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

Library Locations

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
University Place

Pierce County Library System
Information & Imagination

Services

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

Technology
- Computers, laptops, Wi-Fi
- Printers, copiers, fax machines
- Technology classes and certifications

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

Job + Business Services
- Expert help
- Business workshops
- E-sources and online tools

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

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

- Independent Municipal Corporation under the Revised Code of Washington.
- Junior taxing district.