

Inspiring the Love of Reading and Lifelong Learning

Pierce County Library System's
**2018 ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE COMMUNITY**



Significant 2018 Accomplishments

RESTORED LEVY

Voters approved a levy lid lift to maintain library services.

- Open hours
- Books, e-books and other materials
- Staff to support learning
- Technology
- Community spaces



LEARNING

3D Printing



ENJOYMENT

E-book and Online Audiobook Checkouts Soared

 **1.3 million** checkouts

3,731 checkouts/day 

 **10%** more checkouts than 2017

COMMUNITY

MakerFest



2,500 participants 

50 exhibitors 

CORE SERVICES

Improved online services to be convenient wherever residents are.

Staff reflect communities to better serve growing and changing Pierce County.

FAST FACTS 2018

6,068,592

Books/materials checked out:

4,816,316
1,252,276
1,067,203

From shelves
From online e-books and audiobooks
From online e-sources

4,116,361

Visits:

2,248,328
1,868,033

To 20 libraries
To website

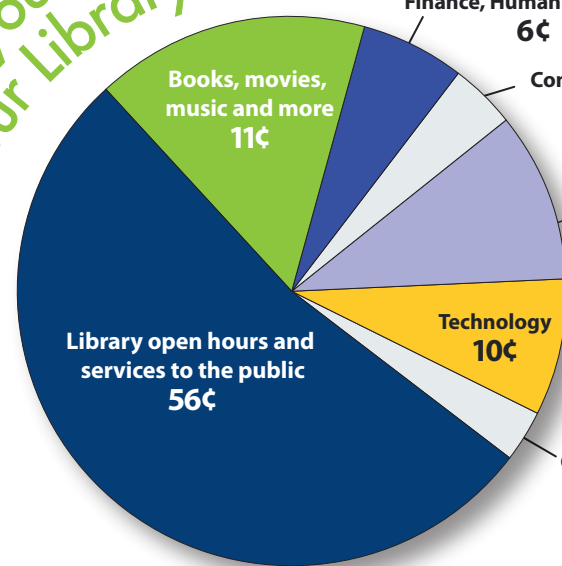


359,862
Cardholders

83,966
Event attendance



Thank you for investing
in your Library System



Thank you to Pierce County Library Foundation and Friends of the Libraries for contributing:

Foundation support:

- \$300,439 from 1,045 donors
- \$278,077 in-kind from five donors

Friends' support: \$37,196 from 17 organizations

Library System's commitment to you in 2019

Learning...encouraging life-long learning:

- ▶ Life after High School workshops with adulting classes and college test prep
- ▶ Law Library at Lakewood Pierce County Library
- ▶ One-stop shopping job resources with WorkSource

Enjoyment...inspiring the love of reading:

- ▶ A Year of Reading • Pierce County READS • personal reading shoppers e-newsletters • Read to a Dog to build children's reading skills

Community...engaging with residents:

- ▶ Engage residents in Sumner, Lakewood and Tillicum to learn their interest and readiness for potential new libraries
- ▶ Talk with people to ensure Pierce County Libraries are welcoming spaces
- ▶ Interior refresh of the Parkland/Spanaway Pierce County Library



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