

Division: Public Services

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Summary: Library Events and Reader Services (LERS) provides access to programs and activities that foster literacy development and interest; creates opportunities for the public to learn new skills and acquire knowledge; celebrates cultures and promotes cross-cultural information exchange; and provides opportunities for creativity and learning.

Program activity: The classes and events provided by LERS are open to the public and are delivered by community presenters, volunteers, partner organizations, and trained Library staff. Offerings include citizenship classes; classes for English language learners; technology and STEAM/makerspace programs for teens and adults; cultural celebrations and heritage month programming; art, craft, and music programming for all ages; programs for youth that promote social-emotional development; and the Read 4 Life and Everybody Reads programs, which encourage adults to develop regular reading habits.

The LERS program serves Multnomah County residents of all ages, with programming provided in five service languages: English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, and Chinese.

Equity Statement

Library Events and Reader Services (LERS) delivers events, classes, and performances that reflect the Library's priority of leading inclusively with race, developing targeted strategies to support historically underserved and marginalized communities, and offering programs in five service languages. LERS relies on staff and patron input to ensure that programs are culturally responsive and driven by community interest and need.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$0	\$2,387,538	\$0	\$3,165,693
Contractual Services	\$0	\$367,425	\$0	\$250,525
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$135,479	\$0	\$152,199
Internal Services	\$0	\$119,225	\$0	\$133,670
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$3,009,667	\$0	\$3,702,087
Total Expenses:	\$3,009,667		\$3,702,087	
Program FTE	0.00	14.55	0.00	18.55
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of attendees at Creative Learning and makerspace events	6,425	6,200	10,000
Number of presenter-led events	472	550	600