



PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Fast Facts for 2023

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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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



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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

2023 System Statistics

Books and Materials

Books and other in-library materials	625,585
Online/downloadable materials	854,308
Total books and materials	1,479,893

Visits

To 19 Libraries	1,270,740
To website	996,361
To curbside	9,554
Total visits	2,276,655

Checkouts/Usage of Services

Cardholders	298,340
Checkouts from bookshelves	2,621,339
Checkouts online	2,345,202
Total checkouts	4,966,541
Checkouts per day	13,606
Uses of online databases/ e-sources	276,362
Public computer sessions	161,444
Wi-Fi sessions	831,940
Event and class attendance	55,932
Summer Reading Participants	30,000
Adult care facilities, child care centers and homebound people served	180

General

Employees	319
Population of service area	655,000
Service area, in square miles	1,800



2023 Operating Revenue

- \$42,849,288.10
- 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.
- 33.38 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value was the 2023 tax rate.

Authority & Governance

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