The nationally recognized, award-winning Pierce County Library System is committed to meeting your highest priority library needs. The Library System provides services and programs to spark successes for Pierce County residents’ pursuit of learning, enjoying and connecting as a community.

Focuses

➤ Learning
• Supports growth and curiosity.
• Prepares preschoolers to learn.
• Promotes school and career success.
• Strengthens skills and knowledge.

➤ Enjoyment
• Helps you enjoy your free time.
• Inspires imagination.
• Fosters love of reading.
• Creates opportunities to discover.

➤ Community
• Connects and strengthens communities.
• Brings people together.
• Activates communities with welcoming buildings and online spaces.
• Connects people with information and community resources.

Services

➤ Books & More
• Print, e-books, audiobooks
• Magazines, music, movies
• Book clubs
• Museum passes

➤ Kids & Family
• School readiness
• Science to Go
• Block play
• Homework help

➤ Job + Business
• Expert help
• Books, resources, workshops
• E-sources and online tools
• Business seminars
2016 System Statistics

Summer minutes read - 14,130,000
Books/materials checked out - 7,404,239
  From shelves - 6,425,149
  From online e-books and audiobooks - 979,090
Visits - 5,709,589
  To 20 libraries - 2,203,898
  To website and online services - 3,504,691
Cardholders - 334,362
Event attendance - 118,133
Books, movies and other materials in the system - 1,461,798
  Physical materials – 1,002,143
  Online/downloadable materials – 459,655
Adult care facilities, child care centers and homebound people served – 150
Employees (FTE) – 278
Volunteer hours – 18,653
Population of service area - 580,000
Size - 1,773 square miles

Technology
- Computers, laptops, Wi-Fi
- Printers, copiers, fax machines
- Technology classes

Online
- Catalog of books and materials
- Downloadable e-books, audiobooks, music, magazines, movies, TV shows
- Buying guides, auto repair, coding, genealogy, investing
- Classes

Meeting Rooms
- Online reservations
- AV equipment

Service Area
Unincorporated Pierce County and 15 annexed cities and towns:
  Bonney Lake
  Buckley
  DuPont
  Eatonville
  Edgewood
  Fife
  Gig Harbor
  Gig Harbor
  Milton
  Orting
  South Prairie
  Steilacoom
  Sumner
  University Place
  Wilkeson

2017 Operating Revenue
- $30,800,000.
- 95 percent of the library’s revenue comes from a property tax levy at a maximum of 50 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation.
- Tax levy is 46.71 cents per $1,000 of assessed property value.

Authority & Governance
- Independent municipal corporation under the Revised Code of Washington 27.12.
- Junior taxing district.

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