



# FAST FACTS

## PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

### Library Locations

Administrative Center  
 Anderson Island  
 Bonney Lake  
 Buckley  
 DuPont  
 Eatonville  
 Fife  
 Gig Harbor  
 Graham  
 Key Center  
 Lakewood  
 Milton/Edgewood  
 Orting  
 Parkland/Spanaway  
 South Hill  
 Steilacoom  
 Summit  
 Sumner  
 Tillicum  
 University Place

### Online

[piercescountylibrary.org](http://piercescountylibrary.org)

### 2019

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The 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.

### Service Area

Unincorporated Pierce County and 15 annexed cities and towns:

Bonney Lake  
 Buckley  
 DuPont  
 Eatonville  
 Edgewood  
 Fife  
 Gig Harbor  
 Lakewood

Milton  
 Orting  
 South Prairie  
 Steilacoom  
 Sumner  
 University Place  
 Wilkeson



## 2018 System Statistics

**Summer Reading minutes read** - 14 million

**Books/materials checked out** - 6,068,592

- From shelves - 4,816,316
- From online e-books and audiobooks - 1,252,276
- From online e-sources - 1,067,203

**Visits** - 4,116,361

- To 20 libraries - 2,248,328
- To websites and online services - 1,868,033

**Cardholders** - 359,862

**Event and class attendance** - 83,966

**Books, movies and other materials in the system** - 1,087,518

- Physical materials – 860,834
- Online/downloadable materials – 226,684

**Adult care facilities, child care centers and homebound people served** – 232

**Employees (FTE)** – 275

**Volunteer hours** – 4,140

**Population of service area** - 601,705

**Size** - 1,800 square miles

## Services

### ► Books & More

- Print, e-books, audiobooks
- Magazines, music, movies
- Book clubs
- Museum passes

### ► Job + Business

- Expert help
- Business workshops
- E-sources and online tools

### ► Technology

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

### ► Online

- Catalog of books and materials
- Downloadable e-books, audiobooks, magazines
- Buying guides, auto repair, coding, genealogy, investing
- Real time homework tutors and job coaches

### ► Kids & Family

- School readiness
- Science to Go
- Block play
- Homework help

### ► Public Meeting Rooms

- Online reservations
- AV equipment

## 2018 Operating Revenue

- \$31,973,700.
- 94 percent of the funds for library services comes from property taxes. By state law, library systems may collect up to 50 cents per \$1,000 of a property's assessed value.
- 42.94 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value is the 2018 tax rate.

## Authority & Governance

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



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