

# Lakewood Libraries Feasibility Study

Public Comment as of September 29, 2022

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## Project Update Requests

As of September 29, 50 community members have requested to receive updates on this project. 567 survey respondents requested library updates.

## Public Comments

As of September 29, nine public comments have been received.

#	Name	Attachment	Date
1.	Schoch, Jack		7/28
2.	Cook, James		7/30
3.	Wilkerson, Richard		8/11
4.	Iverson, Sharon		8/11
5.	Linda, Suzanne		8/11
6.	Johengen, Janet		8/11
7.	Kampbell, Robert		8/11
8.	Nelson, Cindy		8/17
9.	Chambers, Randy and Suzanne		9/15

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**From:** JACK SCHOCH [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2022 6:34 PM  
**To:** LakewoodCAC <[lakewoodcac@piercescountylibrary.org](mailto:lakewoodcac@piercescountylibrary.org)>  
**Subject:** Lakewood Library

Hello,

This is in regard to the library we no longer have in Lakewood. My wife and I started using the library almost 20 years ago, shortly after we move here. She's been gone for 9 years now and I still go there. You've always had friendly and helpful staff over the years and they've made it fun to go there. I hope that plans are being considered to rebuild at the same location. If there's anything I can contribute, in this regard, let me know. Jack Schoch

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Customer comment



Stephanie Genna [REDACTED]  
To: LakewoodCAC

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Sat 7/30/2022 9:37 AM

Hi there,

I'm passing along a message from Lakewood customer, James Cook; he called to say that longer hours at Tillicum would be a great help. He mentioned 11-6 but said that any additional hours would be better. And he would also like to be able to buy books from the Friends again as well.

Mr. Cook did not specifically request a response, but left his phone number [REDACTED]

I did mention to him that there is a committee and there are meetings taking place that are open to the public, but he wasn't sure he would be able to attend.

Best,

*Stephanie Genna, she/her*

Customer Experience Assistant

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RE: Lakewood Library Closure



RICHARD WILKERSON [REDACTED]  
To: LakewoodCAC

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Thu 8/11/2022 11:32 AM

All,




My position is that the City of Lakewood should not allow it's citizens to be taxed for library services not located within the city limits. No taxation without representation.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Ric Wilkerson

## Library

 Sharon Iverson [redacted]  
To  LakewoodCAC  
 Follow up.

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Thu 8/11/2022 12:59 PM

I am a long time Lakewood Library member and supporter and have been very uncomfortable with the thought that the city might be in favor of tearing down our existing building and it would be a travesty!~ We have so few buildings here already, with a past history, and this needs to be fought for and taken the time to restore, exhibit the mindfulness for us, the Lakewood citizens.

Having said that I also think that it is high time for Lakewood to become the "Lakewood Library" independent of Pierce County as many other places have had their independence, so why not us also?

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Iverson

## Lakewood Library Email Updates

 Suzanne Linda [redacted]  
To  LakewoodCAC  
 Follow up.




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

Thu 8/11/2022 1:19 PM

Please add/keep me on the mailing list for any (and all) updates regarding the Lakewood Library location. We are seriously missing this valuable resource, and are very invested in its reopening--in whatever form that may take.

Thank you!  
Suzanne Linda

## Lakewood Library

 [redacted]  
To  LakewoodCAC  
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Thu 8/11/2022 1:55 PM

Hello,

Please preserve and restore the Lakewood Library building so it can remain a library for future generations. Shame on Pierce County for not maintaining this classic building!

I support Lakewood's de-annexation from the Pierce County Library District.

Would like to receive updates to this via email.

Thank you,

Janet Johengen

## Lakewood Library



ROBERT KAMPBELL

To LakewoodCAC

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Thu 8/11/2022 3:22 PM

I personally don't want to drive by another vacant building in Lakewood. The library was donated and should have been kept up and not let go to the state it's currently. The estimate to bring it up to speed is totally out of line. I've been a contractor for 50 years and know costs.

Sent from my iPhone

## Comment



Cindy Nelson

To LakewoodCAC

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Wed 8/17/2022 4:35 PM

How about you relocate into the old Gottschalks/G.I. Joe buildings at the Lakewood Towne Center? They've been sitting there for years and years just rotting away. It would be close to the old Library so it wouldn't be much of an inconvenience to anyone. My 2 cents

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Randy and Suzanne Chambers  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 15, 2022 7:47 PM  
**To:** Pierce County Library <[piercecountylibrary@piercecountylibrary.org](mailto:piercecountylibrary@piercecountylibrary.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: News from Your Library

Where is our Lakewood Library? If you can't move it or build it in the town center then please rebuild it at the old spot with more floors if needed but do not leave us in limbo. University Place and Steilacoom branches are not options. You have dissolved our Lakewood library without a replacement. That is wrong!!!

This advertisement News is touting something offered at your local library. Which Library? Certainly not at the Lakewood Library. We have been over 3 months now with no local library. As homeowners; we pay our taxes for a local library. A fund for a replacement should have been available before abruptly closing our Library. We will not quietly go away. We want a functional library in Lakewood. Tell us your plans. One of your employees at Lakewood Library said you might make the old library site a community center of some kind. If this building is not safe enough for a library how dare you expose children or teens to the hazards. Seems to me a rebuild is in order. The building should be torn down if it is in such a deteriorated condition. Find us a temporary site in the town center and rebuild on the old land. Who handles the finances for the library? This should not be an issue. Give us some plausible answers.

Sincerely, Suzanne Chambers