

2017 Welcoming Week Events by City

Bellevue

World Dance Basics

Fridays, Sept. 8 - Oct. 6, 6:15-7:30pm

Hosts: [King County Library System](#)

Location: Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St Bellevue WA 98008

Free dance class for adults: Bachata & Merengue, Salsa, Tango, Cha-Cha & the Waltz. [Sign up with King County Library](#) or call 425.450.1775.

Welcoming America Resource Fair

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 12-4pm

Host: [Hopelink](#)

Location: Bellevue Center, 14812 Main St. Bellevue, WA 98007

[This fair](#) will connect new arrivals to the array of services available to them in the Bellevue area: transportation, housing, ESL classes, job placement and more. The event will coincide with regular food bank hours. Accessible from Metro bus #245 and the B-Line.

Eastside Timebank Welcoming Potluck

Thursday, Sept. 14, 6:30-8:30pm

Host: [Eastside Timebank](#)

Location: North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue WA

Learn about the Eastside Timebank where neighbors help neighbors, earning an hour of credit for each hour of service they provide. Bring a dish to share for the potluck from 6:30-7:30. New member orientation from 7:30-8:30.

Move & Groove with Community!

Saturday, Sept. 16, 6:30-8pm

Hosts: [Wellness Professionals Network](#) and the [Bellevue Family YMCA](#)

Location: Bellevue Family YMCA, 14230 Bel Red Rd. Bellevue, WA

Have fun at this community dance party to connect new and long-time residents in a spirit of unity. All are welcome and no dance experience needed. Freestyle dance and some instructor led dances (Zumba, Bollywood, etc.) Let's have fun together!

8 Borders, 8 Days Screening

Sunday, Sept. 17th, 6:30-9:00pm

Hosts: [First Congregational Church of Bellevue](#), [MAPS-AMEN](#), [Islamic Center of Eastside Muslim Community and Neighborhood Association](#)

Location: First Congregational Church, 11061 NE 2nd St., Bellevue, WA 98004

Documentary written by Amanda Bailly tells the story of a single Syrian mother of two who had no option but to place herself and her children at risk on a smuggler's raft to Europe. 60 minutes, in Arabic with English subtitles. Discussion to follow the film screening.

Ask a Muslim or Two: Community Dinner and Conversation

Monday, Sept. 18th, 6:00-8:30pm

Hosts: [City of Bellevue, Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition, Adams Interpreting and Mediation Services](#)

Location: Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Bellevue WA 98008

Ask a Muslim or Two will focus on the experiences of women who wear the hijab. Mothers, sisters, wives, professionals, community volunteers, caregivers, and students... they are visible and particularly vulnerable members of our community. This event is designed specifically for women and men who are interested in hearing the experiences of Muslim women and increasing their level of awareness and understanding. Space is limited and registration is required. [Details here.](#)

Conversation Circle

Mondays, starting Sept. 18, 6:00-7:30pm

Host: [English Language Learner's Alliance](#)

Location: Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Bellevue WA 98008

If you'd like to improve your English conversational skills, meet new friends, and learn about different countries, then this group is for you! Join us for an evening of English conversation. Meet others from around the world and talk with people in a friendly encouraging atmosphere!

Welcoming Proclamation: City of Bellevue

Monday, Sept. 18, evening (see link below for times)

Location: Bellevue City Hall

Continuing with East King County municipalities' readings of the 2nd Annual Welcoming Week Proclamation, Bellevue will read the proclamation at its public City Council meeting. Please [click here](#) for time and details.

Cultural Conversations: I and We Cultures

[A Women Only Event]

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1:00-2:30pm

Host: [City of Bellevue Cultural Conversations Program](#)

Location: Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Bellevue WA 98008

Storytelling and conversation exploring "I" and "We" cultures. More details coming soon.

[RSVP's appreciated.](#)

Community Voices: A Welcoming Week Art Project

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10am-12:30pm

Host: [City of Bellevue Northwest Arts Center](#)

Location: Bellevue Boys and Girls Club, 209 100th Ave NE Bellevue, WA

Participate in a community art project during the Boys and Girls Club Open House where you'll also learn about upcoming events and activities.

World Language Story Time: Tamil

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 12:15-12:45pm

Host: [King County Library System](#)

Location: Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Bellevue WA 98008

Free drop in story time in Tamil for infant, toddlers, preschool age youth, and their parents. Everyone is welcome. Meet your neighbors!

World Language Story Time: Russian

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 10:30-11am

Host: [King County Library System](#)

Location: Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Bellevue WA 98008

Free drop in story time in Russian for children and families. Everyone is welcome. Meet your neighbors!

Meditation and Chair Yoga

Thursday, Sept. 21, 10:30am-12:30pm

Hosts: [India Association of Western Washington](#)

Location: North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98007

Meditation at 10:30, Chair Yoga at 11:30. Come for one or both! Free and open to all.

