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Councilmember Jani Hitchen hosts conversation featuring Lakewood Library

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – Pierce County Library System Executive Director Gretchen Caserotti joins Councilmember Jani Hitchen for a community conversation discussing the future of the [Lakewood Library buildings](#) on **Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m.**, at Harrison Preparatory School, 9103 Lakewood Dr. SW.

The discussion will include an update on the Library's Board of Trustees' review and direction on the Lakewood Library Buildings Community Advisory Committee's recommendations and interim Lakewood Library plans.

On Nov. 17, 2022, the Lakewood Library Building [Community Advisory Committee](#) presented its recommendations for the downtown Lakewood Pierce County Library and the Tillicum Pierce County Library, which is in a neighborhood in Lakewood. The Board of Trustees continues to meet monthly as it works to determine next steps.

This event marks the second community conversation featuring the Lakewood Library. Councilmember Hitchen hosted the first community discussion in November 2022 at Clover Park Technical College.

Attendees are encouraged to submit questions ahead of time by Feb. 20 to jani.hitchen@piercecountywa.gov.

For more information: <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/branches/west-county-branches/lakewood/lakewood-library/Default.htm>.

About 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 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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