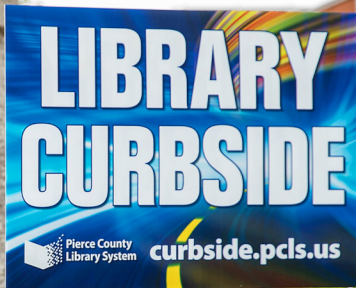


2021



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

piercecountylibrary.org

2020 Board of Trustees:

- Chair: Daren Jones
- Vice Chair: Pat Jenkins
- Rob Allen
- Monica Butler (January-July)
- Jamilyn Penn
- Brian Thomason
(August-December)

Georgia Lomax
Executive Director

The 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:

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



2020 System Statistics

Books, movies and other materials in the system

Online/downloadable materials 362,583

Total books and materials 1,023,799

Books/materials checked out

From shelves 1,611,241

From online e-books and audiobooks 1,875,896

Total books and materials 3,487,137

Checkouts per day 9,528

Uses of online databases/e-sources 1,056,327

Public computer sessions 42,995

Wi-Fi sessions 239,865

Visits

To 20 libraries 594,400

To curbside 81,454

To websites and online services 1,098,493

Total visits 1,774,347

Cardholders 353,583

Event and class attendance 22,841

Summer Reading Program hours read 31,422

Adult care facilities, child care centers and homebound people served 115

Employees 290

Volunteer hours 900

Population of service area 620,000

Size 1,800 square miles

Services

► Library Curbside

- Drive up/walk up and pick up books, movies and more

► Books and 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 and Family

- School readiness
- Science to Go
- STEAM
- Homework help

2020 Operating Revenue

► \$38,914,375.

► 95% 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.

► 47 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value was the estimated 2020 tax rate.

Authority & Governance

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



Pierce County Library System

Information & Imagination

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