

# Your Learning, Enjoyment, Community Resource

## Pierce County Library System's 2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



## SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### RESTORED LEVY

2019 marked the first year the Pierce County Library System operated with funding from a restored levy approved by voters in 2018.

With the public's investment, the Library System continues:

- Supporting residents' growth and curiosity
- Offering excellent reading choices
- Working to connect and strengthen growing and changing communities

### LEARNING

#### Check Out Washington



#### KBTC Public Television's Journey to Jobs



### ENJOYMENT

**A Year of Reading:** Pierce County READS, the community one-book program, personal reading shoppers and more



#### E-books and Online Audiobooks



### COMMUNITY

#### Voter Points of Assistance



#### Mobile app



## CORE SERVICES



**Spaces:** Spoke with residents in Lakewood, Tillicum, and Sumner to learn their interest about potential new libraries, in new locations



**Partnerships:** committed to strategic partnerships with numerous organizations to advance the Library's services and serve all people.

**84% of Lakewood survey respondents are interested in new libraries in Lakewood.**

**88% of Sumner survey respondents are interested in a new library in Sumner.**

## FAST FACTS 2019



**3,867,493 Visits**

2,090,412 to 20 libraries and 1,777,081 to website



**5,918,248 books/materials checked out**

4,461,625 from shelves

1,456,623 from online e-books and audiobooks



**1,485,579**

Uses of online databases/e-sources

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**115,045 Event and Class Attendance**

## LIBRARY SYSTEM'S COMMITMENT TO YOU IN 2020

### Learning...encouraging lifelong learning

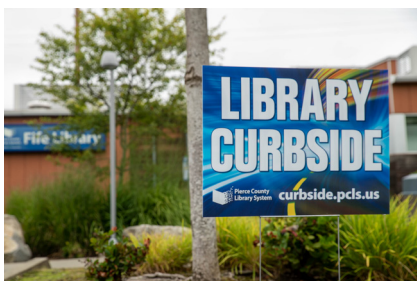


**STEAM-Science to Go:** pick up backpacks at Library Curbside



### Enjoyment...inspiring the love of reading

**Library Curbside:** pick-up for books, movies and other materials



### Community...engaging with residents

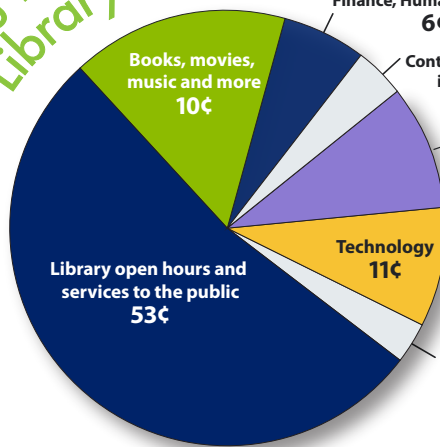
**Parkland/Spanaway Pierce County Library:** refresh interior of the library

**Our Community Adventure:** inspire young families with a community scavenger hunt



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