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Library Board and City Council meet to discuss Sumner Pierce County Library

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – The [Pierce County Library System’s Board of Trustees](#) will join the [City of Sumner Council](#) at the Council’s Study Session meeting on **Monday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m.**, to discuss plans for a new [Sumner Pierce County Library](#). Join the meeting in person at Sumner City Hall, 1104 Maple St., virtually at <https://sumnerwa-gov.zoom.us/j/86432665763>, use ID: 864 3266 5763 or by phone 253-215-8782. Also, people may watch the meeting on the [City of Sumner YouTube channel](#) during or after the meeting.

At the meeting, the Library Board and City Council will learn more about a new library planned for East Main Street. The City of Sumner owns the building and land where the current Sumner Library is located on Fryar Avenue. The Library System leases the space. The current building has reached end of life, requiring major repairs. In addition, the building is undersized for the population it serves, and it is difficult to access. The City and Library System are collaborating to build a new library on Main Street East.

During the meeting, architects will share information about modern trends in library buildings and creating flexible spaces and places to meet community needs. In addition, library trustees and city councilmembers will discuss plans to fund the building, up to 20,000 square feet of space, with a potential Library Capital Facility Area (LCFA) and bond as well as donations from individuals and organizations.

The Library System estimates the total cost of the project is approximately \$19 million in today’s market. The Library is committed to contributing \$5 million through a variety of sources. The Library currently has a \$1 million ask of funding from the State of Washington being considered as part of the Department of Commerce’s Library Capital Improvement Program. The remaining \$14 million is being considered as a bond measure for voters in the Sumner area.

About the Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](#) serves 655,000 people throughout Pierce County with 19 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and property taxes are the main funding source. 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 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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About the City of Sumner

The City of Sumner's vision is to set the standard of excellence for a progressive small city. With a population of 10,000 people, Sumner includes both a picture-perfect, classic Main Street as well as the largest Manufacturing Industrial Center in Pierce County. With over 17,000 people working in Sumner, it remains a regional hub for services like the Sound Transit commuter station and the Gordon Family YMCA.

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