

Department: Library

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Program Offer Type: Support

Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

Volunteer Services provides opportunities for 1,900 people who contribute their time and talents to Multnomah County Library each year. Volunteers are active across the library system, including Central Library, the 18 neighborhood libraries, the Isom Building, 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 1,900 volunteers. Volunteers enhance library services at locations throughout the community. The scope of volunteer opportunities includes booktalking with Books 2 U, conducting citizenship classes and delivering library materials to shelters through Adult Outreach, and 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 percent of library volunteers are students 10-18 years old. Students and adults 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 monthly volunteers who are supported by one paid staff person. Because the used books are sold at reasonable prices, many of The Title Wave Used Bookstore'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 Used Bookstore generated nearly \$200,000 in revenue.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY14 Actual | FY15 Purchased | FY15 Estimate | FY16 Offer |
|--------------|--|-------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Hours contributed by volunteers | 66,220 | 70,000 | 67,000 | 67,000 |
| Outcome | Student volunteers who report using their volunteer service for school/community requirement | 40% | 50% | 40% | 45% |

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. 40% of respondents 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 | 2015 | 2015 | 2016 | 2016 |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$445,275 | \$0 | \$467,086 |
| Contractual Services | \$0 | \$9,075 | \$0 | \$10,400 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$0 | \$38,973 | \$0 | \$41,008 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$15,313 | \$0 | \$17,271 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$0 | \$508,636 | \$0 | \$535,765 |
| Program Total: | \$508,636 | | \$535,765 | |
| 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 (99.95%) and resources from the County's Library Fund (0.05%). It represents a pro-rated share of property taxes (96.2%) and other revenues such as overdue fines, delinquent library levy taxes, interest earnings, grants, and user charges for services provided to library patrons (3.8%).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 80010 Volunteer Svcs/Title Wave Book Store

No significant changes.