

Program #80001 - Central Library

FY 2026 Department Requested

**Department:** Library **Program Contact:** Shelly Jarman

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

# **Program Description**

Central Library enacts Multnomah County Library values by leading with racial equity and inclusion to create spaces and services for all community members. This region, which covers downtown Portland, provides culturally relevant services to Black, Indigenous, LGBTQIA+, Chinese and Spanish-speaking library users and helps decrease the digital divide throughout Multnomah County.

ISSUE: Public spaces to access information, educational opportunities, technology and an area to connect with others are systemically lacking in Multnomah County. There are substantial limitations for no-charge, culturally specific community hubs that provide access to language learning, early literacy and learning, technology support and more.

PROGRAM GOAL: Central library's educational programs improve employment opportunities and quality of life for those with low English proficiency and limited resources. To support critical life skill development and digital literacy, library staff prioritize services such as tech access; one-on-one tech help; job search help, training and resources; literacy resources; and classes for youth and adults. Library crisis intervention services perform both intervention and resource and service referrals for members of the public experiencing houselessness and other crises.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Central Library continues to focus on strategies to best serve marginalized communities and advance equity. Outreach and programming decisions are informed using a community needs assessment and by prioritizing services based on these identified needs: technology access and assistance, collection access, information access, and dedicated hours for crisis intervention services. Library services are prioritized to serve those from underserved communities and provide a cultural- and/or language-specific lens. This includes storytimes, youth literacy programs, workshops for teens, virtual and in-person adult classes, one-on-one tech training, and job assistance training.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: All library locations are actively engaging in equity work. The priority is open access without barriers to library spaces. The team dedicated to serving the Chinese speaking community expanded capacity with a change to higher classifications. Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are disproportionately impacted by houselessness and socioeconomic distress, and the Central Library will continue to add programming that offers resources and referrals to these communities.

Performar	Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target		
Output	Number of library visits	135,527	250,000	375,000	400,000		
Outcome	% of patrons who usually find what they need	94%	92%	84%	84%		

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

The measure "% of patrons who usually find what they need" is slightly changed due a revision in the FY25 patron survey. The previous measure was "% of library users who found books and items they wanted."

Central Library was closed for part of FY 2024 for renovations.

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$7,450,575	\$0	\$7,498,879
Contractual Services	\$0	\$249,582	\$0	\$117,102
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$64,727	\$0	\$77,296
Internal Services	\$0	\$3,185,525	\$0	\$2,024,007
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$10,950,409	\$0	\$9,717,284
Program Total:	\$10,950,409		\$9,71	7,284
Program FTE	0.00	59.50	0.00	59.50

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$313,453 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: FY 2024: 80001 Central Library

A number of positions are reallocated from Central Library to other areas of the library system. These shifts are part of the library's efforts to realign staffing to meet changing operational needs as a result of the 2020 bond program.

The change in internal services charges to this program is a result of consolidation Capital Plan Improvement contributions into the Facilities and Logistics program offer.

The change in contracted spending represents a partial reduction to the library's contract for qualified mental health support at Central Library. This impact is mitigated in part by the continuation of the Peer Support Specialist program.



Program #80002 - North and Northeast County Libraries

FY 2026 Department Requested

**Department:** Library **Program Contact:** Serenity McWilliams

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

**Related Programs:** 

**Program Characteristics:** 

#### **Program Description**

North and Northeast County libraries (Albina, Hollywood, Kenton, North Portland, St. Johns) enact Multnomah County Library values by leading with racial equity and inclusion to create spaces and services for all community members. This region provides culturally relevant services to Black, Indigenous, LGBTQIA+, and Spanish-speaking library users and helps decrease the digital divide throughout Multnomah County.

ISSUE: Public spaces to access information, educational opportunities, technology, and an area to connect with others are systemically lacking in Multnomah County. There are substantial limitations for no-charge, culturally specific community hubs that provide access to language learning, early literacy and learning, technology support and more.

PROGRAM GOAL: North and Northeast County libraries' language learning and educational programs improve employment opportunities and quality of life for those with low English proficiency and limited resources. To support critical life skill development and digital literacy, library staff prioritize services such as tech access; one-on-one tech help; job search help, training and resources; literacy resources; and classes for youth and adults. In FY26, Albina Library will reopen and Hollywood and St Johns libraries will be refreshed and renovated through the Capital Bond Project to create more space for the community, support efficiency through Automated Materials Handling and add new furniture and layouts to support a variety of needs.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: North and Northeast County libraries continue focusing on strategies to best serve marginalized communities and advance equity. Library services are prioritized to serve those from underserved communities and provide a cultural- and/or language-specific lens. This includes storytimes, youth literacy programs, virtual and in-person adult classes (ESL, citizenship, computer use, small business), one-on-one tech training, and job assistance training.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: All library locations are actively engaging in equity work. Open access without barriers to library spaces continues to be the priority. In recent years libraries in this region have hired staff who are focused on serving the Indigenous community, and expanded the teams dedicated to serving the Black and Spanish-speaking communities.

Performan	Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target		
Output	Number of library visits	487,905	480,000	350,000	400,000		
Output	% of patrons who usually find what they need	93%	93%	86%	86%		

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

The measure "number of library visits" reflects building closures; some closure and opening dates are tentative. The measure "% of patrons who usually find what they need" is slightly changed due a revision in the FY25 patron survey. The previous measure was "% of library users who found books and items they wanted."

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$8,356,701	\$0	\$8,828,585
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,644	\$0	\$1,703
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$107,974	\$0	\$106,603
Internal Services	\$0	\$1,577,523	\$0	\$1,526,992
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$10,044,842	\$0	\$10,463,883
Program Total:	\$10,044,842		\$10,46	63,883
Program FTE	0.00	69.25	0.00	71.25

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$369,035 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: FY 2024: 80002 North and Northeast County Libraries

During FY 2026, the Albina library and St. Johns library will reopen after major construction; Hollywood library will close and reopen after a smaller refresh project. The North Portland library reopened in February 2025, and the temporary services location at University of Oregon was closed in December 2024. The Continuity of Library Services work in the region will continue into FY 2026 prioritizing support for the St. Johns and Hollywood closures.

As part of the Future Staffing Plan implementation, a number of positions are reallocated to help provide library services in new, larger locations in the North and Northeast region. These shifts are part of the library's efforts to realign staffing to meet changing operational needs as a result of the 2020 bond program.



### **Program #80003 - West and South County Libraries**

FY 2026 Department Requested

Department: Library Program Contact: Martha Flotten

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

# **Program Description**

West and South County libraries (Belmont, Capitol Hill, Hillsdale, Northwest, and Sellwood-Moreland) enact Multnomah County Library values by leading with racial equity and inclusion to create spaces and services for all community members. This region provides culturally relevant services to Black, and Somali library users and helps decrease the digital divide throughout Multnomah County.

ISSUE: Public spaces to access information, educational opportunities, technology and connections with others are systemically lacking in Multnomah County. There are substantial limitations for no-charge, culturally specific community hubs that provide access to language learning, early literacy and learning, technology support and more.

