NEWS RELEASE



July 3, 2024

Information & Imagination

Contact: <u>Mary Getchell</u>, Marketing and Communications Director 253-548-3428-office; 253-229-4477-mobile

Pierce County Library Board hears update on strategic plan and other topics

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – At the Pierce County Library System's <u>Board of Trustees</u>' **Wednesday, July 10, 3:30 p.m.**, regular meeting, the Board will get an overview on community input to develop the Library System's new strategic plan, hear about the interim Lakewood Pierce County Library, 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 <u>mypcls.org/about-us/board-of-trustees/</u>.

Consultants with Coraggio Group, a strategy and organizational change consulting firm working with the Library System to create a new strategic plan, will update the Board about input from the community to create a draft plan. Earlier this year, the Library System engaged with people living in its service area and staff to learn what is happening in individuals' lives and in communities, to match its services to what matters. Nearly 3,000 people responded to a survey. The strategic plan will guide how the Library's services will meet individual and community needs and be a roadmap to focus the Library System through 2029.

At the meeting, Library administrators will share progress to construct the interim Lakewood Library. In June, workers completed installing and painting siding and further painted walls in the interior and installed carpet. In July, contractors plan to regrade the parking area and begin putting in ceiling tiles.

Also at the meeting, the Board will continue reviewing updates to policies. At the July meeting, the Board will discuss updates to the Library's internet use policy, review proposed changes to the fiscal management policy, and are scheduled to give a final review and approval of revisions to the programs and displays as well as the public meeting rooms policies.

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 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. <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.

NEWS RELEASE



Information & Imagination

July 3, 2024

Contact: <u>Mary Getchell</u>, Marketing and Communications Director 253-548-3428-office; 253-229-4477-mobile

<u>mypcls.org</u> <u>facebook.com/PierceCoLibrary</u> <u>twitter.com/PierceCoLibrary</u>