**Sunday, May 3, 10, 17 and 24
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Improve your overall mind, body and spirit through the ancient Chinese practice combining slow, flowing movements, deep breathing and meditation.

MultiCare WIC Clinic

Monday, May 4, noon-4 p.m.

Meet with staff from the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program.

Tech Help

**Wednesday, May 6, 20 and 27, 11 a.m.-noon
and May 13, 1-2 p.m.**

Drop in with your technology questions.

Friends of the Gig Harbor Library Meeting

Monday, May 11, 1:30-3 p.m.

Support your local library by becoming a Friend! Attending meetings is a great way to find out about volunteer opportunities and meet other Friends of the Library.

My Father was an
"Enemy Alien" During WWII

Saturday, May 16, 1-3 p.m.

Learn about Lynn Kanaya's family's story of hardship, surveillance, loss of finances and dignity during the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWII. Ages 13 and up.

Real Estate Options When Retiring
and Today's Reverse Mortgage

Tuesday, May 19, 2-3:30 p.m.

Learn about available options when you are ready to sell your house, as well as what happens if you work with an investor and if you need to move quickly. In addition, if you are deciding to stay in your home or purchase a new home, learn the pros and cons of the Federal Housing Administration's Reverse Mortgage and what makes it so different now as a government loan.

Adventures on the Wild Peninsula

Saturday, May 23, 2-3:30 p.m.

Take a journey through the wild side of the Key Peninsula, from bears to champion trees to undersea eelgrass meadows with author and community naturalist Chris Rurik. Ages 9 and up.



LIBRARY IS CLOSED: May 25 for Memorial Day

Programs and events are not affiliated with the school district.



Veterans Benefits and Medicaid

Tuesday, May 26, 1-2 p.m.

Join a workshop covering many of the most common concerns regarding veterans benefits and Medicaid.



Gig Harbor Nonfiction Book Club

Wednesday, May 27, 6-7 p.m.

Check out this month's title from your local library or get it online on Libby.



Identity Theft Prevention and Awareness

Thursday, May 28, 1-2 p.m.

Explore how identity theft shows up, the most common

scams targeting different generations, and the terminology involved with scams.



Genealogy Help Desk

Friday, May 29, 2-4 p.m.

Get help with your questions about genealogy research from the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society.



Conversation Cafe:

They Called Us Enemy

Saturday, May 30, 1-2 p.m.

Discuss the book "They Called Us Enemy" by George Takei.



One Book, One Coast: Author Livestream with George Takei

Sunday, May 31, 2-4 p.m.

One Book, One Coast brings together library systems across California,

Washington state and Oregon for a shared community reading program that celebrates literacy, learning, community and civil discourse. Please join us in person to watch a livestream of author George Takei's book discussion about "They Called Us Enemy." Ages 13 and up.

TEEN EVENTS



Paint and Sip Tea*

Tuesday, May 5, 4-6 p.m.

Learn how art can be therapeutic while sipping tea. Partnership with American Red Cross. Ages 13-18.



Teen Council: Use Your Voice

Friday, May 8 and 22, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Contribute your ideas and assist with library services. Bonus: volunteer hours! Ages 13-18.



Book Bingo

Tuesday, May 12, 4-5:30 p.m.

Stop by to hang out or try something fun or just take a break. This week, we're playing Bingo and winning books! Ages 13-18.



Video Games for Teens

Tuesday, May 26, 4-5:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of games and friendly competition while playing popular Nintendo Switch games. Ages 13-18.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS

Learn to Hula with Ms. Tara

Wednesday, May 13, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Join us for a Hula lesson with Ms. Tara. Learn basic steps and a dance. For families.



Random Fandom

Wednesday, May 20, 4-5 p.m.

Celebrate your favorite books, movies and games with crafts, activities and more. For families. May: Star Wars

Read to a Dog

Saturday, May 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Practice reading aloud with a friendly, certified therapy dog. Ages 3-12.

Story Times



Story Time for Babies

Friday, May 1, 8, 15 and 22

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Songs, rhymes and stories just right for babies and their caregivers. Ages 0-2.

Story Time for Mixed Ages

Friday, May 1, 8, 15 and 22

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Stories, songs and movement activities for young children and their caregivers. Ages 0-5.

Play Time

Monday, May 4, 11 and 18

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Explore, build and create! Join us for play times designed to spark learning. Ages 0-6.

Story Time for Toddlers

Tuesday, May 5, 12 and 19

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs and fun designed for toddlers. Ages 18 months-2 years.

Story Time for Preschoolers

Tuesday, May 5, 12 and 19

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Enjoy stories, songs and activities to spark your preschooler's love of reading. Ages 3-6.

STEAM Events



Game Lab: Kids D&D Club

Sunday, May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Fight monsters, solve puzzles and roleplay your way through a fantasy world in this simplified version of Dungeons & Dragons. Group A meets the first/third Sunday while Group B meets second/fourth Sunday. Ages 9-12.

Engineering Explorers

Monday, May 4, 4-5 p.m.

LEGO® bricks, Rigamajig building kits and building straws galore! Join us for engineering challenges with different building materials each month. Ages 6-12.

Chess Club

Thursday, May 7, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Enjoy 20 minutes of chess instruction and 40 minutes of play. Ages 5-12.

Art Explorers

Monday, May 11, 4-5 p.m.

Show off your creativity with a craft or art project each month. Ages 6-12.

Science Explorers

Monday, May 18, 4-5 p.m.

Learn about a simple science topic and complete a related activity or experiment. Ages 6-12.