

**Priority:** Accountability

**Lead Agency:** Library

**Program Offer Type:** Support

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**Related Programs:**

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Customer Access & Account Management facilitates the public's use of library collections and services and supports staff delivering frontline library services through policy development, coordination of IT support, workload measurement, process improvement, development and training for circulation procedures, stewardship of library collections and management of special projects.

**Program Description**

This program develops library policies and procedures that ensure equitable and safe access to library services; works with IT Customer Advocacy to ensure adequate IT support for library services; trains and coaches staff and monitors uniform implementation of policies and procedures systemwide; handles escalated customer service issues; oversees the collection of overdue library materials; monitors ever growing materials handling workloads, streamlines processes and recommends staffing adjustments to improve productivity and minimize staff injuries; protects patron privacy; ensures the Library's compliance with applicable federal, state and local law; and manages special projects.

**Program Justification**

This program supports both internal and external Accountability by ensuring that Multnomah County Library users have equitable access to library services, that the public's investment in the Library's collections is protected, and that processes are efficient and staffing adequate to meet the public's ever-growing demand for library resources at best value for the taxpayer's dollar. Policies and procedures are designed to balance the public values of access and stewardship. The program helps create a Vibrant Community by facilitating the use of community meeting rooms where neighbors come together; providing escalated customer service support to patrons of all ages who use neighborhood library collections for lifelong learning; making sure materials move among neighborhood libraries efficiently; and removing barriers to access for users.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY07-08)	Current Year Purchased (FY08-09)	Current Year Estimate (FY08-09)	Next Year Offer (FY09-10)
Output	Total new cards/welcome notices issued annually	71,843	65,000	79,000	83,000
Outcome	Average \$ value of customer accounts sent to collection agency-rounded	141	125	140	140
Efficiency	Cost per item checked out (requires decimal--see below)	0	0	0	0

**Performance Measure - Description**

**Output:** Total of welcome/address verification postcards issued to new library registrants (adult and juvenile) to verify addresses and to inform parents of the Library's Internet access policy for children and teens.

**Outcome:** Average \$ value of customer accounts sent to collection agency annually. (Total dollar value of accounts/total number of accounts). Should stabilize or trend downward in response to changes in library circulation policy.

**Efficiency:** Cost per item checked out (total annual expenditures/total circulation): FY 08 actual = \$2.47; FY 09 purchased = \$2.40; FY 09 estimate = \$2.50; FY 10 Offer = \$2.50. Among comparable urban libraries, MCL has one of the lowest costs per item checked out.

## 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
	2009	2009	2010	2010
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Personnel	\$0	\$573,577	\$0	\$416,374
Contracts	\$0	\$235,521	\$0	\$151,400
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$70,210	\$0	\$58,500
Internal Services	\$0	\$23,426	\$0	\$20,947
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$902,734</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$647,221</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>\$902,734</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$647,221</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$902,734</b>		<b>\$647,221</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	6.00	0.00	4.00
<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 (64%) and library-generated revenues such as overdue fines, interest earnings, Library Fund balance and user charges for services provided to Library patrons (12%). General Fund revenue represents about 24% of the Library's total revenue.

## Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

**Last year this program was:** #80019, Customer Access & Account Management

Funding and management of the L-Net program (statewide online reference service funded by the State Library) has moved to program offer 80019, Reference Services Coordination.

Net reduction of 2.00 FTE.