

Priority: Education
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: Library
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Program Characteristics: Measure 5 Education

Executive Summary

The Library Juvenile Justice Outreach program, a collaborative program with the Department of Community Justice, improves the reading levels and reading habits of youth incarcerated at the Donald E. Long Detention Center. In addition, detention staff at the Center report that access to books and programs, such as book discussion groups, helps the young people emotionally adjust to being incarcerated.

Program Description

The program provides library service to meet the cultural, recreational, and educational needs of detained youth, including Spanish speakers. The young people have access to a dedicated collection of carefully selected books and get individual assistance to help them select appropriate books to read. They also participate in literature-based classroom programs such as book discussion groups, provided in collaboration with on-site Multnomah Education Service District teachers.

Program Justification

The Library's Juvenile Justice Outreach program is the only source of reading motivation & materials for the detained youth. According to Donald E. Long school's MESD teaching staff survey, there is an increase in the reading comprehension of the youth because of the availability of a comprehensive book collection. The school lists the Library's Juvenile Justice Outreach as an integral part of their classroom reading and literature program.

The program improves detained young people's attitudes, behavior, and emotional adjustment by providing them with a positive activity that can take place at any time. The detention staff allows all detained youth to have paperbacks in their rooms. Many of the books carry a positive and educational message that the youth can apply to their lives. According to a survey taken by the youth, 65% of the youth go from hardly ever reading to reading 3 books a week; 60% say the library is directly responsible; and 55% now have a more positive attitude about reading.

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	Contacts with youth	1,451	1,660	1,540	1,500
Outcome	% of youth who read more than before entering detention	0.0%	0.0%	65.0%	65.0%
Output	Books checked out	60,213	60,000	68,468	68,000

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

The pre and post reading tests that formed the basis for last year's increase in reading level are no longer being given by the MESD teachers at the Donald E. Long school. Data for the replacement outcome measure comes from a survey of the detained youth about personal reading and attitudes about reading.

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	\$93,361	\$0	\$94,493
Contracts	\$0	\$400	\$0	\$400
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$11,200	\$0	\$11,550
Internal Services	\$0	\$2,883	\$0	\$2,682
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$107,844	\$0	\$109,125
Administration	\$0	\$56,136	\$0	\$74,633
Program Support	\$0	\$24,277	\$0	\$27,428
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$80,413	\$0	\$102,061
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$188,257	\$0	\$211,186
Program Total:	\$188,257		\$211,186	
Program FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$211,186
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$211,186

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: #80004, Juvenile Justice Outreach
No significant changes.