Welcome and take a self-guided tour of your University Place Pierce County Library’s sustainability building practices. Enjoy!

The library earned Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Silver certification, an internationally recognized green building standard.

THE SITE
• Ideally located in the heart of University Place, the library is also environmentally located. By co-locating with the University Place City Hall, the library helped to minimize water, sewer, and road systems, while preserving natural, green areas in other locations in UP.
• The underground parking area and a light colored roof help to cool the building in the summer and reduce overall energy use.

ENERGY USE
• Check out the lights throughout the building, which feature efficient lighting fixtures and daylight controls.
• Energy Star appliances and equipment help reduce energy use.
• Efficient Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems cool and heat the building, making you more comfortable.

WATER USE
• Visit the restrooms where you’ll find dual-flush toilets, ultra low-flow urinals, and low-flow restroom faucets, which should cut the library’s use of water by 44%.

MATERIALS & RESOURCES
• Contractors recycled or reused an astounding 95%+ of the debris from the construction, which kept it out of our local landfills.
• You’ll see recycled materials in 30% of the total cost of building materials in some of the furniture, flooring, drywall systems, acoustic ceiling systems, doors, carpet and cabinets.
• Good news for our local economy and environment: workers used local building materials and re-used shelves from the previous library, which make up 34% of the total cost of all building materials.

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
• Of benefit to all people, especially those with allergies, and, of course, to the environment, contractors flushed the building with fresh air to remove any lingering contaminants from construction.
• All of the adhesives, sealants, paint and coatings used on the interior of the building minimized indoor emissions.
• The carpet you are walking on is a low-emitting carpet, with a Green Label Plus certification, and the low volatile organic compounds adhesives used to lay the carpet helped to keep air emissions low.
• Wood products used for cabinet substrates, door cores and veneers were free of added urea formaldehyde (a toxic emission).
• Enjoy sitting on the furniture, which is Greenguard certified, minimizes emissions of toxic chemicals and protects indoor air quality.

Thank you for touring your green University Place Library!