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Our Vision

The Pierce County Library System will enrich lives and strengthen communities by creating opportunities for the discovery and exchange of information and ideas.

“We see our vision taking shape right before our eyes.”

In 2003, we launched the Explorer, an amazing “library-on-wheels” that brings the gift of lifelong learning to children in low income neighborhoods. This all happened due to the support of community partners and donors who believe that the library brings hope for children, their families and our communities.

Libraries accomplish great things. I invite you to share our vision and celebrate the milestones of the Pierce County Library System in 2003.

Foundation & Friends

Pierce County Library Foundation

The Pierce County Library Foundation functions as the fund-raising arm of the Library System. Through its active volunteer Board of Directors, the Foundation encourages charitable gifts which extend Library programs and services to underserved segments of our community.

In 2003, revenue totaled $194,323.25. The Foundation Board awarded $161,110 for Library programs. Additionally, the Pierce County Library Foundation holds $81,198.85 in endowment funds.

Foundation funded programs included:
- Our Own Words Teen Writing Contest
- Diverse Communities Project
- Early Learning Program
- Summer Reading Program
- Kids Bookmobile Project
- Talking Books for the Elderly
- Book Discussion Kits

Friends of the Library

Through book sales and membership fees, 16 independent Friends of the Library groups donated in excess of $46,000 for books and other library materials, furnishings, etc. to their local branch libraries in 2003. In addition, they donated over $14,000 to pay for a total of 184 adult and children’s programs.

Friends projects included:
- Reconfiguration of the South Hill Library children’s area.
- Art Display in the South Hill Library children’s area.
- Recessed monitors for computer workstations at the Lakewood Library.
- Books for the Friends Holiday Giving Tree at the Sumner Library.
- Lounge chairs at the Peninsula Library.
- Special collections at the Steilacoom Library and Parkland/Spanaway Library.
When Amanda and her husband Jim adopted ten-month-old Zoe they immediately started taking her to library storytimes. Amanda herself has fond childhood memories of being taken each week to the library where she sat on the floor lost in the wonder of books. She began taking her son, Ben, to the library when he was a year old. Now 6 years old he has begun requesting library books for his mother to check out. Amanda now volunteers as a Pierce County Library Foundation board member, and hopes that someday Ben and Zoe’s children will find the library as inviting and rewarding as she and her family always have.

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**Planned Giving**

Endowment Funds established with major gifts will remain secure while the interest is used to fund important library needs in perpetuity. Donors may also give to support the principal at any time.

**Carolyn Ellis Endowment Fund**

Funds are directed to enhancing the Library’s collection of books and materials.

Louis & Beverly Gage
Strengthen Communities

Emily loves having her own library card and the chance to use the computer. Yasmeen has been inspired to read through the Harry Potter books. Jassiel thinks the BMX magazines are really cool. But these kids can’t get to a library so the library comes to them. The Explorer, the newest bookmobile designed especially for kids and teens, visits low-income housing areas.

Now there is a long line of excited kids waiting when the vehicle drives up. Their neighborhood is a different place waiting when the vehicle drives up. Their neighborhood is a different place waiting when the vehicle drives up.

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The Annual Giving Campaign is the cornerstone of the Foundation’s giving program. Gifts from hundreds of donors are used to purchase materials and fund worthwhile literacy and outreach programs on an ongoing basis. Annual Giving keeps our libraries strong.

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Annual Giving 2003

Information & Ideas

Richard and Monica Mocygemb, who have lived in Pierce County for nine years, use both English and Spanish language materials. They feel welcome and well served at the library, where increasing numbers of Sumner area Latinos of all ages improve their English skills and enjoy familiar books, music and movies in Spanish.

Nothing gives our staff greater satisfaction than being able to connect their customers with the information, musical recording or work of fiction they need. A “Se Habla Espanol” sign can make all the difference.

Our service area’s cultural diversity is rapidly growing, and it is clear that a language barrier can keep many people from entering a library where they cannot make themselves understood.

- Webpatrons can now access www.pcl.lib.wa.us in Spanish.
- Extensive Spanish-language training helped Library staff create an inviting environment for Spanish-speaking patrons.
- Baby Packets containing them-related board books and activities are introduced.
- KidSpace, a fun webpage for young readers, was added to the Pierce County Library System website.
- New Book Discussion Kits were created especially for teen reading groups.

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- 16 Branch Libraries
- 3 Bookmobiles
- 183,857 Registered Borrowers
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- 208 Employees (FTE)
- 719 Open Hours per Week
- 1,600 Square Miles of Service Area

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance, Jan. 1, 2003 $3,581,062

Revenues
- General Property Taxes $15,272,613
- Private Harvest/Leasehold Tax/Sale of Title Property 57,257
- Intergovernmental Revenue 14,283
- Fines, Forfeits & Charges 516,704
- Interest on Investments 24,081
- Miscellaneous Revenue & Gifts 354,651
Total $16,239,589

Expenditures
- Personnel $10,059,901
- Maintenance & Operations 1,884,107
- Materials 2,374,881
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