

October Events

2026

Information Literacy Awareness Month

October is Cybersecurity and Information Literacy Awareness month! Join us for Live Your Best Digital Life, a six-part series that builds the confidence and skills to find trustworthy information, protect your privacy, stay safe online and make informed decisions.

Talking Media with Kids: Raising Thoughtful Digital Citizens

Sunday, Oct. 4, 1-2:30 p.m.
Interim Lakewood
Pierce County Library

Beyond the Bubble: Truth and Trust in a Digital World

Monday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Bonney Lake Pierce County Library



STEAM programs for kids and teens are a place to try new things, work together and discover our world.

Join us for open-ended activities to spark your curiosity like collaborative gaming, wild science experiments, tricky building challenges and more!

Browse upcoming STEAM events at mypcls.org/calendar

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

ADULT EVENTS

Friends of the Key Center Library Meeting Friday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-noon

Learn how you can support your local library through fundraising and advocacy. New members welcome.



Conversation Cafe: "James" by Percival Everett*

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Key Peninsula Museum
17010 S. Vaughn Road NW, Vaughn.
Discuss the book "James" by Percival Everett.



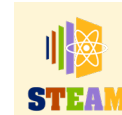
Earthquake Science: The Great Pierce County ShakeOut Wednesday, Oct. 28, 4-5 p.m.

Enjoy an engaging presentation that explores the science behind the shake! Discover what causes earthquakes in Washington, how they impact Pierce County and how to stay safe when the ground starts to shake. Presented in partnership with Pierce County Department of Emergency Management.



LIBRARY IS CLOSED:
Oct. 12 for All-Staff Day

TEEN EVENTS



Sort, Build, Play: Learn Magic the Gathering*

Thursday, Oct. 8, 4-5:30 p.m.
Learn the fundamentals of the card game Magic the Gathering, using a card kit from "Magikids". Ages 13-18.



Art Circle: Write, Paint, Craft Thursday, Oct. 15, 4-5:30 p.m.

This is your time to get creative, try something new or just be yourself. Practice and share whatever art form speaks to you and connect with others. Ages 13-18.



Teen Council Monday, Oct. 19, 4-5:30 p.m. Red Barn Youth Center 15921 84th St. NW, Home

Teen Council is your chance to gain volunteer hours, and help plan events, give feedback and speak up about what teens actually want from their library. Ages 13-18.

Programs and events are not affiliated with the school district.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS



Story Time for Mixed Ages

Thursdays, Thursday, Oct. 1, 8, 15 and 29, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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



Story Time for Babies

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 14 and 28 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Songs, rhymes and stories just right for babies and their caregivers. Ages 0-18 months.



Play Time

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 14 and 28, 1-2 p.m.

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



Chain Reactions

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 4-5 p.m.

Hands-on fun with science, technology, engineering, art and math designed just for kids. Ages 6-12.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Virtual Talk Time*

 **Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-noon and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 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*

 **Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Teen Council is your chance to 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 Veronica Roth*

 **Thursday, Oct. 1, 4-5 p.m.**

Join us for an online conversation with New York Times bestselling author Veronica Roth as we celebrate the enduring legacy of her Divergent series and get an exclusive sneak peek into her highly anticipated upcoming novel "The Sixth Faction." Ages 18 and up.



Virtual Author Talk with Carolyn Russo*

 **Thursday, Oct. 8 11 a.m.-noon**

Enjoy a captivating online conversation with acclaimed author and Smithsonian curator Carolyn Russo and dive into her book "The Ascent of Rauschenberg." Explore Ages 18 and up.

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons: The Ongoing Campaign*

 **Friday, Oct. 9 and 23, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**

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

Virtual Author Talk with David Epstein*

 **Tuesday, Oct. 13 11 a.m.-noon**

Listen to an inspiring virtual conversation with bestselling author David Epstein and explore his latest book "Inside the Box." Ages 18 and up.



Virtual Gig Harbor Nonfiction Book Club*

 **Thursday, Oct. 22, 6-7 p.m.**

Enjoy a book discussion on Zoom with your local librarians and neighbors. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual Live Your Best Digital Life: Staying Safe with AI*

 **Tuesday, Oct. 27, 4-5:30 p.m.**

Learn how artificial intelligence (AI) works, when to trust its responses, what information you should never share and practical steps you can take to protect your privacy and use AI with confidence. Ages 18 and up.