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Pierce County Library System's Board discusses technology plan and other issues

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – The Pierce County Library System Board of Trustees will discuss the Library's technology plan, diversity, equity and inclusion work, recruitment for a new trustee, and other issues at its [Board meeting](#) on **Wednesday, March 10, 3:30 p.m.**

Join the meeting by phone or online:

- Phone: 253-215-8782, webinar identification: 977 6052 7787, passcode: 106659
- Zoom with a Zoom account from a web browser or an app:
<https://zoom.us/j/97760527787?pwd=T1VGT0ZvbEhhRWVmSXdOTEFwQndrQT09>

Technology plan: Library Information Technology Director Stephanie Ratko will give an overview of the Library System's five-year technology plan. The Library is midway through implementing the five-year plan (2019-2023), which identifies overall technology goals, activities and projects. Staff changed activities in 2021 to respond to serving communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, with items such as UV light boxes to clean laptops and mice and plans to bolster Wi-Fi access outside of the buildings. Pierce County Library is the primary place for some individuals to access technology such as computers, Wi-Fi and printers. The plan focuses on providing Pierce County residents access to modern technology.

Equity, diversity and inclusion work. The Board will continue its review and discussion of the Library's work to advance its commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion. In recent weeks, the Library selected HenderWorks Consulting to help the Library develop a strategic action plan and equity, diversity and inclusion framework. The consulting firm will also help the Library continue its work to build an inclusive and diverse culture, operations and services.

Trustee recruitment. This spring, the Library will begin recruiting to fill a planned vacancy on its Board of Trustees. At the March board meeting, trustees will review plans to recruit a new trustee to join the board this summer. Trustees shape and guide library service throughout unincorporated Pierce County and 15 cities and towns annexed to the Library System. The Board of Trustees directs the Library System's commitment to invest the public's funds thoughtfully in highly valued library services, which the public selected as their top priorities. Five Pierce County residents serve on the volunteer board. Trustees must live in the Library's service area.

More information: <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/about-us/board-trustees/board-agenda-packets/Default.htm>

About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](#) serves 620,000 people throughout Pierce County with 20 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and is funded primarily through property taxes. People may choose from 822,000 books, movies and other materials. Pierce County Library is committed to directing services in three primary areas: learning, enjoyment and community connection. Its services and

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programs spark success for Pierce County residents. More than 2 million people visit Pierce County Libraries each year. The Library provides services and programs directly to people in adult care facilities, people who are homebound, and to children in childcare centers and schools. [Pierce County Libraries are located](#) at Anderson Island, Bonney Lake, Buckley, DuPont, Eatonville, Fife, Gig Harbor, Graham, Key Center, Lakewood, Milton/Edgewood, Orting, Parkland/Spanaway, Pierce County Library Administrative Center, South Hill, Steilacoom, Summit, Sumner, Tillicum and University Place. Pierce County Library is an independent municipal corporation and operates as a junior taxing district.

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