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Library Board to discuss Lakewood Library, policies and other issues

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – The Pierce County Library System’s Board of Trustees will discuss the Lakewood Pierce County Library, updates to policies, and other issues at its Board meeting on **Wednesday, Aug. 10, 3:30 p.m.**

Join the meeting in-person, by phone or online:

- Library’s Administrative Center, 3005 112th St. E., Tacoma.
- <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/about-us/board-trustees/board-agenda-packets/Default.htm>

Lakewood Library. At a July 29, 2022, special meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board authorized Library System administrators to negotiate a lease for temporary library space in Lakewood. When a lease is approved, the Library System will share information about the location and plans for the upcoming space, which the Library projects will begin serving the community in early 2023. In June, the Library System closed the aging Lakewood Library, because it was in critical condition. Architects’ building condition assessment estimated the current building at Wildaire Road SW requires \$10 million-\$15 million in repairs for improved safety and access. Appraisers estimated the value of the current building at \$1.5 million. A community advisory committee, created by the Library System and the City of Lakewood, is reviewing options for how to provide quality library services in the long-term for Lakewood and Tillicum.

Policy updates. At the July Board of Trustees meeting, the Board reviewed proposed updates to the Public Comment at Board Meetings policy. The primary updates include aligning the policy with recent updates to Washington’s Open Public Meetings Act as well as updating a time limit for public comments. Also, at the July Board of Trustees meeting, trustees reviewed proposed updates to the Selection of Library Materials policy. The primary updates to the selection of materials policy include more details describing selection criteria, a new section clarifying an appeals process, and ensuring the policy supports the Library System’s commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion. At the August Board, meeting trustees will review further revisions to the policies and are expected to approve the updated policies. The Board will also review updates to the Provision of Public Art in Pierce County Library System Buildings policy to include removal or disposition of art that Board members have approved previously for display in libraries.

For **more information:** <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/about-us/board-trustees/board-agenda-packets/Default.htm>

About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](#) serves 634,000 people throughout Pierce County with 19 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and is funded primarily through property taxes. People may choose from more than one million books, e-books, audiobooks, movies and other materials. Pierce County Library is committed to directing services in three primary areas: learning, enjoyment and

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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, 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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