PROGRAM GOAL: West and South County libraries' language learning and educational programs improve employment opportunities and quality of life for those with low English proficiency and limited resources. To support critical life skill development and digital literacy, library staff prioritize services such as tech access; one-on-one tech help; job search help, training and resources; literacy resources; and classes for youth and adults. In FY 26, Sellwood-Moreland Library will be refreshed and Belmont Library will be renovated; we opened a holds pickup location to serve the Belmont Library community during closure. Northwest Library will move into a new, custom-designed building. These projects will create more space for the community, support efficiency through Automated Materials Handling and add new furniture and layouts to support a variety of needs.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: West and South County libraries continue focusing on strategies to best serve marginalized communities and advance equity. Outreach and programming decisions are made using a community needs assessment and by prioritizing services based on these identified needs: technology access and assistance, collection access, information access, and library materials pickup. Library services are prioritized to serve those from underserved communities and provide a cultural- and/or language-specific lens. This includes storytimes, youth literacy programs, teen classes, virtual and in-person adult classes (ESL, citizenship, computer use, small business), one-on-one tech training and job assistance training.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: All library locations are actively engaging in equity work. Open access without barriers to library spaces is the priority. We plan to add additional staff focused on serving Spanish-speaking communities.

Performar	Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target		
Output	Number of library visits	531,185	540,000	425,000	400,000		
Outcome	% of patrons who usually find what they need	94%	94%	85%	85%		

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

The measure "number of library visits" reflects building closures; some closure and opening dates are tentative. The measure "% of patrons who usually find what they need" is slightly changed due a revision in the FY25 patron survey. The previous measure was "% of library users who found books and items they wanted."

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$7,752,431	\$0	\$7,889,102
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,982	\$0	\$3,327
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$80,355	\$0	\$82,546
Internal Services	\$0	\$1,678,395	\$0	\$1,730,897
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$9,514,163	\$0	\$9,705,872
Program Total:	\$9,514,163		\$9,70	5,872
Program FTE	0.00	62.25	0.00	62.50

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$329,764 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: FY 2024: 80003 West and South County Libraries

Belmont Library is closed until spring 2026 for renovation funded by the Multnomah County Capital Bond, and a temporary holds location will remain open to continue support materials movement in the region. Northwest Library will move to a new location in winter 2026, with improved seating, study rooms and space for teens and children. Sellwood-Moreland Library will be refreshed and will reopen in fall 2025 with improved seating, sightlines and materials handling.

As part of the Future Staffing Plan implementation, a number of positions are reallocated from the West and South region to help provide library services in other locations, either directly or as part of a new substitute staffing team. These shifts are part of the library's efforts to realign staffing to meet changing operational needs as a result of the 2020 bond program.



Program #80004 - Mid County Libraries

FY 2026 Department Requested

**Department:** Library **Program Contact:** Silvana Santana Gabriell

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

#### **Program Description**

Mid County libraries (Gregory Heights, Holgate, Midland, Woodstock) enact Multnomah County Library values by leading with racial equity and inclusion to create spaces and services for all community members. This region provides culturally relevant services to Black, Indigenous, Vietnamese, Chinese, Russian and Spanish-speaking library users and helps decrease the digital divide throughout Multnomah County.

ISSUE: Public spaces to access information, educational opportunities, technology and connections with others are systemically lacking in Multnomah County. There are substantial limitations for no-charge, culturally specific community hubs that provide access to language learning, early literacy and learning, technology support and more.

PROGRAM GOAL: Mid County libraries' language learning and educational programs improve employment opportunities and quality of life for those with low English proficiency and limited resources. To support critical life skill development and digital literacy, library staff prioritize services such as tech access; one-on-one tech help; job search help, training and resources; literacy resources; and classes for youth and adults. In FY 26, Woodstock Library will be the last location in the Mid County region to be refreshed through the Capital Bond project. This project will create more space for the community, support efficiency through Automated Materials Handling and add new furniture and layouts to support a variety of needs.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Mid County libraries continue to focus on strategies to best serve marginalized communities and advance racial equity. Outreach and programming decisions are made using a community needs assessment and by prioritizing services based on these identified needs: technology access and assistance, collection access, information access, and library materials pickup. We continue expanding in-person services and support patrons through virtual programs and services. Library services are prioritized to serve those from underserved communities and provide a cultural-and/or language-specific lens. This includes storytimes, youth literacy programs and virtual and in-person adult classes (ESL, citizenship, computer use, small business and tech training).

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: All library locations are actively engaging in equity work. Open access without barriers to library spaces is the priority.

Performar	Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target		
Output	Number of library visits	229,124	475,000	540,000	600,000		
Outcome	% of patrons who usually find what they need	93%	92%	87%	87%		

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

The measure "number of library visits" reflects building closures; some closure and opening dates are tentative. The measure "% of patrons who usually find what they need" is slightly changed due a revision in the FY25 patron survey. The previous measure was "% of library users who found books and items they wanted."

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$8,539,337	\$0	\$8,553,078
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,795	\$0	\$3,592
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$92,502	\$0	\$98,892
Internal Services	\$0	\$2,096,091	\$0	\$1,565,403
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$10,730,725	\$0	\$10,220,965
Program Total:	\$10,730,725		\$10,22	20,965
Program FTE	0.00	66.50	0.00	66.50

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$357,519 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: FY 2024: 80004 Mid County Libraries

Woodstock Library is closed for a building refresh from spring through summer 2025. During the closure, staff will be reassigned to support spillover locations and other library services. The Mid-County program will include two location supervisors at Holgate and Midland libraries to help support person-in-charge coverage, among other staffing shifts, in FY 2026. These staffing shifts are part of the library's efforts to realign staffing to meet changing operational needs, post-bond.

The change in internal services charges to this program is a result of consolidation Capital Plan Improvement contributions into the Facilities and Logistics program offer.



#### Program #80005 - East County Libraries

FY 2026 Department Requested

Department: Library Program Contact: Angela Weyrens

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

### **Program Description**

East County libraries (Fairview-Columbia, Gresham, Rockwood, Troutdale, and the new East County Library) enact Multnomah County Library values by leading with racial equity and inclusion to create spaces and services for all community members. This region provides culturally relevant services to Black, Russian and Spanish-speaking library users and helps decrease the digital divide throughout Multnomah County.

ISSUE: Public spaces to access information, educational opportunities, technology and an area to connect with others are systemically lacking in Multnomah County. There are substantial limitations for no-charge, culturally specific community hubs that provide access to language learning, early literacy and learning, technology support and more.

PROGRAM GOAL: East County libraries' language learning and educational programs improve employment opportunities and quality of life for those with low English proficiency and limited resources. To support critical life skill development and digital literacy, library staff prioritize services such as tech access; one-on-one tech help; job search help, training and resources; literacy resources; and classes for youth and adults. The Rockwood Library will be refreshed through the Capital Bond project to create more space for the community, support efficiency through Automated Materials Handling, and add new furniture and layouts to support a variety of needs.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: East County libraries continue to focus on strategies to best serve marginalized communities and advance racial equity. Outreach and programming decisions are informed using a community needs assessment and by prioritizing services based on these identified needs: technology access and assistance, collection access, information access and library materials pickup. Library services are prioritized to serve those from underserved communities and provide a cultural- and/or language-specific lens. This included storytimes, youth literacy programs, workshops for teens, virtual and in-person adult classes (ESL, citizenship, computer use, small business), one-on-one tech training, and job assistance training.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: All library locations are actively engaging in equity work. Open access without barriers to library spaces is the priority. In recent years the library added additional staff focused on serving the Russian-language communities.

