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Experience the stories, traditions and voices of Native Americans at Pierce County Library

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – Native American Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the rich cultures, histories and contributions of Native American and Alaska Native peoples. Throughout November, Pierce County Library System invites the community to connect with these stories through events, displays and reading recommendations that highlight Indigenous voices and experiences.

Discover a new author, explore diverse cultural traditions and deepen your understanding of Native American history through enriching opportunities for people of all ages. Events include:

Land Beyond Map with Laura Da'
Join poet and teacher Laura Da' for a workshop on the concept of the map and how it has limitations for creating works and evoking place. Ages 18 and up.
Sunday, Nov. 8, 3-5 p.m.
Parkland/Spanaway Pierce County Library, 13718 Pacific Ave. S., Tacoma

Boriken Petroglyphs Watercolor Workshop*
Join artist Vaquero Azul for an engaging workshop exploring Borikén Taíno symbols and their meanings through hands-on art making. Ages 18 and up.
Tuesday, Nov. 17, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Bonney Lake Pierce County Library, 18501 90th St. E.

Storytelling Through Repujado (Mexican Tin Embossing)*
Join IndigiQueer artist Eileen Jimenez (Ñätho) as they lead this workshop, where participants will create corazones sagrados (sacred hearts) using simple tools, texture and rich colors to learn the traditional art of Mexican tin embossing. Ages 18 and up.
Saturday, Nov. 7, 1-3 p.m.
Gig Harbor Pierce County Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Drive

Exploring Land Through Printmaking
Collaborate with IndigiQueer artist Eileen Jimenez (Ñätho) to create artwork that reflects our experiences and relationships with Land. During this workshop, we will explore printmaking from pre-carved blocks and watercolor to co-create art.
Saturday, Nov. 21, 2-3 p.m. – Ages 18 and up.*
South Hill Pierce County Library, 15420 Meridian E.
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 4-5:30 p.m. – Ages 13 to 19.
Gig Harbor Pierce County Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Drive

Conversation Cafe: Lewis and Clark and Native Peoples
Join us for a conversation about the Lewis and Clark Expedition, focusing on the historical perspective of the Native peoples that they met along their journey. The event features museum-quality collection pieces from the Burke Museum. Ages 18 and up.

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Thursday, Nov. 5, 5-6:30 p.m.
Buckley Pierce County Library, 123 S. River Ave.

Mesoamerican Indigenous Instruments of Mexico*
Explore a range of Mesoamerican Indigenous instruments from Mexico and their cultural significance with artist and educator Vaquero Azul. Ages 9 and up.
Thursday, Nov. 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
University Place Pierce County Library, 3609 Market Place W., Suite 100

Conversation Cafe Native American Women Reclaiming Foodways*
View the short documentary "Return: Native American Women Reclaim Foodways for Health & Spirit" and explore food's impact on our health and spirit. Ages 18 and up.
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 3-4:30 p.m.
Graham Pierce County Library, 9202 224th St. E.

Virtual Author Talk
Reclaiming Your Inner Wisdom: Sacred Indigenous Teachings with Asha Frost
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 11 a.m.

View recorded author talks from Native American authors at **mypcls.org/virtual-author-talks**. Authors include Joy Harjo, Mona Susan Power, Waubgeshig Rice and more.

Readers can discover powerful stories by Native American and Alaska Native authors in books, e-books and audiobooks, while events and activities throughout the month provide opportunities to learn, reflect and celebrate the diversity of Indigenous cultures. You can also explore Native American and Alaska Native Stories and Voices on Kanopy, free with your Pierce County Library card.

Through these personal stories and shared experiences, community members can gain new perspectives and a deeper appreciation for the people, traditions and histories that continue to shape our region and nation.

Register for events and find more information at **mypcls.org.**

About Pierce County Library System
The nationally acclaimed Pierce County Library System 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. Pierce County Libraries are located at Anderson Island, Bonney Lake, Buckley, DuPont,

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