

Department: Library

Program Contact: June Bass

Program Offer Type: Support

Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Volunteer Services provides opportunities for 1,800 people annually who contribute their time and talents to Multnomah County Library. Volunteers are active in all locations, including Central Library, the 18 neighborhood libraries, Library Administration, and the Title Wave Used Bookstore, as well as various outreach programs. The Title Wave Used Bookstore is a retail outlet that generates revenue for the library through the sale of discarded books and other materials. Opened in 1988, the Title Wave provides an effective means of recycling the library's collection back into the community.

Program Summary

Volunteer Services oversees the recruitment, screening, placement, performance management, position creation, and recognition of 1,800 volunteers. Volunteers enhance the services that the library can provide at all library locations in the community. The scope of volunteer opportunities includes booktalking with Books 2 U, conducting citizenship classes through Adult Literacy, delivering library materials to shelters through Adult Outreach, teaching basic computer skills, and searching for reserved items at all library locations. Volunteers share their skills and are given responsibilities that engage them in their libraries and neighborhoods. About 40% of library volunteers are students 10-18 years old. Students are given an experience that provides life skills and engages them in their community. Last year, volunteers contributed over 66,000 hours of time to the library.

The Title Wave Used Bookstore recycles and sells discarded library books and materials to the community. The store is open 40 hours per week and is staffed by 65 volunteers with the support of one paid staff person. Because the used books are sold at reasonable prices, many of the Title Wave's regular customers are teachers/media specialists buying books for their classrooms and libraries. Many home-school families buy books for educational purposes as well. Last year, the Title Wave generated over \$200,000 in revenue.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Hours contributed by volunteers	66,443	74,000	67,000	70,000
Outcome	Student volunteers who report using their service for school/community requirement	50%	42%	50%	50%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Outcome: All library volunteers under the age of 18 years old were surveyed to see if their volunteer hours were eligible for school or community service requirements. 50% of the responding volunteers reported that their volunteer hours counted toward school or community service requirements.

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$0	\$436,342	\$0	\$442,725
Contractual Services	\$0	\$9,675	\$0	\$9,075
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$34,735	\$0	\$38,973
Internal Services	\$0	\$15,711	\$0	\$15,253
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$496,463	\$0	\$506,026
Program Total:	\$496,463		\$506,026	
Program FTE	0.00	4.00	0.00	4.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

The revenue allocated to this program offer reflects an intergovernmental service reimbursement from the Library District (99.6%) and resources from the County's Library Fund (0.4%). It represents a pro-rated share of property taxes (96%) and other revenues such as overdue fines, delinquent library levy taxes, interest earnings, grants, and user charges for services provided to library patrons (4%).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: 80010 Volunteer Svcs/Title Wave Book Store

No significant changes.