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## **The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation funds science program at Library**

**TACOMA** – Thanks to a generous Paul G. Allen Family Foundation/Faye G. Allen Library Program grant, children in kindergarten through third grade will build science and learning skills through a Science to Go program at Pierce County Library System.

The Foundation named its Library Program after Paul and Jody Allen’s mother, Faye. Her love of literature led to a lifetime commitment to public libraries.

The \$175,000 grant is the single largest donation to [Pierce County Library Foundation](#); second only to the Paul G. Allen Foundation grant of \$150,000 earlier this year to support a new online reading rewards platform to be launched by the Library in 2014.

With the grant, the Library will launch the K-3 Science to Go program next year. This program will touch the lives of thousands of children.

This two-year grant funds an 18-month position for a librarian, who will coordinate a community advisory committee to design curriculum and programming. The grant also will provide 2,000 new science-related nonfiction books for young readers, 550 backpacks, science kits, and significant outreach to elementary schools in the Bethel, Franklin Pierce and White River School Districts.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) development has been identified as a significant focus area for children of all ages at the federal, state and local level. Supporting youth in building skills to succeed in school and the future are core priorities for Pierce County Libraries.

The Pierce County Library Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Library System. The mission of the Foundation is to raise, manage and allocate funds to support and enhance programs and services for the Pierce County Library System which are not funded by taxes or other traditional revenue sources.

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