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## Help guide valued services at the Pierce County Library System

*Apply to be a Board of Trustee with the Pierce County Library*

**PIERCE COUNTY, Washington** – Interested in helping guide the future of valued services at Pierce County Library System? Care about serving diverse communities? Apply to be a member of the [Board of Trustees](#) with the Pierce County Library System.

“As a Trustee, I know first-hand how thoughtfully we oversee the public’s investment—your investment—in your Library System,” said Library Board of Trustee Vice-Chair Jamilyn Penn. “Our commitment and responsibility to the public’s trust is immense. We are looking for another engaged leader who is seeking a community-focused way to give back.”

The successful applicant will help 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 in highly valued library services, which the public selected as their top priorities.

The Pierce County Library’s trustees oversee the Library’s nearly \$40 million operating budget on behalf of the 620,000 people in the Library System’s service area. Trustees’ responsibilities include:

- Advocating for library services.
- Setting goals and charting courses.
- Approving budgets.
- Adopting policies.
- Planning for future directions.

Trustees must live in the Library’s service area. Trustees are non-paid positions and are appointed to a five-year term, with an opportunity to serve up to two consecutive terms.

The Pierce County Library is the fourth largest library system in the state, and property taxes are its primary funding source. From building early literacy skills for children and helping people find and get jobs to supporting STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) and helping grow the love of reading for people of all ages, the Library’s services constantly transform to support growing and changing communities.

Interested individuals may apply at [trustee.pcls.us](http://trustee.pcls.us) or curbside at a [Pierce County Library](#). Applications must be received by **Friday, April 30, 2021**, online or mailed to the Pierce County Library System, Attn.: Executive Director’s Office, 3005 112th St. E., Tacoma, WA 98446.

### 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

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taxes. People may choose from 822,000 books, e-books, audiobooks, 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 or who are homebound, and to children in child care 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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