2020

FAST FACTS

PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Library Locations

Administrative Center
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
University Place

Online

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The Pierce County Library System is committed to meeting your highest priority library needs. The Library System provides services and programs to spark successes for Pierce County residents' pursuit of learning, enjoying and connecting as a community.

Focuses

➤ Learning

- Supports growth and curiosity.
- Prepares preschoolers to learn.
- Promotes school and career success.
- Strengthens skills and knowledge.

➤ Enjoyment

- Helps you enjoy your free time.
- Inspires imagination.
- Fosters love of reading.
- Creates opportunities to discover.

➤ Community

- Connects and strengthens communities.
- Brings people together.
- Activates communities with welcoming buildings and online spaces.
- Connects people with information and community resources.

Service Area

Unincorporated Pierce County and 15 annexed cities and towns:

Bonney Lake	Milton
Buckley	Orting
DuPont	South Prairie
Eatonville	Steilacoom
Edgewood	Sumner
Fife	University Place
Gig Harbor	Wilkeson
Lakewood	

2019
System Statistics

Summer Reading Program minutes read	17 million
Books/materials checked out	5,918,248
From shelves	4,461,625
From online e-books and audiobooks	1,456,623
Uses of online databases/e-sources	1,485,579
Public computer sessions	330,684
Wi-Fi sessions	907,414
Visits	3,867,493
To 20 libraries	2,090,412
To websites and online services	1,777,081
Cardholders	362,779
Event and class attendance	115,045
Meeting room bookings	9,555
Books, movies and other materials in the system	1,087,518
Physical materials	860,834
Online/downloadable materials	226,684
Adult care facilities, child care centers and homebound people served	240
Employees (FTE)	291
Volunteer hours	3,931
Population of service area	614,000
Size	1,800 square miles

Services

▶ **Library Curbside**
- Drive up / walk up and pick up books, movies and more

▶ **Books & More**
- Print, e-books, audiobooks
- Magazines, music, movies
- Book clubs
- Museum passes

▶ **Job + Business**
- Expert help
- Business workshops
- E-sources and online tools

▶ **Technology**
- Computers, laptops, Wi-Fi
- Printers, copiers, fax machines
- Technology classes and certifications

▶ **Online**
- Catalog of books and materials
- Downloadable e-books, audiobooks, magazines
- Buying guides, auto repair, coding, genealogy, investing
- Real time homework tutors and job coaches

▶ **Kids & Family**
- School readiness
- Science to Go
- Block play
- Homework help

▶ **Public Meeting Rooms**
- Online reservations
- AV equipment

2019 Operating Revenue

▶ $35,610,187.

▶ 94% of the funds for library services comes from property taxes. By state law, library systems may collect up to 50 cents per $1,000 of a property's assessed value.

▶ 50 cents per $1,000 of assessed property value was the 2019 tax rate.

Authority & Governance

▶ Independent municipal corporation under the Revised Code of Washington 27.12.

▶ Junior taxing district.

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Information & Imagination

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