

Program #80008 - Community Learning **FY 2025 Department Requested**

Department: Library **Program Contact:** Jennifer Studebaker
Program Offer Type: Operating **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, adult literacy tutoring, and youth outreach programs, with an equity-based service model. Our programs and services align with the library’s values of working in partnership and relationship; centering communities furthest from opportunity in order to create equitable access to library resources and information; and using our cultural and linguistic expertise to build active, trusting relationships with caregivers, educators, and learners of all ages.

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 sufficiently 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 more. In partnership with other library and County teams, Adult Learning staff also provide services to adults in custody in jails and prisons. The Youth Learning team serves children from birth through 12th grade, and their caregivers and educators. This includes curriculum support for K–12 students and educators; high-interest, culturally reflective books for 3rd–5th graders; and early literacy classes and books in multiple languages. Youth Learning works with County and community partners to provide services in schools, childcare, shelters, Relief Nurseries, and correctional institutions.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: This program connects with community members who face the greatest 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	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of books circulated to childcare providers	40,725	50,000	34,000	48,000
Outcome	% of participants who learn something new from an adult learning program	100%	80%	90%	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Due to a reorganization, we replaced last year’s output measure (“Number of children and teens who participate in the Summer Reading Program”) with an output measure that was previously listed within the sunsetted Mobile and Partner Libraries program offer (80009) in FY 2024.

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	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$3,120,195	\$0	\$2,293,430
Contractual Services	\$0	\$11,500	\$0	\$13,240
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$398,063	\$0	\$291,805
Internal Services	\$0	\$134,486	\$0	\$125,606
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$3,664,244	\$0	\$2,724,081
Program Total:	\$3,664,244		\$2,724,081	
Program FTE	0.00	21.50	0.00	15.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$94,260 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 (98%), other revenues such as interest earnings, grants, and user charges for services provided to library patrons (2%).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 80008 Community Learning

The Rockwood Makerspace and Summer Reading Program have been moved to the Library Events and Reader Services program offer (80026). Services and collections delivered to adults in custody in jails and prisons and to families using childcare services have moved from the sunsetted Mobile and Partner Libraries program offer (80009) to Community Learning. The FY 2024 output measure relating to Summer Reading has been replaced for FY 2025 with an output measure related to childcare services, which was previously listed in the Mobile and Partner Libraries program offer.

A suite of workplace development services that were created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic will be sunsetted, and associated staff resources will be reassigned to support new, larger library locations.