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
- Buckley
- DuPont
- Eatonville
- Edgewood
- Fife
- Gig Harbor
- Lakewood
- Milton
- Orting
- Parkland/Spanaway
- South Hill
- Steilacoom
- Sumner
- University Place
- Wilkeson

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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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

➤ Junior taxing district.

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

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