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Pierce County Library's Board to discuss Lakewood Library and other issues

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – The Pierce County Library System's Board of Trustees will discuss the condition of the [Lakewood Pierce County Library](#) and other issues at its Board meeting on **Wednesday, May 11, 3:30 p.m.**

Join the meeting by phone or online:

- Phone: 253-215-8782, webinar identification: 853 3159 8218, passcode: 305939
- Zoom with a Zoom account from a web browser or an app:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85331598218?pwd=TVRWcEVYTFY3N0tod0FSa1ZBV2xqQT09>

Library administrators will update the trustees on progress to provide quality library service in Lakewood. At recent board meetings, administrators briefed the trustees on the [deteriorating conditions](#) of the Lakewood and Tillicum Pierce County Libraries.

Administrators will discuss the planned closure of the Lakewood Library in **early June** to prepare to move to a short-term location. Closing the building will give staff time to move books and materials, computers and equipment, as well as furniture for use in the short-term location.

From significant amounts of water seeping into the building from the roof to a septic system that backs up and has caused the Library System to close the building from time to time, the building is in need of a substantial overhaul. The overhang areas at the public and staff entrances are waterlogged and cannot sustain another year of rainfall. Thus, removing the books, equipment and furniture from the building is urgent.

Library administrators are planning for a short-term library in Towne Center planned to offer service in **late 2022**. The Library is working with an architect on a possible layout, service plan and timeline for a short-term space, which may expand to a temporary location.

Also, Library administrators will update the Board on its progress with the City of Lakewood to form a community advisory committee to understand public input from recent years, review the significant building needs, and provide advice to the Library System about how it could best provide library services for Lakewood and the Tillicum neighborhood. The committee will review and assess information and make a recommendation to the Board in **fall 2022**, on how to provide library service in Lakewood.

More information: <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/files/library/may-11-2022.pdf>

About Pierce County Library System

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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 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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