

Program #80026 - Library Events and Reader Services

FY 2025 Adopted

Department: Library**Program Contact:** Alison Hallett**Program Offer Type:** Operating**Program Offer Stage:** Adopted**Related Programs:****Program Characteristics:** New Request**Executive Summary**

Library Events and Reader Services provides access to high-quality arts, culture, and creative learning programming for Multnomah County residents of all ages, as well as resources that support advocacy for readers. These offerings connect communities and provide opportunities for cultural enrichment and lifelong learning.

Program Description

ISSUE: Patrons want to learn, connect, and see their community reflected in informative, enriching events, but access to arts, culture, and creative learning opportunities is inequitably distributed across Multnomah County.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of Library Events and Reader Services (LERS) is to connect those who face barriers with high-quality arts, culture, and creative learning programming. We minimize disparities by offering free, culturally relevant programs. We work closely with the Community Engagement team and community partners to produce events that center the needs of communities of color and culture.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The LERS team develops and supports delivery of public events and resources that support advocacy for readers. We collaborate with the We Speak Your Language, Indigenous Community Services, and Black Cultural Library Advocates teams to create culturally responsive events that are driven by the needs of the communities we serve. The Creative Learning workgroup works with community partners and culturally specific staff teams to develop STEAM programs for teens and adults. The Summer Reading Program encourages youth from birth through high school to build a daily reading habit over the summer, and the Read 4 Life program encourages adults to develop regular reading habits.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: The LERS program serves the public by delivering events, classes, and performances that reflect the library's priority of leading with race, focusing on resources for historically underserved and marginalized communities. Library Events and Reader Services collaborates closely with Community Engagement and the We Speak Your Language, Indigenous Community Services, and Black Cultural Library Advocates teams to produce systemwide cultural events and to ensure that programming is informed by and responsive to the needs of our served communities.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of children and teens who participate in the Summer Reading Program	104,382	85,000	95,000	95,000
Outcome	% of attendees of library events who rate them as good or excellent	N/A	N/A	N/A	85%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Due to a reorganization, this output measure was previously listed within the Community Learning program offer (80008) in FY 2024. Methodology for collecting event feedback is currently in development.

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	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$1,460,878	\$0	\$1,814,689
Contractual Services	\$0	\$365,475	\$0	\$339,475
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$270,621	\$0	\$279,499
Internal Services	\$0	\$62,064	\$0	\$89,050
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,159,038	\$0	\$2,522,713
Program Total:	\$2,159,038		\$2,522,713	
Program FTE	0.00	10.00	0.00	11.50

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

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$74,584 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:

This was a new program created in FY 2024, made up of workgroups previously found in the Community Information (80007) and Community Learning (80008) program offers. Creative Learning is a newly formed team created to meet community needs through the lens of our refreshed and new spaces. The performance output was previously in Community Learning and the performance outcome is new for this year.