PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Fast Facts for 2022

The Pierce County Library System is committed to meeting the community’s 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 people enjoy their 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 • Buckley • DuPont • Eatonville • Edgewood • Fife • Gig Harbor • Lakewood • Milton • Orting • South Prairie • Steilacoom • Sumner • University Place • Wilkeson

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Services

Books and More
- Print, e-books, audiobooks
- Magazines, music, movies
- Book clubs
- Museum passes

Job + Business Services
- 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, videos
- E-sources, such as buying guides, auto repair, coding, genealogy, investing
- Real-time homework tutors and job coaches

Kids and Family
- School readiness
- Story times and block play
- Baby Books to Go
- STEAM
- Homework help

Public Meeting Rooms
- Online reservations
- AV equipment

2022 System Statistics

Books and Materials
- Books and other in-library materials: 618,695
- Online/downloadable materials: 539,090
- Total books and materials: 1,157,785

Visits
- To 19 Libraries: 1,020,926
- To website: 929,934
- To curbside: 18,806
- Total visits: 1,969,666

Checkouts/Usage of Services
- Cardholders: 284,845
- Checkouts from bookshelves: 2,694,243
- Checkouts online: 2,127,612
- Total checkouts: 4,821,855
- Checkouts per day: 13,210
- Uses of online databases/e-sources: 301,702
- Public computer sessions: 120,931
- Wi-Fi sessions: 612,328
- Event and class attendance: 29,265
- Summer Reading Program days read: 216,270
- Adult care facilities, child care centers, and homebound people served: 85

General
- Employees: 292
- Population of service area: 634,000
- Service area, in square miles: 1,800

2022 Operating Revenue
- $48,194,100
- 97.3% 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.
- 39.1 cents per $1,000 of assessed property value was the 2022 tax rate.

Authority & Governance
- Junior taxing district.