

Employee Spotlight – Peter Irely, Customer Service Specialist for the Records Center

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Our employee spotlight features one of our State Records Center staff, Peter Irely. Whether he is retrieving boxes or files from 40 feet in the air or driving a truck to destinations all over the state (picking up as many as 2,000 boxes a month), there is plenty to do. Workers at the warehouse can pull up to 150 records a day (either boxes or files) for state agencies, while providing storage and access to said agencies' records. Once the records have met their retention, records may be dispositioned or sent along to the Washington State Archives for permanent storage.



Peter grew up here in Olympia and went to Capital High School. He started with the Records Center in 2003 as a temporary employee to help move records from their old offsite facility on River Drive to an area called the Records Center Expansion. When the move was complete, Peter was hired on as a permanent employee. Travis Pratt sat down and asked him a few questions.

TP: What are your hobbies?



PI: I enjoy photography, hiking, camping, and fishing.

TP: What is your favorite movie?

PI: *The Hunt for Red October*.

TP: What's your favorite band?

PI: Carbon Leaf.

TP: Favorite outdoor equipment?

PI: REI.

TP: If you could have any super power, what would it be?

PI: Immortality.

TP: Who do you live with?

PI: Flying solo (aside from my kitties).

TP: What's your favorite sport?

PI: Golf. Yes—it's a sport.

TP: What can't you live without?

PI: Loud music.

TP: Would you rather be a tiny elephant or a giant hamster?

PI: A tiny elephant.

TP: What was your first concert?

PI: Roxette

TP: Last but not least, what's your favorite meal?

PI: French dip w/potato salad.