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
- Milton
- Orting
- South Prairie
- Steilacoom
- Sumner
- University Place
- Wilkeson
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.