Performar	Performance Measures							
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target			
Output	Number of library visits	372,307	310,000	345,000	210,000			
Outcome	% of patrons who usually find what they need	91%	92%	85%	85%			

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

The measure "number of library visits" reflects building closures; some closure and opening dates are tentative. The measure "% of patrons who usually find what they need" is slightly changed due a revision in the FY25 patron survey. The previous measure was "% of library users who found books and items they wanted."

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$9,035,899	\$0	\$9,441,964
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,723	\$0	\$2,846
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$91,289	\$0	\$121,413
Internal Services	\$0	\$1,372,583	\$0	\$1,691,390
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$10,502,494	\$0	\$11,257,613
Program Total:	\$10,502,494		\$11,25	57,613
Program FTE	0.00	71.50	0.00	73.50

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$394,675 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: FY 2024: 80005 East County Libraries

Rockwood Library will be closed for a building refresh from spring through fall 2025. In spring 2026, current Gresham Library staff and services will shift to the new East County Library.

In addition to the transfer of Gresham staff, a number of positions from across the library system are reallocated to the East County region; these shifts are part of the library's efforts to realign staffing to meet changing operational needs as a result of the 2020 bond program. New and updated services and spaces in East County include access to a 220-seat auditorium, a dedicated teen room, indoor and outdoor kids spaces, an A/V studio, flex rooms, sensory spaces, a quiet reading area and large meeting rooms.



#### Program #80006 - Youth Development

FY 2026 Department Requested

**Department:** Library **Program Contact:** Danielle Jones

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

**Related Programs:** 

Program Characteristics: Measure 5 Education

#### **Program Description**

Youth Development provides leadership, strategic vision, training and support for Multnomah County Library youth and family initiatives and ensures youth have access to library resources and services. It coordinates and consults with location, regional and outreach staff to provide services and create partnerships that support youth ages 0–18. Services focus on brain development, literacy skills, school readiness, school support, life skills, teen leadership development, connected learning and reading for fun.

ISSUE: Youth Development works with parents, caregivers, educators and community partners to design and deliver robust services that foster early literacy and positive educational and social development. This is in alignment with the library's strategic goals to create public, popular and personal intersections for lifelong learning and to contribute to improved educational outcomes for learners of all ages.

PROGRAM GOAL: This program provides oversight to systemwide youth and teen services and uses targeted universalism to prioritize the needs of nondominant youth and families who are facing marginalization.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: To remove barriers that prevent youth from accessing library resources, Youth Development partners with school districts across Multnomah County to connect students to library services using their student ID number. Youth Development staff are experts in early child development, brain development, and early reading research. They train library staff and community partners so adults can learn to read, talk, sing, play and rhyme with babies, toddlers and preschoolers to develop pre-reading skills needed before entering kindergarten. The program supports families, including emerging readers and tweens, with literacy programming, book groups, family newsletters and by connecting families with community resources. Youth Development supports teens' interests and leadership with strong engagement efforts and by connecting learning to personal interests, supportive relationships and opportunities. Youth Development management helps youth and teen librarians to provide location-specific direction as they serve youth.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: Staff prioritize BIPOC youth and create pathways for teen voices to lead library programming and initiatives and be heard in library decision-making. Systemwide, Youth Development provides services to youth and families; advocates initiatives that address issues that youth and families face; and is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target	
Output	Number of K–12 students who have access to library resources and services through Library Connect	126,774	110,000	115,000	115,000	
Outcome	% of survey respondents who have participated in library services or events for kids	N/A	N/A	25%	25%	
Outcome	Number of children and teens who participate in the Summer Reading Program	99,890	95,000	99,890	86,000	

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

The measure regarding participation in service and events for kids is a new measure, introduced during the patron survey redesign.

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$1,222,248	\$0	\$1,035,334
Contractual Services	\$0	\$1,101,000	\$0	\$114,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$225,030	\$0	\$262,038
Internal Services	\$0	\$69,572	\$0	\$54,063
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,617,850	\$0	\$1,465,435
Program Total:	\$2,61	\$2,617,850		5,435
Program FTE	0.00	7.75	0.00	6.25

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$43,277 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: FY 2024: 80006 Youth Development

As part of the overall realignment of staff to meet changing operational needs, post-bond, a number of positions shifted to the Youth Development team in order to consolidate and centralize coordination of services for youth, teens and families. As part of this reorganization, a specialized outreach program called Listos para el Kinder will end, and management of the youth and teen Summer Reading Program moved from Library Events and Reader Service to Youth Development. Several other positions were moved from Youth Development to other teams in the Public Services division.

The change in contractual services is related to grant-funded early learning play installations. In FY 2026, costs will be funded from the Library Special Projects program offer for better tracking of this multi-year capital equipment purchase.



## Program #80007 - Community Information

FY 2026 Department Requested

**Department:** Library **Program Contact:** Ama Bentley

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

### **Program Description**

This program serves community members of all ages through advanced account management, e-content platform connection and troubleshooting, and by providing answers to ready reference and quick facts questions. Community Information creates equitable access and removes barriers by connecting with communities in five languages and by being the place where patrons can receive service remotely.

ISSUE: Library users depend on quick, effective and accurate referrals to library services and information via phone, chat, and email. Patrons want access and connection to resources and services without being required to enter a physical library space.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of Community Information is to offer remote connection to the library for users who experience barriers to accessing our resources in person, because of reasons that include disability, homebound status, unreliable transportation, open hours that conflict with work or caregiving obligations, and incarceration. Community Information minimizes disparities by being available to converse in users' preferred languages of English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Russian.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Community Information provides answers to basic information needs, high-level account management, virtual tech support for library web and content applications, and referrals to library subject matter experts and community resources. It also provides backend support for both patrons and staff members for the library's systemwide platforms including Communico, Symphony and Knowledge Tracker.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: This program connects with community members who face the greatest barriers to accessing library services in person, particularly communities living in isolation and poverty. Community Information continues to expand language services and has added Vietnamese, Russian and Chinese Knowledge, Skills and Abilities positions over the last two fiscal years.

Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target	
Output	Number of contacts (phone, chat, email, mail) answered by Community Information staff	99,642	125,000	99,200	100,000	
Outcome	% of Community Information patrons who report that their information need was met	97%	95%	98%	96%	

#### Performance Measures Descriptions

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### Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$1,768,323	\$0	\$1,826,880
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$12,059	\$0	\$12,979
Internal Services	\$0	\$136,677	\$0	\$147,904
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$1,917,059	\$0	\$1,987,763
Program Total:	\$1,917,059		\$1,987,763	
Program FTE	0.00	14.50	0.00	14.50

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$76,364 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: FY 2024: 80007 Community Information

Community Information previously had two subteams: the Contact Center and the Reference, Information, and Content (RIC) team. In FY 2026, the RIC team will be dissolved, and team members assigned to other work in library locations in response to changing operating needs. The RIC research, chat, and reference by mail functions will be distributed across Information Services staff throughout Multnomah County Library. The dedicated translation work will continue to be provided by the same staff members currently assigned, but they will be allocated to location services cost centers going forward. Contact Center team members will transition from fully remote to some in-person work at locations.



### Program #80010 - Library Director's Office

FY 2026 Department Requested

Department: Library Program Contact: Annie Lewis

Program Offer Type: Administration Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

### **Program Description**

The Library Director's Office provides executive leadership and strategic vision for the library system by working with elected leaders, advisory boards, community organizations and staff to ensure that library services are responsive to the evolving needs of residents over time. This work is informed by a commitment to serve and support those who have previously not had access or been welcomed to the library.

