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Pierce County Library Foundation Board elects 2014-15 officers

Pierce County Library Foundation Board recently elected new officers to direct the volunteer board's support of library services for Pierce County Library System.

New officers for 2014-15 include:

Michael Gordon, Tacoma, president
Mary Ann Woodruff, University Place, vice president
Molly Stuen, Gig Harbor, secretary
Kari Kennard, University Place, treasurer
Janice Ludwig, Lakewood, member-at-large
Craig Richmond, Olalla, member-at-large

The Pierce County Library Foundation Board of Directors represent their community, advocate for literacy and advance philanthropy for programs and services of Pierce County Library System.

In the past year, individuals, businesses and organizations made charitable gifts resulting in revenues totaling \$710,855. [Pierce County Library Foundation](#) current funding priorities focus on early learning and senior outreach. Early learning projects include STEM-related Block Play and Science-to-Go backpacks, STARS training for child care providers and Literacy Kits. Senior outreach programs provide service to residents in adult care facilities as well as large print books, audiobooks and e-books on e-readers. The Foundation's 20-member volunteer Board of Directors raises and allocates charitable gifts to expand library services beyond tax-based funding and help enhance greatly needed services.

About Pierce County Library System

Established in 1946, [Pierce County Library System](#) includes unincorporated Pierce County and 15 annexed cities and towns. Pierce County Library serves more than 564,000 people through 18 branches as well as online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and lends more than 7.5 million items each year. The library is an independent taxing district reporting to a Board of Trustees. Local taxpayers fund 96 percent of the library's revenues through property taxes. In 2013, Pierce County Library earned the coveted [National Medal for Museum and Library Service](#) award.

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Editors Note: Please see attached photo of Michael Gordon, Foundation president, for your use.