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Pierce County Library Board of Trustees hold study session for budget planning

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – At the Pierce County Library System's <u>Board of Trustees</u>' **Monday, Sept. 18, 9-10 a.m.,** study session, library administrators will give an overview of the Library's sustainability plan and strategies for the 2024 budget. The meeting will be a kick off to develop the 2024 budget.

The study session will be virtual via <u>mypcls.org/about-us/board-of-trustees/</u>.

The Library System projects to budget \$45 million for services, operations and capital investments in 2024. Taxes on residential and commercial property in the Library System's service area are the primary source of funding for the Pierce County Library. 2024 marks the fifth year of operating under the Library's levy sustainability plan, which resulted from the voter-approved reauthorized levy in 2018. The plan created a multi-year funding cycle to provide stable funding to deliver valued library services.

During study sessions, the Board of Trustees do not take public comments.

For more information: https://mypcls.org/about-us/board-of-trustees/.

About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed <u>Pierce County Library System</u> serves 655,000 people throughout Pierce County with 19 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and property taxes are the main funding source. 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. People make approximately one million visits to 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. <u>Pierce County Libraries are located</u> 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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