

Department: Library

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Program Offer Type: Support

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

Volunteer Services provides opportunities for more than 2,100 people who contribute their time and talents to Multnomah County Library each year. Volunteers are active across the library system, including the 19 neighborhood libraries, the Isom Operations Center, the Title Wave Used Bookstore, and at various outreach programs. The Title Wave Used Bookstore generates revenue for the library through the sale of discarded books and other materials. Opened in 1988, the Title Wave Used Bookstore 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, volunteer policies and recognition of over 2,100 volunteers. Volunteers enhance library services at locations throughout the community. The scope of volunteer opportunities includes booktalking with Books 2 U; conducting citizenship classes; 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 50 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 more than 64,000 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 over \$141,000 in revenue.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Hours contributed by volunteers	64,360	67,000	67,000	68,000
Outcome	% of student volunteers who report using their volunteer service for school/community requirement	38%	38%	34%	34%

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

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$0	\$496,446	\$0	\$600,241
Contractual Services	\$0	\$13,300	\$0	\$12,900
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$47,759	\$0	\$44,595
Internal Services	\$0	\$18,817	\$0	\$19,624
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$576,322	\$0	\$677,360
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Program FTE	0.00	4.25	0.00	4.75

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 (99.96%) and resources from the County's Library Fund (0.04%). It represents a pro-rated share of property taxes (97.69%) and other revenues such as overdue fines, interest earnings, grants, and user charges for services provided to library patrons (2.31%).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 80016-19 Volunteer Svcs/Title Wave Bookstore

No significant changes.