

Pierce County Library FYI Packet

Pierce County Library in the News

- [Make a splash with free library access to Microsoft IT Academy | Pierce County Library System](#) (Bonney Lake-Sumner Courier-Herald)
- [Library's 'Scout' membership campaign offers rewards, Nov. 17-Dec. 19](#) (The Suburban Times)
- [What you need for the holidays - a homemade arrowhead](#) (The News Tribune)
- Holiday Guide: Get creative—make a special do-it-yourself holiday gift (Supplement to the Ranger, Northwest Airlifter, and Weekly Volcano)

Other Libraries

- [New York City libraries soon will let patrons 'check out the Internet'](#) (The Washington Post)
- [No library card? No problem, if you're a Tacoma middle school or high school student](#) (The News Tribune)

What's Happening

- [Businesses, politicians advocate STEM](#) (The Business Examiner)
- [Report shows rising non-residential construction](#) (The Business Examiner)
- [State Supreme Court rules against Lakewood in public-records dispute](#) (The News Tribune)

Holiday Guide - Supplement to the rangers, northwest airlifts, and weekly volcano
December 4- December 10

The holiday guide no. 3

Get creative — make a special do-it-yourself holiday gift

Find supplies at many local retailers. By Richard Lee

For many, receiving a handcrafted holiday gift that someone took the time to make is special. For the crafter, it's a fun activity and skill that can be shared with family, friends and neighbors.

Whether it's all about interest, being budget conscious or being green and environmentally friendly, the do-it-yourself holiday gift culture is alive and well this holiday season. And it doesn't matter whether you're an experienced crafting pro or a novice, there's help out there.

Check out these local options that are great resources to get you started.

Tacoma Public Library (tbl.lib.wa.us), **Pierce County Library System** (piercecountylibrary.org) and **Timberland Regional Libraries** (trl.org)

The public library system is an excellent resource this time of year for various holiday gift and holiday décor crafting projects, especially for children, teens and families to enjoy. In December, the local libraries offer a variety of make 'n' take projects, often times for free or a very minimal charge.

These classes and events are fun, easy and budget friendly. Be sure to check the library websites noted above for schedules, class and

registration requirements.

Shipwreck Beads, Lacey (shipwreckbeads.com)

This place is a jewelry maker and crafting nirvana. Not only does the store feature literally millions of gorgeous bead varieties, the tools of the trade and so much more, they also offer a wide variety of helpful classes to hone your skills with jewelry making. Put together some beautiful holiday gifts by learning tricks, tips and resources from the pros. The friendly staff can answer all of your questions. The jewelry enthusiasts on your holiday gift list will indeed be charmed. Visit their website noted above for information.

Artco Crafts, Tacoma (artcocrafts.com)
This locally-owned crafting store has been serving residents for nearly two decades.

Not only do they have an enormous variety of crafting products, tools and supplies, they have lots of project ideas to inspire eager holiday craftspeople. Check out their website noted above for clever holiday project ideas or pop into the store and take a look around. They also offer a professional frame shop, too.

Tacoma Community College Harbor Homestead Classes, Gig Harbor Campus (continuingedtacoma.com/ce-class-search/



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The libraries are offering DIY in December.

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Homesteading is the ultimate DIY culture. Growing increasingly in popularity, this movement teaches environmentally friendly practices, self-reliance and the benefits of making things homemade. Some of these great classes teach things like making your

own soap, making your own homemade pasta or smoking your own meats. Think of all the great gift-making possibilities for the holidays and delicious homemade eats and treats you can give your family and friends! Check out the website above for schedules, costs and registration.