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
Services

➤ **Library Curbside**
  - Drive up / walk up and pick up books, movies and more

➤ **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

2019 Operating Revenue

➤ **$35,610,187.**

94% 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.

➤ 50 cents per $1,000 of assessed property value was the 2019 tax rate.

Authority & Governance

➤ Independent municipal corporation under the Revised Code of Washington 27.12.

➤ Junior taxing district.

**2019 System Statistics**

- **Summer Reading Program**
  - minutes read: 17 million

- **Books/materials checked out**
  - Total: 5,918,248
  - From shelves: 4,461,625
  - From online e-books and audiobooks: 1,456,623

- **Uses of online databases/e-sources**: 1,485,579

- **Public computer sessions**: 330,684

- **Wi-Fi sessions**: 907,414

- **Visits**
  - To 20 libraries: 3,867,493
  - To websites and online services: 2,090,412
  - Total: 1,777,081

- **Cardholders**: 362,779

- **Event and class attendance**: 115,045

- **Meeting room bookings**: 9,555

- **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**: 240

- **Employees (FTE)**: 291

- **Volunteer hours**: 3,931

- **Population of service area**: 614,000

- **Size**: 1,800 square miles