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Pierce County Library System's Board discusses 2022 planning and more

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – The Pierce County Library System Board of Trustees will discuss its 2022 budget and work plan and other issues at its [Board meeting](#) on **Wednesday, Aug. 11, 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>

In planning for the 2022 budget and work plan, the Board will review the Library's [Strategic Framework](#), established in 2017, with significant input from the public. The framework guides the Library System in how it invests the public's monies in top priority services, defined by the public. The framework includes three focus areas for library services in learning, enjoyment and community as well as core services the public can rely on as stable programs. Following the voter-approved 2018 levy to sustain funding for the Library System, in 2019 the Library System established strategic directions to serve communities more intentionally:

- Providing services for individuals and families who are asset limited or living with tight incomes. A United Ways of the Pacific Northwest's report showed in Pierce County 12% (36,274 households) lived in poverty and 22% (66,503 households) were Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed (ALICE).
- Making capital investments in buildings and technology to meet the needs of growing and changing communities.
- Improving operational processes.

In planning for 2022, the Library System will continue to explore how the public's use of and need for library services are changing during the pandemic and resulting economic impacts. The Library will continue to assess services to ensure it is offering valued and needed services to meet the community's changing needs. At the board meeting, library leaders will begin a discussion with the Board of Trustees to learn how the Library's near- and long-term service priorities might need to change to respond to Pierce County residents' changing needs.

More information: <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/files/library/board-packet-08112021.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

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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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