

**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 and literacy skills in the annual Summer Reading program; families attend craft programs and kid-friendly performances; and Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Russian-speaking residents participate in annual Dia de los Ninos and Lunar New Year celebrations and other bilingual and cultural programs.

### Program Description

This program provides opportunities for neighbors to read, learn, interact and connect with each other. Reading and discussion programs such as Pageturners book groups 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 information and "how-to" classes on a variety of topics such as helping aging parents downsize, accessing health care resources and estate planning. Programs like theatre 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 help develop new audiences and build mutually beneficial relationships with other agencies. Partners include Dove Lewis Animal Hospital, Portland State University, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, OASIS and local bookstores.

Family and Adult Programming staff provide the professional and technical expertise to make nearly 2,592 programs possible each year. Responsibilities include scheduling, grant writing, exhibit building, volunteer coordination, event management, graphic design, publicity, evaluation, fiscal oversight 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). These programs help more than 44,868 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 (FY06-07)	Current Year Purchased (FY07-08)	Current Year Estimate (FY07-08)	Next Year Offer (FY08-09)
Output	Babies, children and teens enrolled in Summer Reading	56,731	60,000	55,600	56,000
Outcome	Attendees who say library programs connect them to their community	41.0%	20.0%	39.0%	50.0%
Outcome	Attendees who say they learned something new at a library program	69.0%	30.0%	70.0%	80.0%
Quality	Attendees of library programs who rate them as "Good" or "Excellent"	99.0%	98.0%	98.0%	98.0%

### Performance Measure - Description

## Legal/Contractual Obligation

Measure No. 26-81 "Renew Five-Year Local Option Levy to Continue Library Services", November 2006 General Election – The levy language reads: "Continue programs for school age children, story hours for babies and toddlers, summer reading, literacy services for children in child care, programs for teens; Help teachers and students use library resources; Provide homework helpers to assist children with school work; Maintain free access to information; Update books and materials; Continue books delivery to homebound seniors and nursing home residents; Open planned libraries in underserved neighborhoods of East County and North Portland; Keep libraries open; Maintain current hours and services at Central and neighborhood libraries."

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2008	2008	2009	2009
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Personnel	\$0	\$326,967	\$0	\$294,212
Contracts	\$0	\$131,000	\$0	\$160,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$63,550	\$0	\$88,150
Internal Services	\$0	\$13,962	\$0	\$13,299
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$535,479</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$555,661</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>\$535,479</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$555,661</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$535,479</b>		<b>\$555,661</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	4.00	0.00	3.50
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

The Library Fund revenue allocated to this program offer represents a pro-rated share of Library Levy taxes (66%) and library-generated revenues such as book fines, interest earnings, and user charges for services provided to Library patrons (6%). General Fund revenue represents about 28% of the Library's total revenue.

## Significant Program Changes

**Last year this program was:** #80010, Family & Adult Programming  
Net reduction of .50 FTE.