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## **Community members celebrate new Sumner Library project**

**PIERCE COUNTY, Washington** – Community members including Sumner Mayor Kathy Hayden, former mayor Bill Pugh, Pierce County Councilmember Paul Herrera and members of the Sumner City Council joined Pierce County Library System Thursday, Oct. 2 to celebrate the groundbreaking on the new Sumner Pierce County Library. Located on East Main Street, crews have begun groundwork at the home of the new library.



*Left to right: Pierce County Library Executive Director Gretchen Caserotti, Pierce County Library System Board Trustee Nesha Patel, Pierce County Library System Regional Services Manager Jasmine Tran, Pierce County Library System Board President Pam Duncan, Sumner Mayor Kathy Hayden, Jack Chaffin of Johnston Architects, Capital Campaign Committee Chair Bill Pugh, Pierce County Library Foundation Director Dean Carrell and Pierce County Councilmember Paul Herrera.*

“As we celebrate the beginning of a new chapter here in Sumner, this groundbreaking isn’t just about bricks and mortar,” stated Pierce County Library System Board of Trustees Chair Pam Duncan. “It’s also about building a future rooted in learning, connection and opportunity.”

In August of 2023, the Sumner community voted to create a Library Capital Facility Area (LCFA) and bond(s) to build a new Sumner Library. The City and Library System are collaborating to build a new, modern, centrally located, community-focused library with books, materials and all services accessible for the diverse residents of Sumner.

“Sumner’s library keeps growing and changing with the community it serves,” said Mayor Hayden. “This new building brings a new chapter to this story. And it’s an exciting chapter.”

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Johnson Architects is designing the approximately 17,000-square-foot library which will offer books and movies to check out, computers and technology, and meeting spaces and study areas, as well as other services based upon the community's needs. Additionally, the library will feature a space for community partners, a sensory room and a celebration of local Sumner history.



*Renderings courtesy of Johnston Architects*

An opening date has yet to be determined. Learn more about the new Sumner Pierce County Library at [mypcls.org/sumner-pierce-county-library](http://mypcls.org/sumner-pierce-county-library).

To find out more about supporting the new Sumner Library, visit the Pierce County Library Foundation at <https://spark.pcls.us/>.

**About Pierce County Library System**

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The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](#) serves 680,000 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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