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Meet national-award winning, best-selling author, Ruth Reichl

TACOMA – Up to a thousand people are expected to meet award-winning, best-selling author, Ruth Reichl, the featured author for this year’s [Pierce County READS](#). The READS program is a free community event where thousands of people read, share and talk about the same book at the same time.

Pierce County READS concludes with Reichl giving a free presentation and book signing at **Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood on Saturday, March 27, at 7 p.m.**

Since Jan. 25, thousands of people throughout Pierce County have been participating in the third annual event, reading and discussing the book that Pierce County Library System selected for this year’s community reading program, “Garlic and Sapphires” by Ruth Reichl.

“The response and participation has been phenomenal,” said Neel Parikh, executive director of Pierce County Library. “The book is a dream—you laugh as you turn the pages and start to look at yourself and how you look at others differently. The program has brought a buzz throughout the county, with people talking about it from the grocery store to the dentist office—a true community program.”

“Garlic and Sapphires” chronicles the antics of one of the world’s most acclaimed food critics, Ruth Reichl. The story reveals her secret life as a food critic when Reichl visited restaurants in disguises so eateries would give her unbiased service and she could write impartial reviews.

Currently, Reichl is writing a memoir about her years as Editor-in-chief at “Gourmet” magazine and hosting a new PBS-TV show, “Gourmet’s Adventures with Ruth.”

Since launching Pierce County READS 2010, people checked out copies of the selected book nearly 4,000 times from Pierce County Library. Also, more than 600 people have participated in the more than 50 free events offered by Pierce County Library and some of its 20 community partners.

People have been donating nonperishable food items to Pierce County READS community partner, Emergency Food Network. The Library encourages people to bring items to the main author event, too.

Pierce County Library System and The News Tribune present Pierce County READS, sponsored by KeyBank Foundation. More than 20 community partners are participating: Associated Ministries, Barnes & Noble, Borders, Clover Park Technical College, Emergency Food Network, Fort Lewis Library, Garfield Book Company, The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, King’s Books, Lakewood Historical Society and History Museum, McChord Air Force Base Library, Mostly Books, Pacific Lutheran University, Pierce College, Pierce County Library Foundation and donors, Pierce County Library Friends organizations, Puyallup Public Library, Roy Public Library, Sumner Arts Commission, Tacoma Art Museum, and University of Puget Sound.

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