ISSUE: The Director's Office of the Library Department supports the work of two divisions, Public Services and Department Administration, to ensure that library services meet the evolving needs of the community over time.

PROGRAM GOAL: The Library Director's Office envisions the library's role and future in the community, then turns that vision into strategy and direction for the rest of the library.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: In its work, the Director's Office partners with the Board of County Commissioners, the Multnomah County Library District Board, the Library Advisory Board and the community. This program represents Multnomah County Library across the region and the nation, working with other libraries and library organizations. The program also partners with The Library Foundation and Friends of the Library to improve public support and fundraising. As part of the Library Director's Office, the library's equity and inclusion manager provides equity leadership to the library.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: The equity and inclusion manager represents the library on the County's Workforce Equity Strategic Plan committee and builds relationships with others both inside and outside of the library. This collaboration helps leverage resources, assess policies, consider library needs and uphold equity work. The manager creates and monitors metrics to keep track of the library's equity progress. This program develops training for staff around working in a culturally responsive way. The program also works to build shared language and understanding around diversity, equity and inclusion. This program will support all library programs in carrying out equity goals for the coming fiscal year. It will track the progress of those goals and provide guidance to program managers.

Performance Measures							
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target		
Output	Library managers with at least four hours of equity and racially just leadership training or coaching	68	60	60	60		
Outcome	Library user satisfaction with Multnomah County Library	97%	95%	91%	91%		
Outcome	Recent library users who say they would recommend the library to others	N/A	88%	83%	83%		
Outcome	Retention rate for employees of color	92.9%	90%	90%	90%		

### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

The measure "Recent library users who say they would recommend the library to others" is derived from the redesigned patron survey, which is why FY 2024 data is not available

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$1,336,313	\$0	\$1,400,998
Contractual Services	\$0	\$156,800	\$0	\$26,850
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$77,698	\$0	\$44,800
Internal Services	\$0	\$89,613	\$0	\$76,357
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$1,660,424	\$0	\$1,549,005
Program Total:	\$1,660,424		\$1,54	9,005
Program FTE	0.00	6.00	0.00	6.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$117,039,930	\$0	\$117,315,609
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$117,074,930	\$0	\$117,350,609

## **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$58,562 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: FY 2024: 80010 Library Director's Office



#### Program #80012 - Business Services

FY 2026 Department Requested

Department: Library Program Contact: Johnny Fang

Program Offer Type: Administration Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

### **Program Description**

Business Services manages the fiscal functions to support all library programs and operations. This program oversees the library's fiscal activities with integrity to ensure all legal and regulatory requirements are followed. The program manages and reports on all revenues and expenditures; it also oversees purchases, contracts, grants, travel and it helps with budget preparation.

ISSUE: Library Business Services manages all the fiscal functions to ensure the library system runs smoothly and within budget.

PROGRAM GOAL: This program ensures that library funds are budgeted, received, accounted for and allocated according to business services guidelines and as intended.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The library's Business Services program manages the preparation and submission of the annual budget. It monitors and adjusts the budget throughout the year. The program also manages contracts and purchases for the library and oversees all incoming and outgoing financial transactions. It oversees grants from federal, state, foundation and other nonprofit funding. Business Services also represents the library in many countywide groups and meetings related to finance. The program works closely with Multnomah County Central Finance and Central Purchasing.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: Business Services focuses on equity by providing fiscal support to the library's patronfacing programs, including those focused on communities of color, for underserved communities. The program also works directly with minority and women suppliers and assists them in the process of registering as a County vendor.

Performan	Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target		
Output	Number of supplier invoices processed	7,610	6,000	6,500	6,500		
Outcome	% of staff who participated in external trainings or conferences	43%	66%	71%	67%		

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

In FY24, supplier invoice volume was affected by Opening Day Collections invoices. In FY25, summary invoices reduced those ODC invoices.

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### Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$2,032,611	\$0	\$2,808,441
Contractual Services	\$0	\$9,758	\$0	\$10,223
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$98,260	\$0	\$209,807
Internal Services	\$0	\$229,895	\$0	\$276,966
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,370,524	\$0	\$3,305,437
Program Total:	\$2,370,524		\$3,30	5,437
Program FTE	0.00	8.00	0.00	8.00

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$117,393 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: FY 2024: 80012 Business Services

The wage scales of a significant number of Library employees are currently under review as part of a Market Study. Although the Market Study will be finalized in Spring 2025, some wage increases have already been agreed to. The increase in personnel costs is related to these known system-wide personnel cost increases. This budget is held centrally until program level impacts are more fully defined, and it is anticipated that it will be incorporated at the program level later in the FY 2026 Budget development process.



### Program #80014 - Facilities and Logistics

FY 2026 Department Requested

Department: Library Program Contact: Meg Matsushima

Program Offer Type: Administration Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs: 80025

**Program Characteristics:** 

### **Program Description**

The Facilities and Logistics program ensures that library buildings provide access for all, and creates safe and inclusive places for learning and reading. This program invests in quality buildings to reduce long-term operational costs and provide maximum flexibility for the future, allowing programs to deliver high-impact services to all patrons. In addition to managing more than 20 Multnomah County Library District buildings, Facilities and Logistics oversees the library's central stores, the fleet, the movement of materials and supplies between locations, and it supports the success of all library services.

ISSUE: Because the Multnomah County Library District owns the building assets for the library, it is ultimately accountable for the state of its buildings.

PROGRAM GOAL: Facilities and Logistics ensures that the upkeep and utilization of the library's long-term assets meet the library's mission and vision, both now and in the future.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The library's Facilities team provides oversight for repair and maintenance activities for all library locations. This includes coordinating with County staff, telecommunications, contractors, and vendors. It is also responsible for the development of the Library District's five-year plan and contributes to and approves the Department of County Asset's five-year Capital Improvement Plan for library buildings. It provides stakeholder-level input into criteria for projects, including new construction and major renovation. It serves all library staff and patrons as experts on ADA-compliant building access and ergonomics, and it provides support for secure building access. The library's Logistics team oversees deliveries that move materials between locations, enabling quick access to library materials throughout the county. The program operates daily, delivering to approximately 40 service points each weekday. Delivery includes all library books and materials, interoffice mail, U.S. Mail, library supplies and bank deposits. The team provides support to all library fleet vehicles to coordinate service, interface with the County fleet, and oversee vehicle replacement. It also manages central supply stores on behalf of the library system. This program manages risk and safety for the library along with the Security program, and contributes to security policy development and implementation.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: Facilities and Logistics directly supports diversity, equity and inclusion by budgeting to upgrade facilities to better meet universal design standards and ADA requirements and to support equitable access for all with a prioritized focus on underserved communities. This program also promotes design justice, including trauma-informed design, sustainability, connection to nature and workforce equity within facilities projects.

Performar	Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target		
Output	Crates of books, mail and supplies moved annually	144,903	180,000	190,000	195,000		
Outcome	% of patrons who are satisfied with the cleanliness of their primary library location	N/A	N/A	87%	87%		

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

The measure "% of patrons who agree library spaces are safe and welcoming" was revised in the FY25 patron survey. The new measure is "% of patrons who are satisfied with the cleanliness of their primary library location."

