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Same-day voter assistance services reconfigured for Aug. 4 Primary Election

PIERCE CO., WASH.—Pierce County Elections has updated the way voters get assistance on Election Day.

In the past, libraries in the [Pierce County Library System](#), the [Puyallup Public Library](#) or the [Tacoma Public Library](#) were the only locations outside of the county's single Vote Center in Tacoma where people could get assistance on Election Day.

Vote centers

Pierce County Elections has opened two additional Vote Center locations so that people needing full voter services—including registering to vote, updating voter registration, or receiving a ballot for the first time—can visit a [Vote Center](#) and connect with trained elections staff who can efficiently provide service.

The Tacoma Vote Center is open year-round. The new Vote Centers are located in Parkland/Spanaway and Puyallup and are open during peak times close to and on Election Day. [Learn more.](#)

Libraries

Libraries will continue to provide access to public computers where voters can log in to [VoteWA.gov](#) and print a replacement ballot themselves, free of charge. Libraries also provide reliable, year-round access to voter resources, along with staff who can assist with general voter information.

In the previous configuration, library staff assisted people by connecting them with trained elections staff over the phone, which often led to long waits and transaction times.

“We greatly value our partnership with local libraries, and we want to highlight the consistent access they provide to public computers, free printing and the information and resources that support civic engagement,” said Linda Kent, Chief Deputy Auditor.

Many library locations also have ballot drop boxes. Library staff in locations that do not can help people locate nearby ballot drop boxes as well as Vote Centers.

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Visit a Vote Center if you need to:

- Register to vote.
- Update your registration.
- Get a ballot for the first time.

Trained election workers are available to help with all voter services.

Visit a Library if you need to:

- Print a replacement ballot for a lost or damaged ballot.
- Use a public computer to access **VoteWA.gov**.

This is a self-service option. Library staff cannot print ballot packets or process voter registration transactions.

Pierce County Elections also increased access to voting by adding seven new ballot drop boxes ahead of the August 4 Primary. The additions bring the county's total to 57 [ballot drop box locations](#), giving voters more options to return their ballots conveniently, securely and on time.

About Pierce County Elections

Pierce County Elections is responsible for conducting accurate, timely and secure elections for nearly 600,000 active registered voters. We serve 114 jurisdictions and assist candidates for over 500 elected offices while also maintaining a central ballot processing facility and more than 50 ballot drop boxes.

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About Pierce County Library System

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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