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## Pierce County Library Board to discuss lease for temporary Lakewood Library

**PIERCE COUNTY, Washington** – The Pierce County Library System’s Board of Trustees will discuss a lease for temporary space for the [Lakewood Pierce County Library](#) at a special board meeting on **Friday, July 29, 2 p.m.**

Join the meeting by phone, online or in-person:

- Phone: 253-215-8782, webinar identification: 865 2613 4468, passcode: 066377.
- Zoom with a Zoom account from a web browser or an app:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86526134468?pwd=alMxQkE3amM1SXo4Ml91K2QvU2hxZz09>
- Library’s Administrative Center, 3005 112th St. E., Tacoma.

The majority of the meeting will be in executive session as per the Board of Trustees’ bylaws property matters are discussed in executive session. Following the executive session, the board will return to the public session and may consider action to authorize the Library System to enter into negotiations to lease property for temporary space for Lakewood Library. Signing a lease and identifying the location would be considered at a future board meeting.

In June, the library system closed the aging Lakewood library, because it was in critical condition. For months, the library system has been looking for a temporary location to plan to offer library services in early 2023.

Architects’ building condition assessment estimated the current building at Wildaire Road SW requires \$10 million-\$15 million in repairs for improved safety and access, including replacing the roof and damage throughout the building from the leaky roof, HVAC and plumbing replacement, and many other needed improvements. Appraisers estimated the value of the current building at \$1.5 million.

A [community advisory committee](#), created by the Library System and the City of Lakewood, is reviewing options for how to provide quality library services in the long-term for Lakewood and Tillicum.

For **more information**: <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/about-us/board-trustees/board-agenda-packets/Default.htm>

### About Pierce County Library System

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

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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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