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### Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$1,520,654	\$0	\$1,541,169
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$78,435
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$54,646	\$0	\$33,899
Internal Services	\$0	\$3,644,361	\$0	\$5,959,154
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$5,221,661	\$0	\$7,612,657
Program Total: \$5,221,661		1,661	\$7,61	2,657
Program FTE	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00

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

### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$64,421 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: FY 2024: 80014 Facilities and Logistics

The change in internal services charges to this program is a result of consolidation Capital Plan Improvement contributions into the Facilities and Logistics program offer.



#### Program #80017 - Human Resources

FY 2026 Department Requested

**Department:** Library **Program Contact:** Johnette Easter

Program Offer Type: Administration Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

### **Program Description**

The Library Human Resources (HR) team facilitates effective resource management for a diverse and highly qualified workforce throughout all stages of employment. This encompasses recruitment, hiring, employee relations, professional development, training and retention in accordance with departmental and County equity and inclusion values. The Library HR program is staffed by a team of individuals with a high-level of expertise who come from diverse educational, professional and cultural backgrounds that reflect the library's core values.

ISSUE: HR leads the recruitment, retention and development of the library workforce and volunteers, allowing the library to fulfill its mission and provide service in accordance with library's values, priorities and strategies.

PROGRAM GOAL: HR includes the Learning and Organizational Development (L+OD) and Volunteer Services (VS) work groups. The overall program focuses on the library's strategic plan: HR and L+OD support the goal of committing resources and staffing to a vision of spaces that change to meet the needs of its community. VS supports the goal of community members having a positive experience with library staff, spaces, materials and services.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: HR manages the employment life cycle to recruit and retain highly qualified, diverse staff. It consults with managers and employees across workforce topics including performance management, and it partners with the County's Central Human Resources and with Labor Relations to ensure the union contract and personnel rules are enforced appropriately. L+OD coordinates training and supports organizational growth through targeted development programs, workgroup planning and team-building. L+OD leads high-impact, cross-functional projects by providing change management and effectiveness strategies. VS oversees the life cycle and support of volunteers, including placement, policies and recognition. Library volunteers reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the County. Volunteers range from elementary school students to octogenarians and they bring an array of skills, abilities and life experiences.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: HR supports equity and inclusion in the library by developing tools and a framework for decision-making, and by training to meet strategic goals. The program will continue to recruit, hire and train qualified diverse applicants. VS implemented a volunteer satisfaction survey in FY 2024 and determined that no discrepancies were found between the experience of volunteers of color and white volunteers. VS will repeat the survey in FY 2026 to identify opportunities for equitably maintaining positive experiences through volunteer engagement. L+OD maintains robust travel and training line items to support culturally specific conference attendance.

Performa	Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target		
Output	Hours contributed by volunteers	24,503	21,000	21,200	22,000		
Outcome	% of library staff who agree that they can make a difference by working here	85%	86%	85%	85%		
Outcome	% of incoming staff participating in New Employee Orientation equity training	N/A	95%	95%	95%		
Outcome	% of library staff who agree that they receive sufficient training and education to do their jobs effectively	73%	75%	73%	75%		

**Performance Measures Descriptions** 

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### Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$3,521,215	\$0	\$3,314,711
Contractual Services	\$0	\$51,500	\$0	\$39,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$351,919	\$0	\$239,522
Internal Services	\$0	\$158,046	\$0	\$154,744
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$4,082,680	\$0	\$3,747,977
Program Total:	\$4,082,680		\$3,74	7,977
Program FTE	0.00	17.75	0.00	17.75

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

### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$138,555 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: FY 2024: 80017 Human Resources



#### Program #80018 - IT Services

FY 2026 Department Requested

Department: Library Program Contact: Jon Worona

Program Offer Type: Administration Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

### **Program Description**

IT Services provides leadership and resources for the library's technology vision, which ensures robust and sustainable technology. It supports innovative, inclusive service to diverse communities and staff. This program maintains computers, mobile devices, equipment, networking, applications integration, development and security. It also supports learning, creation and productivity for the public and staff.

ISSUE: The library is committed to digital equity and inclusion to increase access to equipment, the internet and tech help.

PROGRAM GOAL: Library IT Services defines and develops technology solutions that align with patron and staff needs and support library priorities.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: IT Services partners with County IT to maintain more than 1,000 public computers and mobile devices, the library website, intranet, software, servers, internet access and Wi-Fi in library facilities. Library users can search the catalog; manage their accounts; download e-books; stream audio and video content; use electronic resources; and access the internet for educational, business and personal use. Children and adults use library computers and tablets to communicate, do research, complete homework, apply for jobs, find things to read and participate in social media. Public computers also provide office software to accomplish personal and business work as well as schoolwork. The library offers computers and software in community rooms for learning, for use in libraries or to take home. Many public computer users have no access to a computer or high-speed internet at home, so the library is their only window to technology, communication and information. IT Services also regularly maintains more than 700 computers, equipment and software for library staff, supporting office computing and systems such as the library catalog, patron database, circulation system, materials acquisition system, electronic resources, and other internal operations. Due to bond-related closures and openings in the coming year, IT Services will support the disconnection, move, storage, refresh, acquisition, configuration and installation of many of the public computers, staff computers and related equipment.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: This program supports and is influenced by the Digital Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, and participates in the regional Coalition of Digital Equity (CODE). Library IT Services runs the Tech Lending program that provides digital literacy training and Chromebook loans. Tech Lending prioritizes BIPOC patrons. Most patrons are referred to the program through community partners or by staff specifically working with BIPOC communities.

Performan	Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target		
Output	Number of public computers	1,293	1,025	1,332	1,374		
Outcome	% of patrons responding to Patron Survey who agree public computer availability meets their needs	N/A	N/A	52%	52%		
Output	Number of public computer sessions	263,203	278,000	330,000	388,000		
Output	Number of devices using library wi-fi	808,905	1,250,000	1,157,000	1,330,000		

### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

The measure "% of patrons responding to Patron Survey who agree public computer availability meets their needs" is slightly changed due a revision in the FY25 patron survey. The previous measure was "% of patrons satisfied with the availability of public computers & wi-fi." The measure "number of devices using library wi-fi" is slightly changed due a revision in the FY25 patron survey. The previous measure was "number of public devices using Wi-Fi."

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### Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$1,114,630	\$0	\$1,158,268
Contractual Services	\$0	\$298,150	\$0	\$311,245
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$1,867,434	\$0	\$1,172,445
Internal Services	\$0	\$8,817,259	\$0	\$9,664,825
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$12,097,473	\$0	\$12,306,783
Program Total: \$12,097,473		97,473	\$12,30	06,783
Program FTE	0.00	5.00	0.00	5.00

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

### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$48,416 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: FY 2024: 80018 IT Services



### **Program #80019 - Marketing and Communications**

FY 2026 Department Requested

Department: Library Program Contact: Kim Sutton

Program Offer Type: Administration Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

### **Program Description**

The Marketing and Communications (Marcom) program leads comprehensive communication and marketing strategies that strengthen the library's public image, brand identity and community engagement. This program offers multilingual access across five languages and develops communications that connect diverse cultural groups with library resources, programs and collections. With a focus on historically underserved and oppressed communities, Marcom focuses its work on the library's commitment to equity in its service priorities. By effectively communicating the library's programs, resources and community impact, Marcom increases both participation in library membership and events and overall awareness of the library's essential role providing educational and cultural resources and programs that serve all members of our community.

