

2018



FAST FACTS

PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Library Locations

- Administrative Center
- Anderson Island
- Bonney Lake
- Buckley
- DuPont
- Eatonville
- Fife
- Gig Harbor
- Graham
- Key Center
- Lakewood
- Milton/Edgewood
- Orting
- Parkland/Spanaway
- South Hill
- Steilacoom
- Summit
- Sumner
- Tillicum
- University Place

Online

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Agreements with other libraries allow Pierce County residents to use neighboring libraries.

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The nationally recognized, award-winning Pierce County Library System is committed to meeting your highest priority library needs. The Library System provides services and programs to spark successes for Pierce County residents' pursuit of learning, enjoying and connecting as a community.

Focuses

► Learning

- Supports growth and curiosity.
- Prepares preschoolers to learn.
- Promotes school and career success.
- Strengthens skills and knowledge.

► Enjoyment

- Helps you enjoy your free time.
- Inspires imagination.
- Fosters love of reading.
- Creates opportunities to discover.

► Community

- Connects and strengthens communities.
- Brings people together.
- Activates communities with welcoming buildings and online spaces.
- Connects people with information and community resources.

Service Area

Unincorporated Pierce County and 15 annexed cities and towns:

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| Bonney Lake | Milton |
| Buckley | Orting |
| DuPont | South Prairie |
| Eatonville | Steilacoom |
| Edgewood | Sumner |
| Fife | University Place |
| Gig Harbor | Wilkeson |
| Lakewood | |





2017 System Statistics

Summer minutes read - 18 million

Books/materials checked out - 6,615,212
From shelves - 5,063,258
From online e-books and audiobooks - 1,136,342
From online databases/e-sources - 415,612

Visits - 5,631,475
To 20 libraries - 2,097,680
To websites and online services - 3,533,795

Cardholders - 322,744

Event and class attendance - 110,000

Books, movies and other materials in the system - 1,461,798
Physical materials - 1,002,143
Online/downloadable materials - 459,655

Adult care facilities, child care centers and homebound people served - 230

Employees (FTE) - 275

Volunteer hours - 18,653

Population of service area - 601,705

Size - 1,800 square miles

Services

► Books & More

- Print, e-books, audiobooks
- Magazines, music, movies
- Book clubs
- Museum passes

► Job + Business

- Expert help
- Business workshops
- E-sources and online tools

► Technology

- Computers, laptops, Wi-Fi
- Printers, copiers, fax machines
- Technology classes and certifications

► Online

- Catalog of books and materials
- Downloadable e-books, audiobooks, magazines
- Buying guides, auto repair, coding, genealogy, investing
- Real time homework tutors and job coaches

► Kids & Family

- School readiness
- Science to Go
- Block play
- Homework help

► Meeting Rooms

- Online reservations
- AV equipment

2017 Operating Revenue

- \$30,771,221.
- 94 percent of the funds for library services comes from property taxes. By state law, library systems may collect up to 50 cents per \$1,000 of a property's assessed value.
- 42.97 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value is the 2017 tax rate.

Authority & Governance

- Independent municipal corporation under the Revised Code of Washington 27.12.
- Junior taxing district.



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