

**Priority:** Education  
**Program Offer Type:** New Program  
**Related Programs:**

**Lead Agency:** Library  
**Program Contact:** Cathy Schneider

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

BOOKS 2 U seeks to improve the literacy skills of elementary and middle school students by providing schools, SUN and other after-school care sites & summer programs with book collections and reading motivation programs. This enhanced offer adds 1.0 FTE for increased outreach to school and summer sites in outer east county and the additional books needed to serve these sites.

**Program Description**

This enhanced offer allows BOOKS 2 U to:

- 1) Add service to twelve 4th and 5th grade classes (360 students) at two elementary schools where currently only 3rd grade classes receive Books 2 U service.
- 2) Add five new elementary schools in outer east county (45 third, fourth and fifth grade classes for a total of 1,350 students) Implementation of this offer would mean BOOKS 2 U would be serving 100% of the eligible elementary schools in the county.
- 3) Add a new middle school in outer east county to the program (12 sixth grade classes for a total of 360 students).
- 4) Add 15 additional housing sites and federal food program sites during the summer.
- 5) Purchase the books needed to serve the additional sites in 1-4 above.

**Program Justification**

Since 2001, BOOKS 2 U has increased its service to mid- and east Multnomah County schools, care sites and summer programs to address the needs of families in poverty who continue to move east of Portland. This program offer adds BOOKS 2 U service to schools with some of the lowest reading scores in the county and provides their students with books and reading motivation to help further their academic progress in school.

BOOKS 2 U will serve additional east county federal summer lunch programs and housing sites. Studies suggest that a key difference between middle class parents and parents in lower income brackets is their widely differing access to the skills and resources to upgrade their children's school performance (especially during summer vacation). This enhanced program offer allows Multnomah County Library to provide more families and children with quality books to read during the three months of summer vacation, which helps students maintain their reading skills while out of school. BOOKS 2 U staff will work with more parents during the summer months to encourage them to read to their babies, children and teens, and to participate in the library's summer reading program. This supports Education Outcome Team strategies 2 - 5 ("Prepare children to learn, either directly or by assisting parents and caregivers;" "Promote reading at grade level by third grade;" "Promote student performance beyond the fifth grade targeting students who are performing below standards;" and "Bridge the gaps and break down the barriers to help all youth attend, engage, and succeed in school").

**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	Youth served (duplicated)	0	0	0	2,070
Outcome	% of teachers surveyed agree B2U gets children to read more	0%	0%	0%	80%
Output	Federal summer food sites and housing sites served (unduplicated)	0	0	0	15

**Performance Measure - Description**

**Legal/Contractual Obligation****Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$70,739	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$28,244	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$3,537	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$102,520</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$102,520</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$102,520</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$102,520	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$102,520</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

This program offer would be funded by an additional transfer from the General Fund.

**Significant Program Changes**

Last year this program was: