



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

piercecountylibrary.org

2019

Board of Trustees:

Chair: Robert Allen
 Vice Chair: Daren Jones
 Donna Albers
 Monica Butler
 Pat Jenkins

Georgia Lomax
 Executive Director

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	Milton
Buckley	Orting
DuPont	South Prairie
Eatonville	Steilacoom
Edgewood	Sumner
Fife	University Place
Gig Harbor	Wilkeson
Lakewood	



2018 System Statistics

Summer Reading Program 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 was the 2018 tax rate.

Authority & Governance

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



piercecountylibrary.org
253-548-3300

