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Pierce County Library Board discusses Lakewood Library and other topics

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – At the Pierce County Library System's Board of Trustees'
Wednesday, April 10, 3:30 p.m., regular meeting, the Board will hear about progress to build the
interim Lakewood Pierce County Library, discuss plans to take down the current Lakewood Pierce
County Library building, talk about long-term planning for Lakewood libraries, review policies, and
address additional business.

The meeting will be held in person at the Pierce County Library Administrative Center at 3005 112th St.
E., Tacoma. Optional virtual attendance is available via mypcls.org/about-us/board-of-trustees/.

The Board of Trustees will discuss plans to remove the current Lakewood Library building at Wildaire
Road SW. Following recommendations from the Lakewood Libraries Building Community Advisory
Committee in November 2022, which recommended keeping the library at the same location and
building a new facility on the current location, work has been underway to remove the current building.
At the Board meeting, the Board will review a purchase order for a contractor to demolish the building
in the coming months.

At the same time, the Library System is making progress to build the interim Lakewood Library at
Gravelly Lake Dr. S.W. and Alfaretta St. S.W., a few blocks north of the current Lakewood Library. At
the Board meeting, Library administrators will give an update on the site preparation and installation of
the interim library.

Library administrators will update the Board on plans for two study sessions focused on long-term
planning for Lakewood and Tillicum Pierce County Libraries. The first session is scheduled for
Saturday, April 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Library's Administrative Center and will focus on the
downtown Lakewood Library.

As part of the Board's ongoing development, Library administrators will introduce trustees to a webinar
to view at their convenience. The webinar is a presentation from the Washington State Library and
EveryLibrary about banned books and the freedom to read. The webinar gives an overview about book
bans in Washington state and support for libraries to ensure the public's access to information and
books.

Also at the meeting, the Board will review and is expected to approve updates to the donation and
sponsorships policy and review updates to the naming policy.

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

About Pierce County Library System

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The nationally acclaimed Pierce County Library System serves 671,000 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. 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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