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Pierce County Library System's Board proclaims 75 years of service

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – The Pierce County Library System Board of Trustees will sign a proclamation declaring 75 years of service for Pierce County communities and conduct other business at its [Board meeting](#) on **Wednesday, May 12, 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>

As the Pierce County Library System celebrates [75 years of service \(75.pcls.us\)](#), the Library Board of Trustees, Pierce County Council and Pierce County Executive, as well as all 15 cities and towns annexed to the Library System are signing proclamations.

The proclamation thanks communities for allowing the Pierce County Library to be the community's choice for the discovery and exchange of information and ideas and to spark success for residents, for 75 years! It acknowledges the Library System's dedication to support residents' growth and curiosity, offer excellent reading choices, and work to connect and strengthen growing and changing communities.

April 15-May 31, Pierce County communities are celebrating their Library's diamond anniversary with a significant community engagement featuring the highly acclaimed picture book "The Big Umbrella" by Amy June Bates and Juniper Bates, a mother-daughter team. Through 21 [StoryWalks \(piercecountylibrary.org/about-us/storywalks.htm\)](#) throughout the county, people are enjoying the beautiful picture book and its inspiring story of inclusion, social consciousness and peace.

Through the years services changed to meet community needs – from staff helping people research from the card catalog to now engaging with people virtually. In 1946, the Library System served 55,000 people with 6,385 books, from seven locations, and 1,108 people had library cards. Today, the Library System serves 620,000 with nearly 1 million books, movies and other items, from 20 locations and online, and 360,000 people have library cards – with many of those cards serving an entire family.

More information: <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/files/library/board-packet-05122021.pdf>

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 programs spark success for Pierce County residents. More than 2 million people visit Pierce County Libraries

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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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