ISSUE: Marcom provides essential communication services for the library, raising brand awareness and fostering engagement with the thousands of library users who visit online or in person daily.

PROGRAM GOAL: Marcom supports internal staff communication, external communications with patrons and the community and positions the library as a trusted brand that creates lasting, meaningful relationships with the community.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Marcom maintains an informative and engaging strategic online presence in social media and email marketing, overseeing the library's brand and identity. It develops strategies and resources to promote library use and creates mechanisms to gather library user feedback and input. Marcom provides critical guidance and input into systemwide strategic decisions, and it also provides clear, timely information to the public and the news media, including the coordination, application and translation of information to distinct cultural and language communities. Marcom provides fiscal accountability to the public, communicates about the evolution of library services and resources and advances the library's priorities with library staff and the community.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: Marcom uses the County's Community Opportunity Map (layers of statistical demographic measures), Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA) staff allocation, and cultural- and language-specific resources to engage diverse communities of color in ways that are relevant—through language, design and platform. Marcom partners with KSA staff to understand and respond to specific community needs and connect people with library services and resources.

Performar	Performance Measures							
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target			
Output	Active cardholders	237,909	230,000	249,776	240,000			
Outcome	Market penetration (active cardholder households as a percentage of all households in the service area)	38%	38%	38%	38%			

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

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### Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$1,987,224	\$0	\$2,047,410
Contractual Services	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$100,006
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$165,902	\$0	\$148,560
Internal Services	\$0	\$78,540	\$0	\$89,790
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,306,666	\$0	\$2,385,766
Program Total:	\$2,306,666		\$2,38	5,766
Program FTE	0.00	11.50	0.00	11.50

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$85,582 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: FY 2024: 80019 Marketing and Communications

Sponsorship of the library's translation services program will move fully to the marketing and communications department. Beginning in FY26, translations will be prepared by freelance translators, and library assistants will move from community information to location services, retaining .3 FTE of their working time for translations editing and review.



### Program #80020 - Integrated Library Services

FY 2026 Department Requested

**Department:** Library **Program Contact:** Dave Ratliff

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs: 80025

**Program Characteristics:** 

# **Program Description**

Integrated Library Services (INTS) provides equitable access to diverse, dynamic and relevant collections of physical books and digital information for all ages. This program honors the lived experience of all community members and the languages they speak. This informs the way that INTS selects, acquires, catalogs, processes and distributes library materials to ensure that library collections are responsive to our communities and that patrons have positive experiences with library materials. INTS also manages technical tasks and policies that allow patrons to use materials.

ISSUE: Public access to information, educational opportunities, technology and connection with others are systemically lacking in Multnomah County. There are substantial limitations for no-charge, culturally specific community hubs that provide access to language learning, early literacy, technology support and more.

PROGRAM GOAL: INTS ensures that the books, media and electronic resources that support these needs are available to the public.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: INTS staff oversee all aspects of provision and access to the library's collection of materials. This includes selecting, purchasing and digitizing materials; maintaining an accurate catalog of materials; processing physical items for library use; evaluating collection usage and diversity; implementing equitable circulation policies; arranging timely distribution of materials throughout the library system; mailing holds and outreach items directly to patrons; coordinating borrowing with other libraries; and maintaining technical systems supporting this work. The library collects materials in various formats to serve patrons with visual or other disabilities. This program works to reduce barriers to access through policy changes and direct services, such as mailing holds to patrons who are unable to access them at a library location. Library users provide input for collection decisions by suggesting items for purchase or requesting materials through interlibrary loan.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: INTS serves county residents of all ages, ethnicities and economic backgrounds, reducing barriers and providing a wide range of materials. The collection includes materials in English and five other languages (Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian and Somali) as well as other world language collections, including Ukrainian. Overall budgets for related materials have more than doubled since 2017. This team includes speakers of multiple languages from multiple cultures and employees with specific cultural and language knowledge, skills and abilities who work for and with communities to create collections that meet community needs. INTS includes selectors for materials related to Black culture and a position dedicated to Indigenous cultures.

Performar	Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target		
Output	% of patrons who usually find what they need	93%	93%	85%	85%		
Outcome	% of the collection that supports diversity, equity and inclusion	24%	27%	27%	30%		
Output	Number of items in the collection, physical and digital	2,918,820	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000		
Efficiency	Turnover rate, physical and digital content	5.8	6.0	5.5	5.5		

### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

The measure "% of patrons who usually find what they need" is slightly changed due a revision in the FY25 patron survey. The previous measure was "% of library users who found books and items they wanted." FY 2024 collection size is temporarily higher than usual, due to an influx of opening day collection materials for major bond locations.

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$6,694,597	\$0	\$6,889,599
Contractual Services	\$0	\$496,250	\$0	\$455,360
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$9,414,276	\$0	\$8,920,047
Internal Services	\$0	\$299,306	\$0	\$327,146
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$16,904,429	\$0	\$16,592,152
Program Total:	\$16,904,429		\$16,59	92,152
Program FTE	0.00	51.75	0.00	52.75

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$287,986 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: FY 2024: 80020 Integrated Library Services

The new Library Operations Center opened with the library's largest automated materials handling (AMH) installation in FY 2024. Nearly 500,000 books are now housed at this facility, allowing public locations to have lower shelving and improved sight lines for staff and patron safety. Items on hold for patrons are transported to public library locations daily. Sixteen libraries will have their own smaller AMH systems by the end of FY 2026. Early in FY 2026, the new Intelligent Materials Management System will go live. It will automatically route newly returned materials to the location for which they are best suited, based on extensive mapping of all library shelving. As part of the library's future staffing planning, several positions were reassigned to INTS, and a new supervisor position was established to support the centralized sort center function. Shifts in the materials and supplies budget are primarily a result of changes to the book budget.



### Program #80022 - Public Services Division Management

FY 2026 Department Requested

**Department:** Library **Program Contact:** Dave Ratliff

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

### **Program Description**

Public Services Division Management provides direction for the implementation of the library's values and strategic plan; is responsible for leadership and accountability for the library's direct service to the people of Multnomah County; and manages Security, Library Policy, Strategic Community Partnerships and the Office of Project Management and Evaluation.

ISSUE: Public Services Division Management provides direction, oversight and strategy for the Public Services Division of Multnomah County Library.

PROGRAM GOAL: Public Services Division Management's goals are to create and maintain cohesive organizational structures to enact the library's mission and to advance countywide principles identified in the Workforce Equity Strategic Plan. It also aims to create a responsive administration to improve patron outcomes while ensuring compliance and adherence to national and state library standards.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Public Services Division Management plans services; develops and coordinates programs and resources; and administers the budget for Location Services (including substitute staffing), Community Services, Integrated Library Services, Security and Community Partnerships. Public Services teams in Location Services, Community Services, and Integrated Services partner with community-based organizations, county departments, and other agencies in Multnomah County to provide services in library buildings and direct service through outreach programs.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: Public Services Division Management provides leadership and accountability to advance racial equity through the use of tools, systems and expectations for Public Services and Security. Services are planned via a matrix that prioritizes racial equity. Beginning in FY26, the Public Services Division will introduce targeted universalism in program planning and prioritization.

