

Department: Library

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Program Offer Type: Support

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Collections & Technical Services staff select, purchase, catalog and process new books, DVDs, audiobooks, e-books, streaming audio/video and other material added to the library materials collection in order to meet the informational, recreational and cultural needs of Multnomah County residents. This section manages the materials budget, interlibrary loan and digital curation.

Program Summary

Collections & Technical Services staff enable patrons access to a wide variety of books and media, both in print and electronic form.

Selection staff decide what materials to buy using professional reviews, patron suggestions, staff input and established criteria. Their purchasing decisions reflect the diverse interests and needs of Multnomah County residents. Acquisitions staff place orders with vendors, receive shipments, approve invoices for payment, and monitor the various funds that make up the library materials budget.

Cataloging staff create bibliographic description records, create metadata schema and assign classification numbers to enable discovery in the online catalog. Cataloging/Processing staff prepare each item for shelving and checkout. This includes applying barcodes, repackaging materials and creating inventory records.

Approximately 30 percent of the materials budget is allocated for new books in English for children, teens and adults. Over four percent is allotted for materials in five "We Speak Your Language" collections (Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian and Somali). The remaining funds are budgeted for other formats, including eight percent on media (DVDs, music and audiobook CDs), 40 percent on electronic resources (e-books, downloadable audiobooks, streaming music and video, online periodicals, full-text databases and electronic reference sources) and three percent on print periodicals.

Effective management of the library materials collection allows residents to enjoy recreational reading, research specific topics, stay current on local, national and global events, and continue to learn at any stage of life.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Number of items added to the collection	435,250	400,000	400,000	400,000
Outcome	% of patrons who found books and items they wanted	91%	92%	90%	90%
Output	Number of new titles added to the library collection	168,414	125,000	150,000	150,000
Outcome	Turnover rate	10.7	10.5	10.5	10.5

Performance Measures Descriptions

Output measures: Number of items is the total number of copies added including duplicate copies of the same title; number of new titles represents each unique title added.

2nd Outcome: Turnover rate is a measure of how heavily the library collection is used (defined as circulation/holdings). MCL's rate is the 3rd highest in the country for libraries serving 500,000 people or more. (Source: Public Library Data Service Statistical Report).

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	2017	2017	2018	2018
Personnel	\$0	\$3,040,665	\$0	\$3,089,836
Contractual Services	\$0	\$773,103	\$0	\$777,263
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$7,755,059	\$0	\$8,014,292
Internal Services	\$0	\$89,042	\$0	\$92,488
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$11,657,869	\$0	\$11,973,879
Program Total:	\$11,657,869		\$11,973,879	
Program FTE	0.00	32.00	0.00	31.75

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 (97.35%) and other revenues such as overdue fines, interest earnings, grants, and user charges for services provided to library patrons (2.65%).

Pending amendment for revenue from The Library Foundation for books and library materials and for the John Wilson Special Collection, which will be received as Library District revenue and disbursed through the District's intergovernmental service reimbursement.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 80014 Library Books-Acquisition & Processing

This program offer combines Library Book Budget (80013-17) and Library Books-Acquisition & Processing (80014-17); net increase of 0.75 FTE (transfer from Central Library, 80001).