

PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM FAST FACTS

for 2021

2022



Library Locations

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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The Pierce County Library System is committed to meeting the community's 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 people enjoy their 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	Gig Harbor	Sumner
Buckley	Lakewood	University Place
DuPont	Milton	Wilkeson
Eatonville	Orting	
Edgewood	South Prairie	
Fife	Steilacoom	



2021 System Statistics

Books and other in-library materials 654,861

Online/downloadable
materials 461,011

**Total books
and materials 1,115,872**

Books/materials checked out

From shelves 2,118,456

From online e-books
and audiobooks 2,278,485

**Total checkout of books
and materials 4,396,941**

Checkouts per day 12,046

**Uses of online databases/
e-sources 467,334**

**Public computer
sessions 36,920**

Wi-Fi sessions 421,463

Visits

To 19 libraries 732,606

To websites 991,605

Total visits 1,724,211

Cardholders 291,195

**Event and class
attendance 8,057**

**Summer Reading Program
days read 38,879**

**Adult care facilities, child
care centers and homebound
people served 168**

Employees 310

Volunteer hours 829

**Population of
service area 620,000**

Size 1,800 square miles

Services

► 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, videos
- 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

2021 Operating Revenue

- \$40,180,600.
- 97% 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.
- 43.7 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value was the 2021 tax rate.

Authority and Governance

- Independent Municipal Corporation under the Revised Code of Washington.
- Junior taxing district.



**Pierce County
Library System**

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