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Tools from Pierce County Library System help students start the school year off right

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – As students return to the classroom, many are looking for tools and resources to start the new school year off right. The Pierce County Library System’s [Tools for Students](http://tools.pcls.us) (<http://tools.pcls.us>) provides in-library and online resources including live tutors—and all for free.

Tools for Students include in-depth research tools, biographies, science experiments, math picture books and many other resources. Access to all of these resources is free with a Pierce County [library card](https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/ecard.aspx?id=1502) (<https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/ecard.aspx?id=1502>).

“Students can achieve higher levels of success as well as simply get help with assignments,” said Pierce County Library Executive Director Georgia Lomax. “When students are stuck and parents or caregivers may not have the answers, tutors can review assignments and help with math homework or any subject. And live tutors are just one of the many services.”

Tools for Students:

- Homework Help: Speak with professional real-time, online tutors and get expert help on essays to calculus.
- Research Rocket: Articles from familiar kids’ magazines and news sources. Search by topic and reading level.
- Gale Biography in Context: Review brief biographies with links to articles in newspapers, magazines and websites.
- Gale in Context for Elementary, Middle and High School: Learn with a combination of reference content with age-appropriate videos, newspapers, magazines and primary sources. Categories cover a range of the most-studied topics including cultures, government, people, U.S. and more.
- Gale Opposing Viewpoints in Context: Compare opinions, articles and reference materials about controversial topics.
- Science Online from Infobase: Discover experiments, videos, biographies and science research.
- Pronunciator: Learn more than 160 languages.
- SIRS Discoverer: Access research for middle and elementary school students incorporating articles from 1,400+ publications and selected topic websites.
- Booklists: Improve student-reading levels for every grade with accelerated reader lists—books available in libraries, curbside and online.
- Science to Go backpacks: STEAM books and activities for grades K-5 in backpacks.

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, 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

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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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