

CHAPTER 19: LIBRARY

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§ 19.001 MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ESTABLISHED.

(A) The Multnomah County Library is established under the provisions of ORS 357.400 to 357.621.

(B) The county will operate the library under ORS 357.410(1) and as a department. The library director shall be a Director under all applicable county administrative regulations.

(C) The public library shall be financed by general fund monies, library operating revenues, grants, gifts, donations and bequests received and designated to be used for library purposes, and any tax levies that may be authorized by the electors.

(D) The public library shall be the public agency responsible for providing and making fully accessible to all residents in the county library and information services suitable to persons of all ages.

(' 90 Code, § 2.30.900, 07/01/1998; Ord. 649, passed, 05/17/1990)

§ 19.002 LIBRARY BOARD.

(A) The library board is hereby created. The board shall consist of 17 members, including two youth members, to be appointed by the Chair subject to approval by the Board.

(B) Membership Terms.

(1) Generally. The term of office of the board members shall be four years and their terms shall commence on July 1 in the year of their appointment. Of the first 15 board members appointed, three members shall initially hold office for one year, four for two years, four for three years and four for four years. The Chair shall designate the initial individual terms. At the expiration of the term of any members of the library board, the Chair shall appoint a new member or may reappoint a member for the term of four years, subject to Board approval. If a vacancy occurs during a term of office, the Chair shall appoint a new member for the unexpired term, subject to Board approval. No person shall hold appointment as a member for more than two full consecutive terms, but any person may be appointed again to the library board after an interval of one year.

(2) Youth Members. Youth board members must be between the ages of 13 and 17 at the time of their appointment. The term of office of youth board members shall be two years. Of the first youth members appointed, one youth member shall initially hold office for one year. The Chair shall designate the initial individual terms. If a vacancy occurs during a term of office, the Chair shall appoint a new member for the unexpired term, subject to Board approval. No person shall hold appointment as a youth member for more than one term. Other than the limitations placed herein, youth members share equally in all other powers and responsibilities afforded members of the library board.

(C) Members of the library board shall receive no compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Cross-reference:

Advisory boards and commissions, see Charter § 3.70

(Ord. 1044, Amended, 07/08/2004; '90 Code, § 2.30.901, 07/01/1998; Ord. 649, passed, 05/17/1990)

§ 19.003 BOARD ORGANIZATION.

(A) The library board shall elect a Chairperson from its members.

(B) The director shall keep the record of the library board's actions.

(C) The library board may establish and amend rules for its procedure consistent with the laws of the state and with the charter, ordinances, resolutions, and regulations of the county.

(D) The board shall meet at least six times each year and at such other times as it decides.
('90 Code, § 2.30.902, 07/01/1998; Ord. 649, passed, 05/17/1990)

§ 19.004 LIBRARY BOARD MISSION.

The library board shall promote excellence in library services and be advocates for a strong and visible library system. To that end, the board shall actively respond to the community's changing needs through comprehensive and visionary planning and uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and accessible library services for all residents.

('90 Code, § 2.30.903, 07/01/1998; Ord. 649, passed, 05/17/1990)

§ 19.005 LIBRARY BOARD GENERAL POWERS.

The library board shall be an advisory board and shall have no executive or administrative powers or authority. This chapter shall not deprive elected or appointed officials of the county of any power they may have under the laws of the state or the charter.

The library board shall have powers and duties as follows:

(A) The library board, in coordination with the director, shall undertake long range planning for library services and make appropriate recommendations to the Board. Long range plans shall address service needs, budget priorities, stable public funding, and capital improvements, and shall be consistent with county, regional, state and national goals for libraries.

(B) The library board shall serve as the department's citizen budget advisory committee.

(C) The library board shall actively seek library funding for materials, capital improvements and services which county funding, alone, cannot provide. Furthermore, the library board shall facilitate the donation of real or personal property or funds to the library under § 19.006 of this chapter and make recommendations for the acceptance, use, or expenditure of any real or personal property or funds so donated.

(D) The library board shall, upon the request of the director, respond to concerns about items that are a part of the library's collection of books and other library materials as well as concerns about the library's materials selection policy. The director has authority and responsibility for the library's collection of books and other library materials.

(E) The library board may advise the county Chair in the selection of a director.

(F) The library board may, at the request of the director, review library policies and programs for which public comment is appropriate.

(G) The library board shall review the annual report of the director to the state library and to the Board.

('90 Code, § 2.30.904, 07/01/1998; Ord. 649, passed, 05/17/1990)

§ 19.006 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES.

Gifts of any real or personal property or funds donated to the library and accepted by the Board shall be administered in accordance with each gift's terms, if any, and all property or funds shall be held in the name of the county.

(' 90 Code, § 2.30.905, 07/01/1998; Ord. 649, passed, 05/17/1990)

this chapter be relieved of any obligation to return the material to the library.

(' 90 Code, § 2.30.908, 07/01/1998; Ord. 649, passed, 05/17/1990)

§ 19.007 INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

The library shall operate in conformance with county administrative procedures including those pertaining to the following:

(A) Personnel, including recruitment, selection, classification and pay for library personnel;

(B) Receipt, disbursement, and accounting for monies;

(C) Maintenance of general books, cost accounting records, and other financial documents;

(D) Budget administration; and

(E) Operation and maintenance of equipment and buildings.

(' 90 Code, § 2.30.906, 07/01/1998; Ord. 649, passed, 05/17/1990)

§ 19.008 PROHIBITED ACTS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully or maliciously detain any library materials belonging to the library for 30 days after notice in writing from the director that the library material is past due.

Penalty, see § 19.999

(' 90 Code, § 2.30.907, 07/01/1998; Ord. 649, passed, 05/17/1990)

§ 19.999 PENALTY.

Violation for wilful detention of library materials is punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$250. Conviction and payment of the fine shall not constitute payment for library material, nor shall a person convicted under

