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## **Pierce County Library System Board discusses racial and social equity**

**PIERCE COUNTY, Washington** – The Pierce County Library System Board of Trustees will discuss how the Library System ensures racial and social equity in its service to Pierce County communities and with the staff it employs. Join the special board meeting **via conference call, 1-510-338-9438, access code: 623 788 004 #, attendee ID: #, on Thursday, June 18, at 4 p.m.**

The Board will review and discuss the Library System’s commitment to the 2017 Urban Libraries Council (ULC) [Statement on Racial Equity and Social Equity](#) ([www.urbanlibraries.org/initiatives/statement-on-race-and-social-equity](http://www.urbanlibraries.org/initiatives/statement-on-race-and-social-equity)). The Board may further discuss how the Library System might further integrate the principles of the statement into the Library System’s services, classes and events, books and other materials it buys, staff it hires, how it communicates with the public, and policies.

Today 173 public libraries in North America have signed the ULC statement.

**More information:** <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/files/library/board-packet-06182020.pdf>

### **About Pierce County Library System**

The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](#) serves 614,000 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 1.1 million 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 or who are homebound, and to children in child care 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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