

Priority: Education
Program Offer Type: Administration
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: Library
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Children and Teen Services Coordination ensures that Library staff receive training to work with children birth through age 17; offers reading promotion programs; and sets overall direction for services to this age group & their adult caregivers.

Program Description

Children and Teen Services Coordination is provided systemwide through four main elements: staff training; youth reading promotions, including library card campaigns; coordination, partnerships & advocacy; and program development & evaluation. The office plans systemwide services; develops & evaluates programs; oversees development & education for staff; supervises & administers the budget for youth outreach staff (School Corps, Books 2 U, Juvenile Justice, Early Childhood Resources); advocates in the community for increased use of libraries by children & teens and their parents & caregivers; and explores & engages in community partnerships to increase youth library use, support other organizations' literacy objectives, and improve students' reading scores.

Program Justification

Youth and Teen Services Coordination links to the Education priority. Participation in library reading promotion programs, such as storytimes and the Summer Reading program, encourages children and their caregivers to spend significant amounts of time with books & using the library, which are first steps to reading success for children entering kindergarten and students taking standardized tests. Participation in afterschool programs, such as Teen Lounges and Teen Councils, contributes to teens' literacy development outside of school. It also aligns vigorously with the Vibrant Communities priority. It supports opportunities for children & teens to improve & enjoy life by promoting lifelong learning, literacy promotion opportunities, and providing a variety of out-of-school opportunities.

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	County children & teens who have Library cards	55.3%	63.0%	55.0%	56.0%
Outcome	Staff who report improved/reinforced skills after Youth Services trainings	100.0%	90.0%	99.0%	90.0%
Output	Card-holding children & teens who use their Library cards	54.6%	52.0%	54.0%	54.0%
Output	Staff/vol trainings to improve ability to work w/youth & caregivers	33	13	14	13

Performance Measure - Description

The outcome measure shows the result of training opportunities this program provides and supports. All three output measures illustrate this program's success at connecting Multnomah County youth with the public library and providing opportunities for staff to serve youth in the best manner possible.

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
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$0	\$341,084	\$0	\$429,199
Contracts	\$0	\$1,700	\$0	\$35,685
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$32,550	\$0	\$126,325
Internal Services	\$0	\$10,719	\$0	\$15,954
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$386,053	\$0	\$607,163
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$386,053	\$0	\$607,163
Program Total:	\$386,053		\$607,163	
Program FTE	0.00	3.00	0.00	4.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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: #80020, Children & Teen Services Coordination
Net increase of 1.0 FTE.