Performar	nce Measures				
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Digital material checkouts	7,066,311	6,300,000	7,100,000	7,100,000
Outcome	% of library employee survey respondents who agree they are able to offer the best quality service	77%	78%	77%	77%
Outcome	% of library users who are satisfied with library staff assistance	98%	98%	91%	91%

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$7,714,035	\$0	\$6,609,667
Contractual Services	\$0	\$1,617,755	\$0	\$2,204,811
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$90,600	\$0	\$60,075
Internal Services	\$0	\$269,163	\$0	\$760,656
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$9,691,553	\$0	\$9,635,209
Program Total:	\$9,691,553		\$9,63	5,209
Program FTE	0.00	42.50	0.00	43.25

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$276,284 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: FY 2024: 80022 Public Services Division Management

In FY 2026, Public Services will implement a new staffing plan, developed in coordination with an external consultant, to prepare for newly expanded library spaces. Additionally, the library will continue to implement planned changes to Security and Public Services staffing and will continue to implement recommendations from the 2023 Library Audit Report.

Personnel cost changes are due to a change in the relative mix of staffing; this program now includes the location services substitute staffing team, and limited duration position costs have been moved to the Library Special Projects program offer. Safety liaison positions are converted to library assistants, and contracted security costs increased to offset this shift. A new program technician position is added to support the work of the Community Partnerships.



### Program #80023 - Community Engagement

FY 2026 Department Requested

Department: Library Program Contact: Eduardo Arizaga

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

# **Program Description**

Community Engagement seeks to foster relationships and create space for underserved communities and provide meaningful input that influences the delivery of equitable services to communities. This program works as a catalyst for community input to inform the practice and services that we provide. It builds relationships, scales out services and guides implementation in collaboration with internal and external stakeholders. Additionally, Community Engagement provides services at the point of need to community members with significantly limited or no access to library spaces. This includes the delivery of materials, programs or other library services.

ISSUE: Disadvantaged and underserved communities do not have an avenue to participate in the development of nontraditional and direct library services for their community.

PROGRAM GOAL: Through relationships with community organizations, service providers and public partners, Community Engagement creates opportunities for community members to share with library staff the programs and services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate. This program expands and improves the reach of the library to new, former and nontraditional library users and informs them of services, programs and access to digital tools. This program also collaborates with the Office of Program Management and Evaluation to conduct a qualitative assessment that will help direct and support program goals.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This program provides direct leadership and support to culturally and linguistically diverse staff. Community Engagement coordinates, supports and delivers library service at the point of need within the community through outreach efforts. Staff provide materials, programs, and resources directly within the community, and in partnership with other organizations. This program prioritizes engagement with underserved communities and specifically reaches BIPOC communities, incarcerated community members and populations who have little or no access to library locations.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: By engaging and elevating traditionally underserved voices and communities in the ideation, delivery and evaluation of library services, this program creates a space of social inclusion for BIPOC community members to be active participants in a community-led process to navigate library services from assumed needs to assessed needs.

Performa	Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target		
Output	Number of community listening sessions and community events	45	50	45	50		
Outcome	% of community members who report that their voices and needs are meaningfully considered through events	75%	75%	75%	75%		
Outcome	% of BIPOC survey respondents who report that they find their culture and identity represented in the library	N/A	75%	75%	75%		

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

The measure "% of community members who report that their voices and needs are meaningfully considered through events" is slightly changed due a revision in the FY25 patron survey. The previous measure was "% of community members who report that their voices and needs are meaningfully considered.

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$2,258,786	\$0	\$2,113,570
Contractual Services	\$0	\$23,000	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$431,985	\$0	\$165,200
Internal Services	\$0	\$147,086	\$0	\$117,138
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,860,857	\$0	\$2,395,908
Program Total:	\$2,860,857		\$2,39	5,908
Program FTE	0.00	14.00	0.00	13.00

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$88,348 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: FY 2024: 80023 Community Engagement

Community Engagement will move toward focused service delivery to people with limited or no access to library services. Library outreach specialists currently in Location Services and Youth Learning will be reassigned to Community Engagement so that all library outreach specialists are in one work unit.

These library outreach specialist positions will prioritize book and service delivery for adults and youth in custody, early childhood care providers, elders, people who are homebound and people with disabilities. The Mobile Library is supporting continuity of library services and will be managed within Community Engagement.



Program #80024 - Library Building Bond Administration

FY 2026 Department Requested

Department: Library Program Contact: Katie O'Dell

Program Offer Type: Administration Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs: 78228A-J

**Program Characteristics:** 

#### **Program Description**

With the passage of the Library Capital Construction Bond (Measure 26-211), the voters of Multnomah County approved the funding for all of the projects that are laid out as part of the bond plan. The Program Management Office (PMO) prioritizes accountability, equity, accessibility, flexibility, partnership, innovation, sustainability and public safety through each project. The Library Capital Bond Administration program consists of the library employees who are part of the Library Capital PMO. It includes the PMO deputy director and the positions responsible for communications, staff and community outreach, project coordination, and office administration—all which support the library's building program.

ISSUE: Funds from the 2020 Capital Bond measure will increase total library space in current library buildings by approximately 50 percent, offering Multnomah County residents the sizes and types of library spaces other communities enjoy.

PROGRAM GOAL: The Library Building Bond Administration supports the library's vision for capital construction projects through collaboration with bond program management staff and with community outreach and engagement. This program represents the library staff positions that support the Capital Bond program's administration in collaboration with the Department of County Assets (DCA). Most of the library bond expenses are budgeted in the DCA; these positions are funded by the Multnomah County Library Capital Construction Fund.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Each library project begins with a robust community engagement and input process to determine design and features. This program offer includes program staff who support this large-scale effort and the funds to build and purchase the necessary infrastructure to meet the expected bond-based timeline. The work also includes audits and public oversight. The following are projects within the overall program: build a new East County Library; rebuild and expand two destination libraries; renovate and expand five neighborhood libraries; increase efficiency and reduce handling costs by converting to an Automated Materials Handling system; connect all libraries to gigabit speed internet service; increase the number of accessible buildings, services, and technology for people with disabilities; and improve seismic readiness.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: Diversity, equity and inclusion are key values of the library. All aspects of this work center diversity, equity and inclusion. The Library's Capital Planning Project Principles and Community Engagement Ethos emphasize hearing community voices and elevating the voices of those often left out of the conversation. Working closely with each project team, this group ensures parity in communications, language support at events and during community engagement, and documents the impact of community engagement on final projects.

Performa	nce Measures				
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	# of public presentations, community listening sessions and community events supporting current bond projects	41	30	30	10
Outcome	Community advocate satisfaction with their experience as paid grassroots community engagement members	4.8	4.0	4.0	4.0

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

There will be a reduction in presentations and events through FY26 as the PMO focuses on opening new libraries already in design. Community Design Advocates (CDAs) are paid community members doing grassroots community engagement as part of the bond program. These Community Design Advocates are surveyed on their experience and satisfaction with the CDA program overall, as a measurement of the bond program's commitment to community voice. Scale of 1 - 5, with 5 being the most satisfied.

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## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$0	
Program FTE	0.00	6.00	0.00	6.00

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

Positions in this program offer are funded by the Multnomah County Library Capital Construction Fund (2517).

### Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 80024 Library Building Bond Administration

FY 2026 will be focused on opening new buildings rather than engaging the community in frequent design discussions. The overall number of individual events will be significantly reduced while the participation for each event will increase due to the scale of opening events.