2nd Annual Welcome America Health Fair

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10am - 2pm

Hosts: [International Community Health Services](#) and the [Bellevue Family YMCA](#)

Location: Bellevue Family YMCA, 14230 Bel Red Rd. Bellevue, WA

A fun event to connect our newcomers, international communities, and native U.S. residents to one another and to resources available to them in our area. We will provide a variety of health screenings, healthcare and legal information. Games around the world for the kids. Free and all are welcome! (Chinese interpreters provided by Chinese Information and Service Center, Eastside Cultural Navigator Program, and Seattle New Chinese Immigrants Center.)

Playing for Change

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10am - 2pm

Host: [City of Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network](#)

Location: Bellevue Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Photo exhibit of friendships across cultures, activities to meet and connect with people from our diverse community.

Issaquah

Welcoming Proclamation: City of Issaquah

Tuesday, Sept. 5, evening (see link below for times)

Location: Issaquah City Hall

[Issaquah](#) Mayor Fred Butler will read the Welcoming Week proclamation at the public City Council meeting. Please see link for time and address.

Wisdom Café

Friday, Sept. 8, 2:30-3:30pm

Hosts: [City of Issaquah](#), [King County Library System](#)

Location: Issaquah Senior Center, 75 NE Creek Way, Issaquah, WA 98027

KCLS staff will facilitate a community conversation. All are welcome!

Issaquah Welcomes You: A Cultural Celebration

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6:00-8:30pm

Hosts: [Issaquah Library](#), [City of Issaquah](#), and Cultural Nexus' [Cultural Bridges Program](#)

Location: Issaquah Library, 10 W. Sunset Way, Issaquah WA 98027

Bring the whole family and join us for a celebration of the many different cultures that make up our community of Issaquah. Art, traditional dress, music, dance, and candies and cookies from around the world. [Multilingual event flyer](#).

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Kirkland

Welcoming Proclamation: City of Kirkland

Tuesday, Sept. 5, evening (see link below for times)

Location: Kirkland City Hall

[Kirkland](#) Mayor Amy Walen will read the Welcoming Week proclamation at the public City Council meeting. Please see link for time and address.

Crossing Kirkland

Saturday, Sept. 9, 12-3pm

Host: [Crossing Kirkland](#)

Location: various stations along the Kirkland Corridor; [see map](#)

City-wide block party near and on the Kirkland Corridor will feature family friendly events, fun activities, food trucks, and more. Walk, bike, and meet your neighbors!

World Language Story Time: Farsi

Friday, Sept. 15, 11:00-11:45 (and every Friday through Nov. 17)

Host: [King County Library System](#)

Location: Kirkland Library, 308 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland WA 98033

Free drop in story time in Farsi for infant, toddlers, preschool age youth, and their parents. Everyone is welcome. Meet your neighbors!

World Language Story Time: Spanish

Friday, Sept. 15, 12:00-12:45 (and every Friday through Nov. 17)

Host: [King County Library System](#)

Location: Kirkland Library, 308 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland WA 98033

Free drop in story time in Spanish for infant, toddlers, preschool age youth, and their parents. Everyone is welcome. Meet your neighbors! [Also at the Issaquah library daily, 1:00-1:30pm](#):

Families do not need to understand Spanish to enjoy this event!

Welcoming Kirkland

Saturday, Sept. 16, 1-4pm

Hosts: [Juanita Neighborhood Association](#), [KirklandSafe](#), and the [City of Kirkland](#)

Location: Heritage Hall, 203 Market St., Kirkland WA 98033

Featuring information about various local social services resources, adult education, clubs/groups, faith communities, businesses, and more. Network, make friends, and enjoy local music and dance performances. For newcomers and U.S. born residents - everyone is welcome!

Picnic in the Park

Sunday, Sept. 17, 12:30-3:00pm

Hosts: [Indivisible Kirkland Kenmore](#) and Friends

Location: Crestwoods Park, 1818 6th St, Kirkland, WA 98033

Join us in celebrating and welcoming new members in our community!

World Language Story Time: Japanese

Monday, Sept. 18, 10-10:30am

Host: [King County Library System](#)

Location: Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd Street Kirkland WA 98034

Stories, games and music in Japanese for Japanese speaking children and for children learning Japanese as a second language.

Essentials for Job Seekers: Tips for Newcomers

Monday, Sept. 18th, 1:00-3:00pm

Host: [Hopelink](#)

Location: Kirkland Hopelink: 11011 120th Ave NE, Kirkland WA 98033

Panel presentation with local employers from various industries will share advice on what they're looking for in an employee, what level of English proficiency is required for different positions, and opportunities for on-the-job training. Although some of the information will be specific to immigrants who are new to the US, anyone looking for job opportunities will find helpful information at this event. All are welcome.

Conversations on Equity

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 5:00-7:00pm

Hosts: [Eastside Pathways](#), [Bellevue School District](#), [City of Bellevue](#), and [Leadership Eastside](#)

Location: Realogics Sotheby's International Realty, 15 Lake St. Suite 200, Kirkland WA 98033

This is a follow-up to the Eastside Racial Equity Summit held on June 27, 2017, facilitated by Courtlandt Butts from the Pacific Educational Group. We will continue our conversation on aligning existing equity initiatives and deepening individual understanding and commitment to the work towards a more equitable Eastside. All are welcome. [Registration required](#).

A Musical Journey Around the World

Saturday, Sept. 23, 3:00-4:30pm

Host: [King County Library System](#)

Location: Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St. Kirkland WA 98034

Take a trip with the talented trio, the Marianna Group, and explore many different countries through music. Featuring songs in Russian, Spanish, German, Hebrew and many more languages.

Redmond

Welcoming 101: Walking Our Talk

Friday, Sept. 15, 2-4pm

Hosts: [Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition](#), the [City of Bellevue](#), the [City of Redmond](#), the [City of Kirkland](#)

Location: Redmond Library, Meeting Room 2, 15990 NE 85th St. Redmond WA 98052

Join us as we kick off Welcoming Week! From intention to implementation, how do we operationalize our values when it comes to creating welcoming and inclusive communities in East King County? Overview of the Welcoming Framework, updates on local efforts, plus information on how to make your community more welcoming for both newcomers and long-term residents. [Details and Registration](#)

World Language Story Time: Hindi

Saturday, Sept. 16, 10:30-11:00am (and every 3rd Saturday)

Host: [King County Library System](#)

Location: Redmond Library, 15590 NE 85th St. Redmond WA 98052

Books, songs and fun activities in Hindi. Come and meet your neighbors!

World Language Story Time: Chinese

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 11-11:30am (and every 3rd Tuesday)

Host: [King County Library System](#)

Location: Redmond Library, 15590 NE 85th St. Redmond WA 98052

Books, songs and fun activities in Chinese. Sponsored by the Friends of the Redmond Library. [The Sammamish Library](#) also hosts Chinese story time one Saturday per month, including 9/16. The Lake Hills Library in Bellevue hosts story time in [Mandarin](#) and [Cantonese](#). See links for dates and times.

Community Matters: You Belong

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6:30-8pm

Hosts: [Wellness Professionals Network](#) and [Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition](#)

Location: Redmond Regional Library, 15590 NE 85th St. Redmond WA 98052

Whether you've lived somewhere your whole life or just recently arrived in your new home, a sense of belonging can be hard to come by. How can we create a stronger sense of belonging for ourselves and others? Join us for an evening of conversation exploring how to overcome challenges that can keep us isolated and even divided from one another. [Registration recommended](#), but not required.

Welcoming Proclamation: City of Redmond

Tuesday, Sept. 19, evening (see link below for time)

Location: Redmond City Hall

*Continuing with East King County municipalities' readings of the **2nd Annual Welcoming Week Proclamation**, Redmond Mayor John Marchione will read the proclamation at the public City Council meeting. Please [click here](#) for time and details.*

Welcoming America Resource Fair

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 3-7pm

Host: [Hopelink](#)

Location: Redmond Center, 16725 Cleveland St. Redmond WA 98052

This fair will connect new arrivals to the vast array of services available to them in the Redmond area: job placement, health insurance, transportation opportunities, ESL classes, youth services, mental health resources, and more.

Sammamish

Welcoming Proclamation: City of Sammamish

Tuesday, Sept. 5, evening (see link below for times)

Location: Sammamish City Hall

Continuing with East King County municipalities' readings of the 2nd Annual Welcoming Week Proclamation, Sammamish Mayor Don Gerend will read the proclamation at the public City Council meeting. Please [click here](#) for time and details.

Play and Learn: Chinese

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10:30am-12:00pm (and every Tuesday)

Hosts: [Chinese Information and Service Center](#), [King County Library System](#)

Location: Sammamish Library, 825 228th Avenue SE, Sammamish WA 98075

Ages 2 to 5 with adult. Have lots of fun learning, reading and sharing together! The Play & Learn group will be conducted primarily in English but the facilitator is a bilingual English/Mandarin speaker. Registration not required. Drop by anytime between 10:30am-Noon.

Meet Your Chinese Neighbor

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 12:15-2:15pm

Hosts: [Eastside Cultural Navigator Program](#), [American Immigration Forums](#), and the [Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition](#)

Location: Sammamish YMCA, 831 228th Ave SE, Sammamish WA

Many people from China have made East King County their home. Join us for a bilingual gathering with games, snacks, and family fun. Invite a friend or neighbor! Interpreters will be at the event to help.

Please Note: All YMCA's are members of Welcoming America and are hosting events beyond what's listed here. Please contact your local Y for details.

For more details on these events and information about Welcoming Week, please visit:
www.bit.ly/ERIC_Welcoming