Pierce County Library System plans to reopen Fife and Lakewood Libraries

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – The Pierce County Library System is reimagining technology services, so the public may use computers at the Fife and Lakewood Pierce County Libraries by the end of the year. The Library System is reviewing Washington State’s Safe Start requirements, for reopening libraries in Phase 2 counties up to 25% capacity.

The Library is aligning its plans with the state’s requirements to offer technology services safely in Fife and Lakewood Libraries. The Library System selected these two locations because they serve communities with among the lowest in-home access to technology in Pierce County. Technology, such as computers with internet access, is a core library service, which the Library has been unable to offer since closing its buildings in March 2020 to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The health and safety of the public and staff is a top priority of the Library’s plan to expand services. The Library System will continue to monitor COVID-19 cases in Pierce County and follow the guidance and information from state and local health officials, to determine the dates the Library System may safely reopen Fife and Lakewood Libraries with technology services.

The Library System continues to encourage people to use its curbside service and pick up books, movies and other items as well as access the Library’s many online resources including e-books, audiobooks and e-sources for learning and enjoyment. In addition, the Library continues to invite people to join Virtual Library classes and events for early learners, students, teenagers and adults.

The Library System is excited to continue to serve Pierce County communities. Watch the Library’s website for information about the Library System’s plan and timeline.

About Pierce County Library System
The nationally acclaimed Pierce County Library System serves 620,000 people throughout Pierce County with 20 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and is funded primarily through property taxes. People may choose from 822,000 books, movies and other materials, as well as nearly half a million online/downloadable materials. Pierce County Library is committed to directing services in three primary areas: learning, enjoyment and community connection. Its services and programs spark success for Pierce County residents. More than 2 million people visit Pierce County Libraries each year. The Library provides services and programs directly to people in adult care facilities, people who are homebound, and to children in childcare centers and schools. Pierce County Libraries are located at Anderson Island, Bonney Lake, Buckley, DuPont, Eatonville, Fife, Gig Harbor, Graham, Key Center, Lakewood, Milton/Edgewood, Orting, Parkland/Spanaway, Pierce County Library Administrative Center, South Hill, Steilacoom, Summit, Sumner, Tillicum and University Place. Pierce County Library is an independent municipal corporation and operates as a junior taxing district.

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