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Pierce County Library System takes classes and events outdoors

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – Learn and have fun at an outdoor class or event at the Pierce County Library System. To give children, teenagers and adults the classes and events they’ve been wanting, the Pierce County Library is offering classes in parking lots, fields and in other outdoor spaces all for free and in a safer way.

“In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to reimagine services to safely serve communities,” said Pierce County Library [Executive Director Georgia Lomax](#). “Residents have been asking for ways to reconnect safely and we’ve wanted to reconnect with people, too. With our outdoor classes and events we can make that happen.”

While continuing to offer a variety of [virtual events](#), the Pierce County Library re-imagined in-person activities and now has added outdoor classes and events. Ranging from story time to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) events and poetry walks, people of all ages can learn and have fun.

Upcoming events:

Outdoor Stomp Rockets

Make and decorate paper rockets and launch them from PVC pipe launchers powered by stomping on 2-liter plastic bottles. Ages 3-10. Registration required.

Thursday, Sept. 2, 1-2 p.m., Gig Harbor Pierce County Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Dr. N.W. Event held on the grass field of Peninsula Christian Fellowship, adjacent to the Gig Harbor Library.

Outdoor Family Story Time

Enjoy stories, activities, rhymes and singing for the whole family. Ages 0-6. Registration required.

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Gig Harbor Pierce County Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Dr. N.W. Event held on the grass field of Peninsula Christian Fellowship, adjacent to the Gig Harbor Library.

STEAM Creations and Games - An Outdoor Interactive STEAM Program for Kids

Get together outdoors at the library to create STEAM masterpieces and play games. Parents and caregivers welcome. Ages 5-10. Registration required.

Week 1: Bubbles and Wands - Make bubble wands and bubble mixture to create bubbles.

Week 2: Towers - Engineer tower masterpieces.

Week 3: Light-Up Creatures - Create light-up creatures and learn basic circuitry.

Week 4: Lanterns - Create light-up lanterns and continue basic circuitry learning.

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Tuesday, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 4-5 p.m., Fife Pierce County Library, 6622 20th St. E.

**Wednesday Sept. 8 and Tuesday Sept. 21, 3-4 p.m.; and Saturday Sept. 18 and Saturday Oct. 2, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Steilacoom Pierce County Library, 2950 Steilacoom Blvd.
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Thursday, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, 4-5 p.m., Summit Pierce County Library, 5107 112th St. E., Tacoma

Thursday, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Gig Harbor Pierce County Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Dr. N.W. Event held on the grass field of Peninsula Christian Fellowship, adjacent to the Gig Harbor Library.

Outdoor Story Time Series

Join Librarian Rebecca outdoors for books and activities. Registration required.

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Sumner Pierce County Library, 1116 Fryar Ave. Meet in the grassy area to the left of the building.

Paint Jam

Come paint, chat and enjoy music together! Supplies provided. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Sumner Pierce County Library, 1116 Fryar Ave. Meet in the grassy area to the left of the building.

Adriana Hess Wetlands ~ Poetry in the Park Walk

Walk the Adriana Hess Wetlands with the University Place Pierce County Library and Tahoma Audubon. Read the poetry signs and learn about local nature on this walk. Adults. Registration required.

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 10-11:00 a.m., Hess Wetland Park, 2917 Morrison Rd. W.

For registration required events, register for free on the Library's website, with the event or class of interest: <https://calendar.piercecountylibrary.org/events>. The Library continues to add classes and events, please check the website for current offerings.

Poor weather conditions, air quality, public health guidance or other factors may cancel an event or class. Events may have attendance limits due to available supplies or outdoor space or safety considerations; please sign up for the wait list if an event is full. Attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather and bring a blanket or chair. Per public health directives, masks are required outdoors where physical distancing isn't possible.

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Once the outdoor fun is complete, participants are encouraged to head inside a Pierce County Library to continue learning with a book or Science-to-Go backpack or to check out a book or movie for enjoyment and reduce some stress.

Masks are required in library buildings for ages 5 and older. Following Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department's directive and the State of Washington's order, the Pierce County Library requires the public and staff, regardless of vaccination, to wear masks to avoid the spread of COVID-19. The Washington State Department of Health strongly encourages children ages 2-4 to wear masks.

Learn more about all the [events](#) available from the Pierce County Library at calendar.piercecountylibrary.org/events.

About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](#) serves 620,000 people throughout Pierce County with 20 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and is funded primarily through property taxes. 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. More than 2 million people visit 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, Eatonville, Fife, Gig Harbor, Graham, Key Center, Lakewood, Milton/Edgewood, Orting, Parkland/Spanaway, Pierce County Library Administrative Center, 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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