#### Program #80025 - Library Special Projects

FY 2026 Department Requested

Department: Library Program Contact: Katie Shifley

Program Offer Type: Administration Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs: 80014, 80020

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

# **Program Description**

The Library Special Projects program offer is intended to fund discrete operating projects and other one-time-only spending that is not considered part of the library's regular ongoing operating budget.

ISSUE: The library uses fund balance to implement discrete, multi-year projects and temporary staff capacity needs, many of which have arisen as a result of the major bond program. Those costs are reflected in a single program offer in order to clearly specify the use of one-time funds to support these initiatives.

PROGRAM GOAL: This program seeks to mitigate the service-level impacts to the public as a result of bond-related closures, to smooth library operations during a period of significant change, and to pursue pilot projects and programs to help evolve library services to meet community needs.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: In the coming year, this program offer includes the following projects: interim space needs during bond-related closures, including interim Operations Center lease costs; implementation of the Continuity of Library Services project, including temporary library spaces during branch closures; temporary storage of collections; resources to support opening day celebrations for major bond projects; limited duration positions for short-term projects and workload spikes; and planning for staff technology needs in new, larger buildings.

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: The purpose of the Continuity of Library Services project is to plan, implement and evaluate the library's approach for bridging service gaps during bond closures. The project task force sought to identify services that most directly support the identified needs of patrons of color and culture and of patrons who experience marginalization in our community. The task force used data from the Modified Public Access Project Community Engagement Team's report—written in 2021 to shape the reopening of libraries—which outlined the areas of need mapped to specific communities of color and culture, and balanced that information through multiple approaches of direct staff engagement.

Performar	Performance Measures							
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target			
Output	Number of temporary library spaces open during the year	2	2	3	2			
Outcome	% of space utilized at temporary operations center	80%	85%	85%	80%			

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

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### Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$28,000	\$0	\$2,725,448
Contractual Services	\$0	\$171,583	\$0	\$1,664,102
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$299,000	\$0	\$127,800
Internal Services	\$0	\$954,402	\$0	\$1,414,848
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$1,452,985	\$0	\$5,932,198
Program Total:	\$1,452,985		\$5,93	2,198
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,452,985	\$0	\$5,932,198
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,452,985	\$0	\$5,932,198

### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$113,924 in indirect revenues.

The revenue allocated to this program offer reflects an intergovernmental service reimbursement from the Library District (100%). All revenues allocated to this program offer are one-time-only, sourced from available fund balance in the Library District. Revenues and expenses in this program offer are isolated in a sub-fund within the Library Fund.

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 80025 Library Special Projects

As of FY 2026, the library has shifted limited duration position costs to this program offer, rather than budgeting across multiple program offers in many divisions. The increase in contractual services is related to grant-funded play space equipment in production for several new library locations coming online in FY 2026.



Program #80026 - Library Events and Reader Services

FY 2026 Department Requested

Department: Library Program Contact: Alison Hallett

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs:

**Program Characteristics:** 

### **Program Description**

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

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

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

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The LERS team develops and delivers 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 Learning Team works with community partners and culturally specific staff teams to develop literacy, technology and STEAM programs for teens and adults. 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. We Speak Your Language, Indigenous Community Services, and Black Cultural Library Advocates teams are critical partners to produce systemwide cultural events and ensure that programming is informed by and responsive to the needs of our served communities.

Performan	nce Measures				
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of attendees at Creative Learning events	2,215	N/A	2,800	3,500
Outcome	% of attendees at Library events who rate them as good or excellent	N/A	85%	98%	90%

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

Attendees at Creative Learning events is a new measure in FY 2026. In FY24, Creative Learning took place exclusively at Rockwood Makerspace; as additional library locations are built in FY25 and FY26, more Creative Learning locations will be added to this count. The Summer Reading output was removed due to organizational restructuring; this output is now a function of the Youth Development team.

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$2,452,054	\$0	\$2,420,853
Contractual Services	\$0	\$339,475	\$0	\$327,425
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$279,599	\$0	\$132,229
Internal Services	\$0	\$89,050	\$0	\$120,393
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$3,160,178	\$0	\$3,000,900
Program Total:	\$3,160,178		\$3,00	0,900
Program FTE	0.00	15.50	0.00	14.50

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$101,191 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:

The primary changes are the introduction of the Learning Team, which focuses on creative learning and adult and technological literacy, and the removal of the Summer Reading Program, which moved to the Youth Development team. These shifts are part of the overall realignment of staff to meet changing operational needs as a result of the 2020 bond program.



Program #80027 - Library Peer Support Specialists - Supportive Housing Services FY 2026 Department Requested

**Department:** Library **Program Contact:** Shelly Jarman

Program Offer Type: Operating Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

Related Programs: 80001

**Program Characteristics:** 

#### **Program Description**

In FY 2024, Multnomah County and the City of Portland launched the Homelessness Response Action Plan (HRAP), a strategic reset of the community's response to homelessness. The library, Behavioral Health, and Homeless Services Department teams have collaborated to develop a program to bring new support into the library system, meeting patrons with higher needs where they are already seeking services.

ISSUE: The downtown population has seen an increase in houselessness, behavioral health issues, addiction and illicit substance abuse and violence. BIPOC members of our community are disproportionately impacted by all of these issues and often look for support at the library, a County department that can feel more accessible and trustworthy for some populations.

PROGRAM GOAL: The library currently contracts with a local organization to bring Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHPs) into libraries across the county and to bring certified Peer Support Specialists (PSS) to Central Library. QMHPs provide direct crisis intervention, resource connection support to patrons and staff, and supervision of PSS staff. PSS workers are individuals with lived experience with mental health diagnoses, substance abuse disorder and/or homelessness who are in recovery and have completed specialized training. They use their story to establish valuable rapport, share common experiences and strengthen engagement in care.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: PSS staff build relationships through shared lived experience, providing support with identifying resources, system navigation, advocacy, service coordination and skill development. They also connect patrons with community social services such as treatment, housing and basic needs providers, and respond to behavioral health related challenges with the goal of reducing disruptions and facilitating successful use of the library

RACIAL EQUITY ADVANCEMENT: All library locations are actively engaging in equity work to create open access without barriers to library spaces. The Peer Support program helps at-risk populations, including BIPOC populations, who are disproportionately impacted by houselessness, behavioral health issues, addiction and illicit substance abuse and violence, be successful using the library. The PSS works from a trauma informed and harm reduction based approach, which supports de-escalation in incidents and on-site drug use.

Performa	Performance Measures						
Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target		
Output	Total number referrals	N/A	N/A	100	500		
Output	Total number of peer support sessions with patrons	N/A	N/A	300	1500		
Output	Total number of incident intervention support interactions performed by Peer Support Specialists	N/A	N/A	20	100		

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

FY 2025 metrics represent a partial year of program activity, as program and contract development work delayed the start date for this pilot program.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Contractual Services	\$0	\$180,000	\$0	\$191,665
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$180,000	\$0	\$191,665
Program Total:	\$180,000		\$191,665	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

### **Explanation of Revenues**

\$191,665 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Fund 1521. Tax revenues are budgeted in the Joint Office of Homeless Services program 30000 Administration and Operations.

### Significant Program Changes

### Last Year this program was:

Contract development and finalization impacted the original program start date, and the first full year for this program will be FY 2026. This program aligns with the Crisis Intervention Services program with Qualified Mental Health Providers at Central Library. The continuation of the Peer Support Specialist program will help mitigate the partial reduction in the QHMP program (80001, Central Library).