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## **Pierce County Library System's Board discusses work plan and budget for 2022**

**PIERCE COUNTY, Washington** – The Pierce County Library System Board of Trustees will discuss the Library's 2022 work plan and budget, review an update to its Communications with the Public policy, and conduct other business at its [Board meeting](#) on **Wednesday, Sept. 8, 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>

**2022 work plan and budget.** The Board will begin discussions of how COVID-19, racial equity and other local and world factors may change the public's use and expectations of libraries, and with that what library services might be needed most. The Board will consider and work to understand the changes that may be required of the Library to ensure it continues offering the services communities value, need and use. The Board will look at how the Library's near- and long-term service priorities might need to change to respond to changing expectations of communities. The Board's consideration and direction about these expectations will help Pierce County Library managers develop its work plan and budget for 2022.

**Communication with the Public policy update.** The Board will review proposed updates to the Communication with the Public policy. A primary change to the policy recommends adding a section to provide guidance and direction for staff communicating with the public. Another change proposes an increased description of the types of communications tools the Library uses. The board will review the proposed changes and may act to approve the updates at the September meeting, or provide revisions to the proposed changes and take action to approve the policy at its October Board meeting.

**More information:** <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/files/library/board-packet-09082021.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 more than one million books, e-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 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

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