



Program #80008 - Community Learning FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: Library **Program Contact:** Jennifer Studebaker

Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Community Learning connects community members who face barriers in accessing library services with resources to accomplish their learning goals. This program serves community members of all ages through technology classes, workforce development, adult literacy tutoring, the Rockwood makerspace, summer reading, and youth outreach programs with an equity-based service model.

Program Description

ISSUE: Community members face educational disparities based on race, language, disability, and other identities that experience marginalization.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of Community Learning is to connect those who face barriers with the resources and learning opportunities they need. We minimize disparities by offering free, culturally relevant services. We work with partners to promote our services to communities that need them the most.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The Adult Learning team connects community members who have not been well-served by schools or who face barriers to employment with the resources they need to accomplish their goals. This includes services for ESL, basic literacy, and GED learners; digital literacy programs; and classes that support small business owners and job seekers in overcoming barriers to economic empowerment. The Rockwood makerspace works with community partners and culturally specific staff teams to develop STEM programs for teens. The Summer Reading Program encourages youth from birth to high school to build a daily reading habit over the summer. The Youth Learning team serves children from birth through 12th grade, as well as their caregivers and educators. School-aged staff offer curriculum support for K-12 students and educators. We also provide high-interest, culturally reflective books in English and Spanish to 3rd-5th graders. Early childhood staff support kindergarten readiness for Spanish-speaking families. We also work with partners like Head Start, WIC, and shelters to provide books for families and to teach early literacy classes in multiple languages.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: This program connects with community members who face the most barriers to accessing library services, particularly communities of color and immigrants. We seek input to better adapt programs for community members' needs. We use an equity model to prioritize services provided to K-12 schools, and partner with local organizations who prioritize racial equity and work with underserved communities. Partners include Head Start, Black Parent Initiative, Hacienda CDC, Impact Northwest, Portland Literacy Council, Easter Seals, and Neighborhood House.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of children and teens who participate in the Summer Reading Program	99,401	85,000	90,000	85,000
Outcome	% of participants who learn something new from an adult learning program	90%	80%	90%	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The budget reflects the passage of Measure 26-143: "Form Library District with permanent rate to fund library services," November 2012 General Election. The district summary states in pertinent part: "If approved, the Multnomah County Library District would be formed with a permanent rate dedicated to library services, operations, books, materials, programs, activities and oversight of the district. Formation of a District would...prevent reductions in services, programs and activities, and hours."

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$3,126,528	\$0	\$3,109,552
Contractual Services	\$0	\$76,250	\$0	\$88,500
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$539,041	\$0	\$389,640
Internal Services	\$0	\$125,996	\$0	\$130,359
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$3,867,815	\$0	\$3,718,051
Program Total:	\$3,867,815		\$3,718,051	
Program FTE	0.00	22.75	0.00	21.25

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$111,322 in indirect revenues.

The revenue allocated to this program offer reflects an intergovernmental service reimbursement from the Library District (99.97%) and resources from the County's Library Fund (0.03%). It represents a prorated share of property taxes (97.5%), other revenues such as interest earnings, grants, and user charges for services provided to library patrons (1.3%), and District Fund balance utilized for one-time-only retention bonuses (1.2%).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 80008 Community Learning