

Priority: Vibrant Communities

Lead Agency: Library

Program Offer Type: Support

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Family and Adult programming plans and coordinates a wide variety of events and programs at libraries and other community gathering places, all designed to enrich the lives of children, families and adults. Examples include author talks, exhibits, lectures, film discussions, craft programs, civic discussions, cultural events and more. Teens and adults participate in monthly book groups and in Everybody Reads, Multnomah County's community-wide reading project; children boost reading skills in the annual Summer Reading program; families attend craft programs and kid-friendly performances; and Spanish-speaking residents participate in annual Dia de los Ninos celebrations and other bilingual or cultural programs.

Program Description

This program (funded at the current service level) provides opportunities for neighbors to meet, interact and connect with each other. The September Project and the annual Everybody Reads facilitate meaningful discussions of current topics and build a sense of community and understanding. Programs also assist in literacy education and lifelong learning, especially for those unable to afford other opportunities. Examples include English language practice sessions for non-native speakers and "how-to" classes on everything from investing to weatherization. Programs like ballet and opera previews and symphony storytimes also support local culture and recreation. After school activities include art classes and Teen Lounges. Partnerships with other organizations reach beyond traditional audiences and build important relationships with other agencies. Partners include: Dove Lewis Animal Hospital, Oregon Health Sciences University, Starbucks, Portland State University, the Londer Learning Center, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, OASIS and local bookstores.

Family and Adult Programming staff contribute the technical expertise to make more than 2,300 library programs possible each year, providing scheduling, grant writing, exhibit building, volunteer coordination, event management, graphic design, publicity, evaluation and maintenance of an online events database.

Program Justification

This program contributes to the Vibrant Community priority by focusing on strategies 2, 3 and 4 by providing places and promoting opportunities for neighbors to connect and by promoting literacy and a lifetime of learning with a wide array of educational, cultural and recreational opportunities (many occurring after-school) which help more than 31,000 residents learn about and interact with the world around them. Library programming brings the community into the library and the library into the community, enriching the lives of residents.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Babies, children and teens enrolled in Summer Reading	46,038	52,630	52,630	60,000
Outcome	Attendees who say library programs connect them to their community	0%	0%	0%	90%
Outcome	Attendees who say they learned something new at a library program	0%	0%	0%	90%
Quality	Attendees of library programs who rate them as "Good" or "Excellent"	98%	98%	98%	98%

Performance Measure - Description

Data for new outcomes will be collected in FY07 on a revised program evaluation form given to all program attendees. The output measure is related to funding level available. The quality measure is expected to remain consistent.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Measure No. 26-36 "Renew Five-Year Local Option Levy for County Library Services", November 2002 General Election – The Library levy will: Keep Multnomah County libraries open six days a week for an average of 53-58 hours each; Restore Monday hours at Central Library and the four busiest branches; Keep Central Library and neighborhood libraries open Sunday afternoons; Continue library services for young and school-age children – story hours for babies and toddlers, homework help, Summer Reading and services for children in childcare; Continue services for seniors, job seekers, small businesses, those speaking English as a second language, delivery to homebound; Buy library books, magazines and other materials.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$85,485	\$171,462	\$100,417	\$178,520
Contracts	\$41,887	\$69,013	\$39,924	\$70,976
Materials & Supplies	\$12,560	\$25,190	\$16,830	\$29,920
Internal Services	\$1,961	\$3,781	\$5,586	\$9,930
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$141,893	\$269,446	\$162,757	\$289,346
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$141,893	\$269,446	\$162,757	\$289,346
Program Total:	\$411,339		\$452,103	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.25	2.25
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$903	\$0	\$1,788	\$0
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$903	\$0	\$1,788	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #80024, Family and Adult Programming
No significant changes.