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Invest in your library community today.

The Pierce County Library Foundation is building its board to better reflect the communities we live in, the people we serve, and the programs that promote thriving literacy rates. Read below to learn more about our work and how you can become involved.

About the Pierce County Library Foundation

Our Work

The Pierce County Library Foundation inspires support of the Pierce County Library System by funding enhancements and innovations, advocating for the library and building partnerships.

We have a vision to strengthen literacy for everyone in Pierce County to build an equitable, knowledgeable, engaged, and empowered community.

We are guided by our values

- *Integrity*
- *Partnerships/Relationships*
- *Equitable access to library resources and services*
- *Diversity & Inclusion*
- *Innovation - Curiosity fuels connection*
- *Gratitude*
- *Freedom of expression*
- *Community-centered*

Our Board

The Pierce County Library Foundation Board of Directors serves as the governing body for the organization, ensuring the advancement of the Foundation's mission. Members are responsible for steering the organization towards achieving its financial goals and commitments; focusing on high-level strategy, oversight, and financial accountability.

Becoming a Board Member: Roles and Expectations

Pierce County Library Foundation board members are responsible for the following:

- *Collaborate with the Foundation Director to effectively lead the organization to generate outcomes that align with our mission.*
- *Actively participate in Foundation fundraising activities that promote and advance the mission and vision of the Foundation.*
- *Review, advise and uphold policies that guide the work of the Foundation and the role of board members.*
- *Connect and represent the Foundation within personal and professional circles, as is allowed.*
- *Make a personally meaningful annual contribution to Pierce County Library Foundation.*
- *Attend, support, promote and seek financial contributions of/to/for Foundation events.*
- *Attend five board meetings per year as well as the annual retreat.*
- *Participate in one board committee or taskforce.*

The Pierce County Library Foundation staff will offer the following support to board members:

- Provide access to information regarding the strategic initiatives, business plan, and fundraising plan of the Foundation.
- Provide monthly financial reports
- Provide connections with fellow board members and staff
- Help deepen board members’ understanding of the important role of libraries to our society and the critical need to strengthen literacy in our Pierce County communities.

Board Committees

Executive Committee

Finance and Audit Committee

Governance and Board Development Committee

Current Board Members

Officers

Wendy Colebank, *President*

Mary Moser, *Vice President*

Esmeralda Switzer, *Secretary*

Thalia Soliman, *Treasurer*

Teena Ward Hyde, *Immediate Past President*

HomeStreet Bank

Clover Park High School

Neighborcare Health

Caliber Home Loans

Community Volunteer

Directors

Elizabeth Lufkin

Travis Mahugh

Eli Taylor

Kathy Whepley

Community Volunteer

Gordon Thomas Honeywell

JP Morgan Private Bank

Cedarcrest Middle School

Staff

Dean Carrell, Foundation Director

Christina Greene, Foundation Officer for Operations and Engagement

Lauren Angelo, Grant Writer and Prospect Research Associate

Alana Nodell, Annual Giving and Donor Engagement Associate

Katie Jay, Development Assistant

Nomination and selection process

Interested individuals are invited to join Dean Carrell, Foundation Director, for a conversation to learn more about the Foundation and the board. Select candidates will be invited to complete an application for service and will be contacted by the Foundation Director or a Governance Committee member regarding next steps.

We’d love to hear from you.

Contact Dean Carrell at dcarrell@piercecountylibrary.org or 253-548-3456